

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
2nd April 1868.*

Read the following :—

No. 63. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th September 1867,
No. 6,132.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Kurnool, to the Secretary to the
Board of Revenue, dated on Circuit at Cumbum, 24th August 1867,
No. 259.

1. I have the honor to bring to your notice that having just passed through the Nandikanama ghaut, I made a point of considering what means might be taken either effectually to put a stop to the alarming ravages caused by tigers there, or at all events to lessen in some way the dangers of the pass from that source.

2. I hear that some forty lives have been lost this year, and matters are coming to such a crisis that, unless some check is adopted, persons will entirely be prevented travelling on that road, and Cumbum and Markapur will become severed from the remainder of the Kurnool District. There is only one other pass, the Dornal, which at present is but little frequented owing to its being very far north, and the distance through the hills so very great without any intervening villages.

3. As an example of the danger of the Nandikanama pass, Lieutenant Russell of the Police was travelling at night on the 19th instant in a bullock-carriage with his driver in front of the bullocks leading them on, when suddenly a tiger rushed at the driver, and within three seconds had carried him off and disappeared in the jungle.

4. The jungle for several miles is fearfully dense, and tigers hide quite near the road and run off with people passing before any resistance can be made. The road in the jungle is so narrow, that a bullock-carriage cannot pass without both sides touching the trees.

5. I think the only plan which could afford protection would be to have the jungle cut down for one hundred yards on each side of the road, all through the pass; and this would open so large an area that probably tigers would not then come to the road at all.

6. In the Local Fund Budget sanctioned by Government there are several roads, which, for want of plans and estimates, cannot be commenced during the current official year. Rather than allow such money sanctioned to lie useless, I shall feel obliged if the Board would allow this clearance to be made.

7. For instance Road No. 4, from Rampur pass to Nandikanama ghaut, cannot, I think, possibly be commenced. For it 17,000 Rupees have been sanctioned; if the Board would allow some of this money to be laid out in clearing the jungle from the Nandikanama ghaut, commencing from near Kistam Shettypalli, the work might be taken in hand at once, under the superintendence of the Acting Head Assistant Collector, and another commencement might be made at the other side of the hill Gazerpally, under the superintendence of Deputy Collector Sudarasana Row. At first about 1,000 Rupees might be intrusted to each of these officers, and when some progress has been made, I should be in a position to estimate what the clearance through the whole length of road might be.

The Board sanction a grant of Rupees 1,200 from the Road Fund Reserve to commence the proposed work, which has their approval. Mr. Chase should send a detailed estimate of the cost.

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2nd April 1868.*

No. 64. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th March 1868,
No. 2,098.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Kurnool, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 20th November 1867, No. 351.

1. In reply to Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 6,132, dated 24th September 1867, I have the honor to forward an estimate for the cost of clearing the jungle through the Nandikanama pass. The length that will require clearing is about twenty-two miles more, and the cost of clearing will be, at the rate of Rs. 500 per mile, Rupees 11,000, besides the Rupees 244-7-4, spent by Sudarsana Row in excess of the previous sanction, making a total sum of Rupees 11,244-7-4.

2. I have the honor, therefore, to request the sanction of the Board for the expenditure of this sum from the Local Funds, from one of the roads which cannot possibly be put in hand for some time, as surveys, I hear, have not been commenced from Rampur Pass to Nandikanama Pass No. 4.

3. I would urge most strongly the clearing of this jungle as soon as possible; for, otherwise, from constant dread of tigers, I fear it will be entirely abandoned, as is almost the case at present.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Estimate.

1. The Board are of opinion that the Nandikanama ghaut is, and always has been, an Imperial work, and therefore resolve to submit, for the sanction of Government, an estimate, received with the foregoing letter, of the cost of clearing the jungle through the ghaut. The total length of the ghaut requiring jungle-clearing was twenty-five miles, of which three miles have already been cleared at a cost of Rupees 1,444-7-4, though only a grant of Rupees 1,200 was made out of the current year's Road Fund Reserve in the Board's Proceedings dated 24th September 1867, No. 6,132. Deducting the three miles, there remain twenty-two miles, which, at Rupees 500 a mile, would cost Rupees 11,000. Including the excess charge on the three miles already cleared, the amount required will be Rupees 11,250. This is a heavy charge on the Road Fund, and can only be supplied by postponing more legitimate work.

2. Should there be no Imperial Funds available for the work in question, the Board would not object to advance the required amount from the Road Fund, subject to recovery from the Public Works allotment.

No. 65. ORDER THEREON, 2nd April 1868, No. 876.

Miscellaneous.

The Government are not prepared
to adopt this recommendation.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin

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Requesting sanction for Rupees 11,250 cost of
clearing the jungle through Nandikanama Ghaut
Kurnool District.

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