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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th January 1868.*

No. 123. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th December 1867, No. 8,120 :—

Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 17th October 1867, No. 293.

1. I have the honour, with reference to the Order of Government, No. 2,233, dated 24th September last, sanctioning the revised Budget of the current official year, to submit a Statement showing a partial re-distribution of some of the allotments therein made, which has now become necessary, to meet certain items of expenditure subsequently rendered, and to provide for works which do not find place in the list, and which yet cannot, in their present state, lie over.

2. I now proceed, in the first place, to offer explanation respecting those items whose allotments I propose to transfer, either in whole or part.

3. *Part I., Nos. 1 and 8.*—I have reduced the allotments to these two items by Rupees 1,500 each, in consideration of the large sum of money which the Range Officer has already at his disposal for works of irrigation in the Polur talook. With the work already laid out, and other operations set down for execution from the Rupees 7,000, transferred in the Order of Government, dated 2nd instant, No. 3,055, for employment in the Polur talook, the Range Officer could not spend, profitably, more money on these two roads than I have now allotted.

4. *Part I., No. 10.*—I have conferred with the Range Officer, and find that, with the allotment as now reduced, "formation" can be finished, and secured, as far as the road has been worked out.

5. *No. 11.*—As regards this item, I would observe that earth formation was completed from Famine funds, and the road is now opened for cart-traffic from end to end. The masonry work can stand over for the present, without impairing the general usefulness of the road. It has a maintenance in Part II. of the accompanying Statement.

6. *No. 12.*—This was reduced in conference with Range Officer, as the proposed allotment will provide for completing and securing work up to a definite point.

7. *No. 16.*—This work has no estimate yet; and was entered in the Budget more under the idea of employing a part of the cess raised in the Zemindari within the immediate observation of the proprietor, than because it is a work of immediate importance. It may, therefore, stand over until next year.

8. *Nos. 21 and 23.*—I should have liked to have retained the original allotments for both items, but as economies have to be effected somehow, I have reduced them by Rupees 500 each. More cannot be done, as charges have already been incurred under both items.

9. I hope the Board will allow the appropriation of 7,800 from the surplus shown in that passage of their Proceedings quoted against the item in the Statement now under comment.

10. Large sums have been withheld on account of establishment and reserve, and half of the working season having already passed, it may be confidently anticipated that heavy balances will remain to the credit of the Fund at the close of the year.

11. Having spoken thus far of the items on which an economy may be effected, I now come to those items of works to which I propose transferring the funds thus made available.

12. *Nos. 1 and 2.*—This and following item are to meet bills for work actually completed.

13. *No. 3.*—Provision is here made for the maintenance of the experimental plantation from the commencement of the current official year up to 1st January next, from which date I understood Dr. Cleghorn to say, during a recent visit I made with him to the spot, it was his intention to recommend its transfer to his own Department. An expenditure of Rupees 1,700 has already been incurred, and the balance provides for the cost of establishment up to the time of its transfer.

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14. No. 4.—This sum is required to meet bills for masonry works completed, or nearly so, along a road opened out with Famine funds.

15. No. 5.—This allotment is set down to provide for bills for work already executed on this road, as may be seen from accompanying copy of a letter from the Superintending Engineer, No. 3,352, dated 14th instant.

16. No. 6.—As regards this item, I beg to observe that I have reduced the avenue establishments to a minimum, and under arrangements which, at this season, will not interfere with the fair conservancy of the fine system of avenues now established throughout the District. Further economies in these establishments could not safely be effected for the present. The Board's orders, to reduce the expenditure under this head to a limit of Rupees 15,000, reached me after four months outlay at the old "hot season" standard of establishment had been incurred, and my provision for the remainder of the year has since been still further curtailed by the recent transfer of the Vellore and Polur jungles to the Forest Department, by which some Rupees 4,000 are lost to the appropriate head of Local Fund assets. The Board will learn, from explanation given elsewhere, that I have not been lax in carrying out their orders so far as this may be done without sacrificing the results of years of personal labour obtained at a large, but unavoidable cost. I venture, therefore, to express a hope that this item may not be challenged.

17. I will now offer a few remarks on Part II. of my Statement.

18. No. 7.—This sum provides for the maintenance of the road on which Rupees 2,000 are given up in Part I., (vide paragraph 5.)

19. No. 8.—This amount, with Rupees 900, (Item No. 9,) in the revised Budget, provides for maintenance (and completion of a few miles at its further extremity) of the whole line of road from Palmanair to the Mysore frontier, via Venkatagirikota, which will eventually meet the new road now being formed from Cuppum Railway station northwards.

20. No. 9.—This provides for the maintenance of the road (formed with Famine funds) up to the point to which it has been actually opened out.

21. Number 10 supplies the omission noticed by Board in paragraph 12 of their Proceedings, No. 5,842, dated 11th September 1867.

22. With these explanations I trust the Board will be pleased to sanction the re-distribution now proposed by me.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Lieutenant-Colonel J. BEAN, R. E., Acting Superintending Engineer, Fourth Division, to the Collector of North Arcot, dated Madras, 14th October 1867, No. 3,352.

1. I have the honour to inform you that the Local Fund road from Cuppum to Cuppum Railway station, estimate Rupees 6,810, is shown as completed in Mr. O'Staughnessy's Progress Report for September, in an outlay this year of Rupees 2,032-0-2.

2. This road has not been entered in your Local Budget of 1867-68, sanctioned in Board's Proceedings, No. 2,233, dated 24th September 1867, and I beg to know how the outlay is to be provided for.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON, Collector.

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District.	Budget number.	Items from which funds are to be transferred.	Allotment for 1867-68.	Revised allotment for 1867-68.	Amount to be transferred.	Items to which funds are to be transferred.	Amount to be transferred.
NORTH ARCOT DISTRICT.		<i>Part I.</i>					
	1	Road from Cannamangalem to Polur	3,500	2,000	1,500	1. Formation of branch road from Trunk Road No. 7 to Pennarri	2,000
	8	Do. do. Arni to Chetput	3,500	2,000	1,500	2. Completing a large Tunnel and formation on the road from Gudithum to Bodipett commenced with Famine funds	500
	10	Road from Pernambat to Amboor Railway station via Baloor and Gadamoor				3. Experimental Casuarina plantation at confluence of Poiney and Palar rivers (near Trivallam)	2,418
	11	Constructing Tunnels and Bridges on the road from Darapadanedu to Trivallam Railway station	2,000	1,000	1,000	4. Completing masonry works and road formation on the road from Cautpauly (Vellore Railway station) to Gudithum commenced from Famine funds	2,000
	12	Road from Chittoor to Arugonda	2,000	1,000	1,000	5. Formation of road from Cuppum to Cuppum Railway station	2,032
	16	Do. Putoor Railway station to Nagaram	2,500	2,000	500	6. Maintenance of avenues already planted.	6,000
	21	Wells and Bandy-stands	1,500			Total original	14,950
	23	Municipal improvements	2,500			<i>Part II.</i>	
		From the surplus balance of Rupees 13,833, (vide paragraph 32 of Board's Proceedings, published with Government Order, in the Revenue Department, No. 2,233, dated 24th September 1867)				7. Maintenance of road from Darapadanedu (Vellore Railway station) to Trivallam Railway station	600
						8. Maintenance of road from Palmanair to Venkatagirikota, (portion between Kiigul river and Mysore frontier)	1,100
						9. Do. of road from Vellore Railway station to Gudithum	1,350
						10. Do. of road from Trunk Road No. XI. to Iral	300
						Total repairs	3,350
						Grand total	18,300

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON,
Collector.

CHITTOOR,
17th October 1867.

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1. With the foregoing letter, the Collector submits a Statement showing a partial re-distribution of some of the allotments made in the revised District Road Fund Budget of the current official year to the extent of Rupees 18,300, to provide for works which do not find a place in that document, and which cannot in their present state be allowed to lie over. These works are ten in number; six of them are new works and four repairs.

2. It is observed that most of the new works are incomplete. No information is given as to the authority under which they are in progress, as to the amount of estimate in each case, or as to the actual expenditure incurred up to date.

3. Mr. Robinson proposes to provide Rupees 10,500 of the required amount by reducing the allotments for works in the passed Budget, and the remainder, Rupees 7,800, he would provide from the surplus available balance of the Road Fund, which amounts to Rupees 13,833, as shown in paragraph 32 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 11th September 1867, No. 5,842.

4. The Board observe that the works from which funds are proposed to be diverted are all important, and that their early completion is as necessary as those now under reference. They are, therefore, not disposed to accede to the Collector's recommendations. They resolve, therefore, to sanction the appropriation of Rupees 4,467 from the current year's reserve, and the sanction of Government will be requested for the remaining amount of Rupees 13,833 being met from the unappropriated balance to the same extent, shown in paragraph 32 of

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18,300
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4,467

the Board's Proceedings, dated 11th September 1867, No. 5,842.

5. Mr. Robinson is further requested to state, at an early date, which of the items making up Rupees 18,300, should be placed at the disposal of the Public Works Department, to enable the Board to authorize the necessary transfer of funds.

No. 124.

ORDER THEREON, 8th January 1868, No. 63.

Local Funds, No. 3.
Account.

The Board's proposals are sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Dantleman.

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The Board's proposals are sanctioned.
W. H. D.
To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Collector of North Arcot.
,, to the Accountant General.
,, to the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Division.
,, to the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
14 Copies to the District Revenue Officer.
16 - to the District Engineer.
21 - to the District Public Works Officer.
Exd. J. Wright.

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Proceedings for January 68
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 17th December 1867.
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No. 8,120.

Declining to sanction recommendation of Collector of North Arcot to reduce sanctioned allotment for works in District Road Fund Budget for 1867-68 to provide funds for certain other works, sanctioning appropriation of Rupees 4467 from current years reserve for those works, and requesting sanction of Government for Rupees 13,833 being met from unappropriated balance.

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