

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	811	Press ~~416~~
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
27th March 1868.*

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 8th October and 25th November 1867, Nos. 6,425 and 7,664, and recorded in Proceedings of Government, 5th December 1867, No. 2,903.

No. 518. Read also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd March 1868, No. 1,504 :—

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 5th December 1867, No. 2,903, Revenue Department.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting the Board to state the grounds on which they consider that the Oossoor and Meylur railway-feeder should, within the limits of the Salem District, be bridged and thoroughly completed from Imperial Funds before being transferred to the list of district roads.

1. The Board observe that their recommendation was based upon the fact of this line of road connecting the Remount Depot with the Railway, and the necessity which, therefore, exists for making it a first class road. For the ordinary traffic of the country, a dry weather road, without the expensive bridge proposed, is all that is requisite. The Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, in his letter to Government, dated 28th October 1867, No. 160, printed with the Order under reference, states that the roadway is in very good order, and that the want of a bridge is felt only during the monsoon, when traffic is always at a minimum, the cattle of the ryots being employed in agricultural operations.

2. The course of trade from Oossoor is obviously to Bangalore, and any produce intended for Madras would be sent via Bangalore, whence a return cart load would be obtained. Meylur is a mere roadside station, and leaving the absence of a return load out of the question, the distance from Oossoor to it is eighteen miles, and the distance from it to Bangalore by rail is $24\frac{1}{2}$ miles, while the direct distance from Oossoor to Bangalore is $24\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and the road excellent throughout.

3. Further, it seems to the Board that the Salem Road Fund cannot afford to construct a bridge on this line. The total estimated income of the Fund in 1867-68 is only Rupees 80,566, of which Rupees 54,548 are absorbed for the maintenance of existing lines, leaving after deducting the ten per cent. charge for the supervision of the Public Works Department, and other necessary deductions, a sum altogether inadequate for opening out the new lines which the increasing trade of the district render absolutely necessary. For 1868-69, the repair allowance amounts to Rupees 70,950, and the Board have been able to assign only Rs. 11,500 for new works.

5. There can be no objection to the transfer of this line to the Road Fund, if a good fair weather road will meet the wants of the Remount Depot. If, however, a first class road bridged throughout is desired, the Board think that Government ought to incur the expense, because it is only for Government purposes that a road of this description can be required.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
27th March 1868.

No. 519.

ORDER THEREON, 27th March 1868, No. 811.

Miscellaneous.

Referred to the Public Works
Department for consideration, with
reference to paragraph 2 of the Order

in that Department, dated 23rd October 1867, No. 3,289.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department, with G. O., dated 5th December 1867, No. 2,903.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
under date the 27th March 1868.

Read again Board
Proceedings dated 8th October
1867, No. 6225 & 1868
and 25th November 1867, and
recorded in Proceedings of
Government 5th December
1867, No. 2903.

Read also the fol-
lowing Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue.

Assigning reasons for re-
commending that the Coleson and
Meylan Railway feeder should
be made a first class road.

(Here enter 3rd March 1868 No. 1504)

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lic Works Department for
consideration with reference to
para 2 of the order in that
Department dated 23rd October
1867, No. 3289.

27th April 1868, to the M.P.D. with G.O. 76 Dated 7th April 1868, No. 30

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