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Read the following :—

No. 241. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th October 1867, No. 6,723.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Tinnevely, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tenkasi, 3rd September 1867, No. 457.

1. As required in the Board's Proceedings Nos. 4,170 and 4,884, dated 4th and 30th July 1867, respectively, I have the honor to submit a scheme for expending the Chuttrum Endowment Funds.

2. The district is generally well off for Chuttrums. They occur at short distances along the main line of road from Madura to Travancore, and with the exception of Edaseval, a halting place between Kovilpatty and Kytar, they are all in very fair order.

3. At Edaseval, the Chuttrum stands back out of sight of the road, and parts of the roof and walls have given way. I propose to thoroughly repair the building, and connect it with the main line by a branch road, at a cost of 2,500 Rupees.

4. At Tirukurangudi in the south, there is a richly endowed Choultry, where 100 persons are fed daily. This is under Government management, and there are 15,000 Rupees in hand. A bridge is greatly needed over the river at Tirukurangudi, and the tanks in the Chuttrum lands are very much out of repair. I propose to allot 9,000 Rupees for these works.

5. Tuticorin is a port of some consequence, and a great centre of the cotton trade. Strangers who visit the place undergo much hardship from want of accommodation and water. The merchants in the town lately erected a water pandal at a cost of 5,000 Rupees; but they are only able to distribute two barrels of water daily. There is no Chuttrum as yet; but I have secured a suitable spot near good water at the point of junction of the Palamcottah road with the Cotton road, and propose to build a first-class Chuttrum at a cost of 12,000 Rupees. Labor and materials are very expensive here, and the building cannot be constructed for less.

6. Between Tuticorin and Valnad on the Palamcottah road the country is bleak and bare, and there is no shelter for travellers for twenty-five miles. I therefore propose to build a Choultry and travellers' bungalow at a cost of 8,000 Rupees at Vageikolam, thirteen miles from Tuticorin, where several roads will meet. A fine old Government Choultry near Palamcottah on the Sivalaperi road is out of order, and at present is uninhabitable. I propose restoring this at a cost of 600 Rupees.

7. The total outlay projected is thus 32,100 Rupees, as under :—

	RS.
Repair of Edaseval Choultry	2,500
Bridge and Tanks at Tirukurangudi	9,000
New Choultry at Tuticorin	12,000
New Choultry and Bungalow at Vageikolam	8,000
Repair of Kotur Choultry	600
	32,100

We have 29,000 Rupees in hand, and may expect to amass 5,000 or 6,000 Rupees more during the two years the works will be in progress. This will allow a

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margin for contingencies. With the exception of the bridge and tanks at Tirukurangudi, the works have all been estimated for by the Department of Public Works.

1. The Board approve generally of the Collector's proposals; but before submitting them to Government, they must request him to furnish them with further information as to the bridge at Tirukurangudi, and to substitute some other work for the Travellers' Bungalow at Vageikolam.

2. The funds should obviously be applied to purposes of general utility to the natives of the country. A public bungalow is useful principally to Europeans.

3. With regard to the bridge, it would be unfair to relieve the Local or Imperial Funds at the expense of the Endowment Fund; but if the bridge will be useful in rendering the Choultry accessible, or if while promising advantages to native travellers, it is obvious that it cannot be undertaken from any other sums at the Collector's disposal, the Board will not object to recommend the proposition for sanction of Government.

No. 242. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th January 1868,
No. 633.

Read again letter from the Collector of Tinnevely, dated 3rd September 1867,
No. 457, recorded in the Board's Proceedings, dated 16th October 1867,
No. 6,728.

Read also the following letters:—

From the Collector of Tinnevely, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated
5th November 1867, No. 592.

1. In reply to Board's Proceedings No. 6,728, dated 16th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that the Tirukurangudi Chuttrum lands are separated from the Chuttrum by a river impassable whenever rain falls on the hills, and that the construction of a bridge here would be of great service both to the Chuttrum and to 100 poor persons who are daily fed here; the site of the bridge would be on Trunk Road No. 10, now a local work, and the cost of building a bridge is estimated at 13,000 Rupees; half of this, or 6,500 might be laid out by the Chuttrum; the remainder might be allotted from Road Cess.

2. I enclose a copy of the Sub-Collector's letter regarding the want of this bridge. The cost of constructing a bungalow at Vageikolam is estimated at 4,778 Rupees; this sum might well be diverted to the construction of a good Choultry

3,500 Rupees.

340 Rupees.

938 Rupees.

Repair of Kotur Chuttrum.

at Streevygundum, where one is greatly needed; to the repair of two Choultries at Vanaconandal and Panavadaly; on the Tinnevely and Sunkaraninarkovil road, and to the repair of several Mantapams and wells on the road between Tinnevely and Tenkasy.

3. Detailed estimates are being prepared, and will be sent as received.

One is herewith enclosed for sanction.

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From the Sub-Collector of Tinnevely, to the Collector of Tinnevely, dated Tirukurangudi, 7th
August 1867, No. 315.

1. There is a balance of Rupees 15,000 at the credit of the Chuttrum at Tirukurangudi, of which about Rupees 5,000 or 6,000 is required this year for repairs to tanks and buildings.

2. After feeding all the travellers and decrepit old Brahmins and others, in accordance with the supposed intention of the original founder, (if there ever was one,) a considerable balance accrues every year; and I would suggest that Rupees 6,000 should be allotted at once for the construction of a bridge on Road No. 10 over the river here. This amount could be supplemented next year by an equal grant from the Road Cess, and so the bridge might be completed before the end of 1868.

3. There is no doubt it is most urgently required, and it will probably be some time before the whole amount could be provided from the Road Cess. The Chuttrum estate would be most especially benefited, as it lies on both sides of the river, and the greatest inconvenience is felt when the river is in fresh as it is quite impassable. It would even be a direct boon to the pilgrims and mendicants for whose especial behoof the Chuttrum is supposed to have been endowed so richly; for it is evident they must occasionally suffer considerable privations in coming from the south when the river happens to be full, as they may have to wait two or three days for their rice, or haul it over the river by a string.

4. The proposal to apply some of the surplus funds, which are now lying idle, to the construction of a bridge, cannot, therefore, I think be considered a misappropriation; and I beg to recommend most strongly that it be sanctioned as soon as possible, so that we may begin to collect materials and have an estimate prepared.

5. I may mention that the idea was suggested to me by the people themselves, many of them being tenants of the Chuttrum property.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Estimate.

From the Collector of Tinnevely, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated
15th November 1867, No. 629.

1. In paragraph 12 of Proceedings No. 5,863, dated 12th September 1867, the Board call on me to submit proposals for the expenditure of an expected balance of 28,570 Rupees from Road Cess this year; the expected balance is, however, really 46,256 Rupees, as the Board have calculated 34,335 Rupees has to be

spent from the Devasthanum Funds this year on works noted in the margin, whereas the Accountant General has only allotted 20,000 Rupees from this source, and 3,351 Rupees will be saved by the retention of the 10 per cent.

supervision allowance on four roads for which a special establishment has been sanctioned; even this apparently probable balance of 46,256 Rupees will be largely increased, as the season has so far advanced, that the sums entered in this year's Budget cannot be spent, and estimates come in but slowly.

2. It is not worthwhile suggesting expenditure on any new work for which an estimate is not prepared, as the working season will be over before an estimate can be framed and sanctioned; but I enclose an estimate just received for the Tirukurangudi bridge, alluded to in my letter No. 592, dated 5th instant, and suggest that a moiety of the amount of the estimate, viz., 6,425 Rupees, should be borne by the Road Cess; it would be a real benefit to the traffic of the country if

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5,000 Rs. could be laid out in repairs (in anticipation of the sanction of estimates) on the Tinnevely and Shermadevi road, and a like sum on the Palamcottah and Trichendur road, as these are so cut up as to be almost impassable in places; the maintenance allowance is insufficient to re-make these roads, and till some such grant is made, they never can be improved.

3. In consideration of the probable surplus in hand at the end of the year, I have added several new roads to the Budget for 1868-69.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 and 2.—Plan and Estimate.

1. In the first of the foregoing letters, Mr. Puckle submitted a scheme for expending the large balance of about Rupees 30,000 of the Chuttrum Endowment Funds of his district in reply to a requisition from the Board. In their Proceedings, dated 16th October 1867, No. 6,728, the Board approved generally of the Collector's proposals, but requested to be furnished with further information as to the bridge at Tirukurangudi, and asked him to propose some other work in lieu of the Travellers' Bungalow at Vageikolam.

2. In the second letter, the Collector states that the site of the bridge would be on Road No. 10; that the Tirukurangudi Chuttrum lands are separated from the Chuttrum by a river impassable whenever rain falls on the hills; that the erection of the bridge would be of great service both to the Chuttrum and to the poor persons who are daily fed there; and that the estimated cost of the bridge would be Rupees 13,000, a moiety of it being defrayed from the Chuttrum Funds, and the other moiety being met from the Road Fund.

3. In lieu of the bungalow at Vageikolam, estimated to cost Rupees 4,778, the Collector proposes the following works, and promises to submit estimates for them as soon as they are ready:—

	RS.
Construction of a good Choultry at Streevygundum ...	3,500
Repair of two Choultries at Vanaconandal and Panavada ...	340
Repair of the several Mantapams and wells on the road between Tinnevely and Tenkasi...	938
	4,778

The Board approve of these proposals, and authorize the Collector to carry out the last two works. An estimate for the first work should be obtained and submitted to the Board at an early date.

4. With the third letter, the Collector submits an estimate for the Tirukurangudi bridge, amounting to Rupees 12,850, which the Board resolve to recommend for the sanction of Government. The cost is to be met partly from the Chuttrum Funds, and partly from the current year's District Road Fund Reserve.

5. Mr. Puckle states in the first paragraph of the third letter that the Accountant General has only allotted Rupees 20,000 for certain works to be executed from the Devasthanum Funds, whilst the Board have assigned, in the current year's Supplemental District Road Fund Budget, Rupees 34,335 for expenditure on them. The Accountant General is accordingly requested to inform the Board

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of the circumstances which led him to allot the smaller amount only for expenditure in the current year.

6. The grant of Rupees 10,000, applied for by the Collector to be laid out in repairing the Tinnevely and Shermadevi road and the Palamcottah and Trichendur road, is also recommended for the sanction of Government from the surplus balance of the Road Fund, amounting to Rupees 28,570, shewn in paragraph 12 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 12th September 1867, No. 5,813.

7. The estimate for the repair of Kottur Chuttrum, at a cost of Rupees 600, received with the second letter, is sanctioned from the Endowment Fund, and the estimate will be returned to the Collector.

8. The Collector is requested to state which works of those enumerated in these Proceedings are intended to be executed by the Public Works Department.

No. 243. ORDER THEREON, 12th February 1868, No. 399.

Local Funds, No. 14.
Civil Works.

1. The estimate for the Tirukurangudi bridge and the allotment of Rupees 6,425 (a moiety of the whole) from the District Road Fund are sanctioned.

2. The allotment of Rupees 10,000 from the same Fund for the repair of the Tinnevely and Shermadevi and the Palamcottah and Trichendur roads, is also sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant General.
„ the Department Public Works.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

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The alterations of
 R. 8425 from the same
 fund for the repair of the
 Simsbury bridge &
 the Salamonetta & Dickerson
 roads, is also sanctioned

Approved by the Board of Representatives June 19th 1868.
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 27th January 1868.

Sup. 331
23rd Feb. 1868.
C.3. Ord. No. 633.

In S. 21 Feb. 1868 C. 641

Approving proposal of Collector of Tinnevely to construct a Choultry at Streevigundam, and to repair choultries at Vanaconandaa and Panavada; and several Mantapams and walls on road between Tinnevely and Tenkasi, in lieu of proposed Bungalow at Vagikolam; sanctioning estimate for repair of Kottur Chuttrum, requesting sanction of Government to construction of a bridge at Tirukurangudi and to repair of the Tinnevely and Shermadevi road and the Palamcottah and Trichendur road; and requesting Accountant General to state why he allotted only Rupees 20,000 for expenditure in 1867-68 on certain works to be executed from Devasthanam Funds.

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P. B. of Rev. S.
15 April/68 C. 1266.
Pro. of the Board of Revenue
17 November/68 C. 3668
From H. of Rev.
27th Aug. 1869 C. 2766.

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