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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th December 1868.

No. 238. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Passing orders on the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, submitting, with remarks, the report of the Collector of Ganjam on the progress of Public Works during 1867-68, together with his letter regarding the Sunkerkole road and the Kalingiah Ghaut.

(Here enter 7th December 1868, No. 3,816.)

No. 239. ORDER THEREON, 15th December 1868, No. 3,128.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 3,816.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated December, 1868.

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G. O., 15th December 1868, No. 3,128.

DECEMBER.

Nos. 230-289.

Public Works System Orissa District.—Order on Collector's Progress Report for 1867-68, communicated to Revenue Board.

Govt. of Fort St. George.

Read the following papers:—

No. 159. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 31st August 1868, No. 6,233.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Ganjam, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chetterpore, 11th June 1868, No. 541.

1. I have the honor to submit my report on the Public Works of the district for the past official year 1867-68.

2. ROADS.—During a tolerably extensive tour in the late cold season, I travelled over the principal roads in the district. I found them in fair condition, with the exception of the Chicacole Range, where, save in the immediate neighbourhood of the town of Chicacole, the maintenance allowance *cannot* have been fairly spent for some years past. The Supervisor, A. Ramiah, has lately joined; he appears an excellent Officer, and is doing his best; but a *special* outlay is required to put the roads on a good footing.

3. THE GRAND TRUNK ROAD.—The Grand Northern Trunk road from the Chicacole bridge up to the Bengal frontier is, under recent sanction of the Supreme Government, about to be widened and otherwise improved, to make it fit for rapid wheel-traffic. Estimates have been sent in. It is hoped that the river Vamsadhara at Byree, and the Rushikulya at Ganjam on this line of road, will now at length be bridged. The obstruction to the general traffic of the district, presented by these two unbridged rivers, has been repeatedly brought to the notice of Government by the several Collectors and Engineers of the district.

4. THE DARANGABADY ROAD.—The earth-work of twenty-one miles of the road from Aska to Darangabady, viâ Suradah and Pippalaponka, has been completed.

5. THE SUNKERKOLE ROAD LEADING INTO THE BENGAL TERRITORY.—The road (a continuation of the line from Russelcondah) from Mojagadda to the Doorghapersaud Ghaut en route to Kalingiah and Sunkerkole has been brought to a standstill for want of funds. This road is intended to meet the Bengal line of road which is supposed to be coming down from Sonepore. I would recommend an appropriation of funds this year for carrying on the work; and would suggest that the Bengal Government be reminded of their promise to complete the road in their territory.

6. WORKS OF IRRIGATION.—The whole of the allotment, Rupees 16,000, for minor repairs to irrigation channels, tanks, river embankments, &c., has been usefully spent. The most important works of irrigation in the Government talooks of this district are the Boary reservoir in Gumsoor, the Iayamungala channel and the Koratholi Tampara works in the Berhampore, and the Julmoor channel in the Chicacole Talook. These are all in good condition. Among the many works that were either executed or repaired during the past year, the following are the chief:—A head-sluice to the supply channel of the Koratholi Tampara in the Berhampore Talook, completed at a cost of Rupees 1,181; repairs at a cost of Rupees 400 to the Julmoor main channel in Chicacole; and cutting a new river course at Bullisay, in Gumsoor, at a cost of Rupees 360.

7. All the Officers of the Public Works Department are fully sensible of the duty of conserving to the utmost all works of a productive character.

8. New Works of Irrigation.—A scheme for improving the Cotapetta Tampara Gara channel from Keertipore to Yakasinghee Gayie, at a cost of upwards of Rupees 18,000, is now before the Superintending Engineer.

9. Chilka Canal.—During the past year upwards of Rupees 42,000 were spent on the canal to connect the Chilka or Rumbah lake with the Ganjam river. Nine miles and 600 yards of the first step, nine miles of the second step, and 1,656 yards of the third step have been excavated, and seven and a half miles of the banks dressed on both sides. Ferry-boats are being built.

10. Civil Buildings, (*Repairs*).—The alterations and additions to the Zillah Jail at Berhampore are still going on; Rupees 9,555 were expended on the work during the past year.

11. The whole of the Subsidiary Jails have undergone thorough repair; and, wherever necessary, trifling additions were made to the buildings.

12. During the past year the Huzoor, Talook, Sea Customs, and Salt Cutcherries, together with the buildings of the Judicial and the Postal Departments, have all been white-washed and otherwise repaired.

13. All the travellers' bungalows have also been repaired so far as the state of the buildings would admit.

14. New Buildings completed.—The Tahsildar's Cutcherry at Russelcondah; a "Ryot's shed" at the Berhampore Talook Cutcherry; the Zillah School and the English Church at Berhampore have been completed and made over for use. The roof of the last-mentioned edifice leaks after the slightest shower, and continues to drip for days together.

15. Masonry pillars in suitable positions for securing the new muster rain gauges have been erected at those stations where gauges are in use.

16. The new Court-house of the Aska District Moonsiff is almost completed.

17. New Buildings wanted.—Estimates have been submitted for an office at Berhampore for the Senior Assistant Collector, and for a new Cutcherry at the same station for the Berhampore Tahsildar. Estimates for Sea Customs offices at the rising ports of Barwah and Bavanapadu have also been sent in.

18. The Superintending Engineer has already been addressed on the subject of the annual maintenance grants for the roads throughout the district. The present grants were made years ago when labor and road-materials were at least twenty-five per cent. cheaper.

19. No works of public utility were constructed by private individuals during the past year.

20. I beg to annex the report of the Principal Assistant on the public works in the Sub-division:—

"I. Buildings.—1. The Salt Cutcherry at Nowpada is completed, and is a "substantial building. This is the only new building constructed during the past "year.

"2. The following buildings have been repaired, and are in a satisfactory "state:—

"Anglo-Vernacular School at Chicacole.
"Protestant Church at do.
"District Moonsiff's Court at do.
"Principal Assistant Collector's Cutcherry at do.
"The Sea Customs-house at Calingapatam.

"3. The Narsanapetta Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry is under repair. This "work would have been ere now completed, had it not been for the partial allotment of funds. Half of this building, as you are aware, is used as a Police station, "and this portion has been put in repair, while the rest of the building has remained "as it was, in consequence of funds not being available.

"4. The building till lately used as a Post Office at Chicacole is unoccupied. "The Supervisor has no hopes of being able to repair it in its present position, "and he proposes using some of its materials for the construction of another "building for the Post Office on a better site.

"5. Part of the building formerly used as Jail Hospital is at present occupied "by the Jailer. The whole building, however, has been for some time condemned, "and I do not think its demolition should be longer delayed. I understand it will "soon be decided whether the Jail in Chicacole is to continue in use or not.

Decided not to keep it up—D. F. C., Coll.

"Should Government resolve to continue its use, a portion of the materials of the "Jail Hospital might be used for the construction of a house for the Jailer on a "better site than the present building. The number of prisoners within the Jail "being limited to fifty, there is sufficient accommodation in the Jail itself for the "Hospital.

"6. The Poondi and other Police stations in the talook are in good repair.

"7. The Byree* Tahsildar's Cutcherry is of no further use, and should "be sold by auction before it is entirely "in ruins. The same remark applies "to the Palasa† District Moonsiff's "Court, unless the Tarla Zemindar thinks "fit to purchase it.

* This building was offered to the Revenue Survey Dept., but was declined on the ground of its being too small for this office.

† The building was presented by Government to the Tarla Zemindar.—*Vide* G. O., dated 14th June 1866, No. 1,455, R. D.

"8. The Moonsiff's and Sub-Magistrate's Courts at Raghunadapore are both "in good order.

"II. Agricultural Works.—9. Under the head of Agricultural works, good "progress seems to have been made during the past year. Besides three calingulahs "and seven sluices constructed in the course of the year, (and all reported to be in "proper order,) a large number of repairs has been completed. The Purshottapoor "main channel has been entirely cleared. The Nagarikatkam and Julmoor "main channels have been partially cleared and water admitted.

"III. Communications.—10. I have gone over nearly all the roads in the "talook, and have found them in tolerably good order. The Supervisor considers that the present maintenance "grant for the roads is insufficient to keep them in a satisfactory state. On this

The Superintending Engineer has been already addressed on the point.

" point I do not feel qualified to give a decided opinion; but I may state that the " annual allowances allotted out of Local " Funds for the maintenance of the " Kimedy roads joining on to the Chica- " cole roads, are nearly double the grants " sanctioned for the latter, as shown in " the margin.

	Miles.	Allotment. Rs.
Kimedy and Narsanapett road, viâ Sarvacotta	22½	2,900
Kimedy and Tekkali road, via Maliputti and Malapetta	14	1,800
Road in Chicacole Range .... per	1	75

" IV. Travellers' Bungalows.—11. The Pata Tekkali and Kasibugga " bungalows have been repaired, and are in good order. The bungalows at Gopal- " pore and Harripore will soon be in a dangerous state, unless early steps are taken " to repair them."

21. The Comparative Statement of estimates and expenditure during 1866-67 and 1867-68, with the Budget allotment, is enclosed, as called for in paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings of the 26th July 1867.

22. The report on the roads and buildings in the Maliahs has been already submitted to Government, and that on Local Funds, together with the information required in the Board's Proceedings of the 16th March, No. 1,897, and 3rd April, No. 2,457, will be submitted on receipt of the new forms, &c., the despatch of which was advised in the Board's Circular Memorandum of the 28th April, No. 483.

23. The Salt Deputy Collector promises to submit, on an early date, his Annual Report on the Salt roads of the district.

Enclosure No. 1.—Statement.

Enclosure No. 2.—List of Works.

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1. The foregoing letter, containing a report from the Collector of Ganjam on the Public Works of his district, for the year ending 31st March last, will be submitted to Government.

2. From a Statement, which accompanies the foregoing report, it is observed that the actual expenditure, in 1867-68, on New Works and Repairs was in excess of the Budget allotment of that year by nearly 3,000 Rupees, and was greater than the expenditure of the previous year by more than 60,000 Rupees.

3. In paragraph 2, the Collector reports that the roads in the Chicacole Range are not in a fair condition, and infers that the maintenance allowance cannot have been fairly spent for some years past. The Board observe that this complaint is not peculiar to Ganjam. Past experience must have afforded sufficient data for determining what system best secures the efficient expenditure of this allowance, and it is desirable that the most approved system should be enjoined for uniform adoption in all districts. At present the practice varies in different districts, and there seems reason to fear that the allowance is far less effective in some localities than in others.

4. In paragraph 5, the Collector reports that the progress of the Sunkercole road, leading through the province of Boad to Sumbulpore, has been stopped, and recommends that funds may be appropriated this year for completing the work.

5. The Board observe that the allotment for this line of road was transferred to other objects, because it was not considered desirable to incur further expenditure on the Madras portion only of the line, while nothing was being done to carry it forward beyond the frontiers of this Presidency. The Bengal Government engaged many years ago to bring a line of road from Sumbulpore through Boad to meet the Russelcondah, Kalingiah, and Sunkerkole roads just mentioned. Mr. Carmichael now suggests that the Bengal Government should be reminded of this engagement. The Board, however, observe that the provinces of Sumbulpore and Boad have been transferred from the Bengal administration to that of the Central Provinces. The Board accordingly request that the Chief Commissioner may be informed of this engagement, and that he may be told that our part of it (including the Kalingiah Ghaut now practicable for wheel carriages) is in a great measure performed.

6. Mr. Carmichael's report on the works of irrigation, contained in paragraph 6, is highly satisfactory.

7. In paragraph 14, the Collector reports that the roof of an English Church at Berhampore, a new building just completed, leaks after the slightest shower, and continues to drip for days together. This defect will be brought to the notice of the Government.

8. The attention of the Government is solicited for the remarks contained in paragraph 3, regarding the obstruction to traffic occasioned by the unbridged rivers of Vamsadhara and Rushikulya.

9. The Board concur in the Collector's observation regarding the insufficiency of maintenance allowance, and they are of opinion that these allowances should be increased.

10. Some of the buildings under the charge of the Principal Assistant Collector are reported to be in a very unsatisfactory condition, and special attention is drawn by the Collector to the travellers' bungalows at Gopalpore and Harripore, which are stated to need repair, in order to prevent them from soon becoming dangerous. He should report on the necessity for the retention of these buildings, and on the probable sums required to repair them, to admit of the Board deciding whether surplus funds can be allotted from other districts, in accordance with paragraph 14, Government Order, dated 20th June 1868, No. 2,850.

No. 160. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th November 1868, No. 7,893.

Read the following papers :—

Memorandum from the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Fort Saint George, 29th September 1868, No. 137.

Abstract.—Requesting to know grounds on which it is believed that Provinces through which continuation of road from Sunkerkole, on Madras frontier, to Sonepore, will be carried, have been transferred to administration of Central Provinces.

Letter from the Collector of Ganjam, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chetterpore, 16th September 1868, No. 1,010.

1. In the last Report on the Public Works of Ganjam, there is a paragraph (No. 5) on the (incompleted) Sunkerkole road, leading from Russelcondah through Mojagudda and the Kalingiah Ghaut into the Bengal territory. I stated that, "this road is intended to meet the Bengal line of road, which is supposed to be "coming down from Sonepore. I would recommend an appropriation of funds "this year for carrying on the work, and would suggest that the Bengal Government "be reminded of their promise to complete the road in their territory."

2. On this the Board have been pleased to record the following:—

"Mr. Carmichael now suggests that the *Bengal* Government should be reminded "of this engagement. The Board, however, observe that the provinces of Sumbulpore and Boad have been transferred from Bengal to that of the *Central Provinces*. "The Board accordingly request that the Chief Commissioner may be informed of "this engagement, and that he may be told that our part of it (including the "Kalingiah Ghaut, now practicable for wheeled carriages) is in a great measure "performed."

3. I beg respectfully to point out that there is not a word in my letter about the province of Sumbulpore being subordinate to Bengal. All I ventured to state was that if our line is to be carried on towards Sonepore, a great mart on the south bank of the Mahanuddy, application must of necessity be made to the *Bengal* Government, an assertion which I take leave to repeat. Between our frontier and Sonepore, which it touches, there comes the wild and extensive territory of the Rajah of Boad; and Boad, as one of the tributary Mahals of Cuttack, has always been and now is under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of that district; Cuttack, I need hardly say, forming a portion of the Lieutenant-Governorship of Bengal. The transfer of Boad to the Central Provinces has never, so far as I know, been mooted. It certainly has not taken place, as assumed by the Board. In view, therefore, of the trouble and delay which will arise from remitting to Nagpore a reference which must be disposed of at Calcutta, I have lost no time in notifying to the Board the error into which they have inadvertently fallen.

4. In respect, further, of the practicability of the Kalingiah Ghaut for carts, I take leave to annex an extract from my report to Government (as Agent) of the Administration of the Hill Tracts for 1867, namely:—

"This is not my experience of it: on the contrary I affirm that the incline "is altogether too steep to be available, under ordinary circumstances, for cart "traffic. It is true that we have sent up some few carts with Government stores "up this Ghaut, but they were accompanied by working parties from the different "villages on the line, who turned out at our bidding to help us. We may do this "with eight or nine carts in the course of the year, but hardly with eight or nine "hundred; and after all it is a species of assistance on which nobody could count "but a Government Official armed with a Parwanah from the neighbouring "Tahsildar."

With reference to the Memorandum above recorded, the Board resolve to submit Mr. Carmichael's letter for the information of Government.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 7th December 1868.

2. As stated in that letter, the Province of Boad has not been transferred to the administration of the Central Provinces, and the Board, therefore, request that a reference, regarding the Sunkerkole road, may be made to Bengal, as well as to the Central Provinces, a reference to which will still be necessary, as the road must commence from Sumbulpore.

Vide para. 5 of Board's Proceedings, dated 31st August 1868, No. 6,233.

3. The Board are unable to concur with Mr. Carmichael's remarks regarding the impracticability as to the Kalingiah Ghaut (for cart traffic). The incline, the Board believe, is much the same as that of the old Coonoor Ghaut.

Transferred to Public Works Department.

Fort St. George, 17*th November* 1868.

(Signed) H. SEWELL, *Acting Under Secretary to Govern ment.*

No. 161. Order thereon, 7th December 1868, No. 3,816.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 20.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division, who will report on paragraphs 2 and 14 of the Collector's letter recorded in the first of the foregoing Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

2. The Government of Bengal will be addressed regarding the road from Sunkerkole to Sonepore referred to in paragraph 5.

(Here enter No. 3,817, dated 7th December 1868.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E., *Secretary to Government.*

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.

" Revenue Department
" Jud. Depa.

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Comm. to the Revenue Board.

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Exd. F. R. Bantleman.