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Revenue Dept.

No. 2683.

Govt. of (1869) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

Nilgiri District.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated August, 1869.

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Note.—The Board of Revenue informed that funds cannot at present be assigned for the completion of the Imperial roads in the Madura District referred to in Proceedings No. 5,170 of 1869.

No. 178. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th July 1869, No. 5,170:—

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of Madura, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 14th May 1869, No. 162.

UNDER the Standing Circular of the Board, No. LXXXV., dated 16th November 1865, I have the honour to submit my report on the progress made in improving the salt roads of the district during the official year ending on the 31st March 1869.

2. The Imperial roads Nos. 12, 13, and 21, as well as Local roads numbered 14, and another without number, lying between 14 and 13, are the five main lines through which the salt is carried into the interior, and there is an equal number of branch lines which connect the salt-pans with the main lines.

No. 12, Vattanom on Madura Coast to Palkanooth, *via* Devicottah, Tiroopattoor, Nattam, and Dindigul.
No. 13, Paumben on the Madura Coast to Palghaut, *via* Ramnad, Madura, Pulny, and Poolachuly, with a branch at Poolachy to Coimbatore.
21, Salt Sayelgudy to Thoppur and Madura.
14, From Tondy to Madura, *via* Shevagungah.
" From Vyravanadapatam Salt Station to Paramagudy or Manamadura on road 13.

3. Rupees 68,444-6-0 were spent last year from Local and Imperial Funds on the construction and maintenance of the made-portions of road No. 12; some parts of this road are still incomplete. This road has been classified as Imperial, and it is necessary that provision should be made

4. Road No. 13. The portion between Dindigul and Madura is in a tolerably good condition, and that between Madura and Ramnad, with the exception of about eight miles near Madura, is almost entirely unmade, except that the water-courses have been bridged. Rupees 12,509 have been expended during this year on the repair of this road.

5. A sum of Rupees 4,649 has been spent in maintaining the salt road No. 21. Only a portion of it is made.

6. The road No. 14 from Tondy to Madura, *via* Shevagungah, is reported to be in good order. Rupees 6,699-5-6 have been laid out on its maintenance. Seven miles are still unmade.

7. The last-mentioned road which is from Vyravanadapatam salt-station to Manamadura or Paramagudy on road No. 13, is entirely unmade.

8. There is another important line No. 8, which runs parallel to the sea-coast, connecting all the salt-stations with the main roads; it is stated to be in utter disrepair. As soon as the state of the Local Funds will admit of it, this road and the line referred to in the preceding paragraph will be put in thorough repair.

9. The roads noted in the margin are branch salt-lines. Nos. 1, 2, and 3 have been repaired during the year at a cost of Rupees 2,164, provided as usual in the Public Works Budget, and are reported to be in good order. No provision was ever made in the Public Works Budget for the repair of Nos. 4 and 5, the omission was brought to notice in last year's report.

1. From Morekolom to Yettivial.
2. From Mutturegunadapatam to Coast road.
3. From Vattanom Salt pan to Coast road No. 8.
4. From Vyravanadapatam to do.
5. From Auttengaray to Ramnad.

10. No. 4 was repaired at a cost of Rupees 33, and requires two tunnels and a small maintenance grant.

11. There is no made-road from Auttengaray to Ramnad, and the present track is only practicable in the dry season.

12. I will address the Board separately with regard to the funds required for the repair and improvement of the branch salt roads, as I understand that no provision was made for them in the Public Works Budget.

SUBMITTED to Government, with reference to Government Order, 2nd October 1865, No. 2,379, paragraph 53.

2. The Board earnestly request the attention of Government to the roads mentioned in paragraphs 3, 4, and 5.

3. An allotment of Rupees 19,000 is entered in the Local Fund Budget for the road from Shevagungah to Tondy. The estimate should be submitted as soon as possible.

4. The other roads must be provided for as soon and as completely as possible out of the provision for Petty Construction and Repair.

No. 179. ORDER THEREON, 9th August 1869. No. 2,610.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 23.

THE Government recognise the expediency of completing the several Imperial lines of road referred to in these Proceedings, but they regret that it is not at present in their power to make the requisite assignment of funds.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
" Board of Revenue.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.