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No. 172. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Public Works Department:—

Passing orders on the letters from the Superin-
tending Engineer of the 8th Division, report-
ing on the roads in the Division which have
been recently classed as Imperial, and on the
grants which have been provisionally entered
in the Budget of 1869-70 for their main-
tenance.

(Here enter 23rd February 1869, No. 589.)

No. 173. ORDER THEREON, 8th March 1869, No. 598.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. S. LILLY,
Under Secretary to Government,

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 589.

Ed. G. A. Turtan.

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23rd February 1869.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 585. From the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Palamcottah, 8th January 1869, No. 2,256.

1. With reference to G. O., No. 3,711, of the 27th November 1868, I have the honour to report on the Imperial Roads in the 8th Division, as now re-classified.

Road No. XII.—This road has had large grants from Local Funds in the past and present year, and its construction will be completed in the present year, with the exception of about nine miles. The balance of sanctioned estimates remaining to be worked out, after the 31st March 1869, will be Rupees 8,280.

The road is somewhat incorrectly put down in the Order* in the Revenue Department as passing through Devencottah, Tripathoor, Nuttun, and Dindigul to *Palkanooth*; for this reason, that Road No. XIII. passes through Madura, Dindigul, and Palkanooth to Pulney, so that the section, Dindigul to Palkanooth, would thus be common to both main lines.

Road No. XII. would have been rightly shown as terminating at Palkanooth, had it not been for the change of line sanctioned by Government, viz., from G. O. No. 3,033, of 25th September 1868.

Tirumungalum through Ammainaickenoor and Dindigul to Palkanooth and Pulney; instead of from Ammainaickenoor direct to Palkanooth, as originally intended. I have, therefore, assumed road No. XIII. to run continuously through Madura and Dindigul to the Coimbatore boundary, and Road No. XII. to end at Dindigul.

On *Road No. XIII.*, between Ramnad and Madura, only twelve miles can be said to be made, the remaining fifty-six miles remain more or less requiring construction, for this work an estimate has to be submitted. Between Madura and Ammainaickenoor the road is made: and from Ammainaickenoor onwards another estimate has to be submitted, consisting in the revision of that formerly sanctioned (Rupees 1,65,000,)[†] for the road from Tirumungalum through Ammainaickenoor and Palkanooth.

[†] In this year's Budget, Part II, No. 350.

Tirumungalum through Ammainaickenoor and Palkanooth.

Road No. XIV., Cotton Road from Madura through Ettiapooram to Tuticorin. From Madura to the Tinnevely boundary nineteen and a half miles of the road are made, and the rest of the distance, nineteen and a half miles, is unmade. An estimate has been prepared for the construction of this section in full. From the border of the Tinnevely District, southwards, fifteen and a half miles are completed to Ettiapooram; and the twenty-eight miles on to Tuticorin are just about completed now, there being a grant of Rupees 6,700 in this year's Budget for a portion of the road near Tuticorin.

Part II., No. 353:

Rupees 6,700 in this year's Budget for a portion of the road near Tuticorin.

Road No. XV., from Vypaur on the coast to Strcevellipootoor is, for its greater part, a new line. The road from Vypaur will pass through Velatticolum, Nagalappooram, and Vemboor, (on the Cotton Road that passes through Ettiapooram) to Satoor, on the Great Southern Road, No. II.; and thence by the old Cotton Trunk

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Dindigul, Madura, and Palkanooth to Pulney.
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Road for twenty-two miles to Streveellipootoor. From Vypaur to Satoor, a distance of about forty miles, the road must be newly constructed throughout; the line runs all the way over black cotton soil, and the expense will be very great, from Rupees 1,20,000 to Rupees 1,40,000.

Road No. XVI.—Tuticorin viâ Palamcottah to Tenkasi and the Travancore frontier. This line is nearly completed, and in progress on the eastern section, on item No. 257 of this year's Budget.

Salt Road No. 21.—Sayalagudi to Thopoor in Madura. Thirty-five miles of this road remain to be made, and an estimate will be prepared.

2. Next as to the maintenance of Imperial Roads.

For Nos. XII., XIII., and XVI., estimates for additional maintenance grants have been submitted. For Road No. XIV. the usual grant of Rupees 2,200 is entered in next year's Budget for the Madura District, but there is no provision in the Tinnevelly District. When the Collector last year made a separation between Imperial and District Roads, the section of the Cotton Road from Ettimpooram northwards was thrown out of the Imperial list. In former years there was an annual maintenance grant for this portion of road, Rupees 3,000, and I recommend that this grant may be sanctioned again for next year.

From Ettimpooram to Tuticorin there is very heavy traffic in cotton; and this section has always been maintained out of the grant (Rupees 12,980 in this year's Budget) for the road between Streveellipootoor and Tuticorin. It is, therefore, necessary that the maintenance allowance of Rupees 5,600 should be still sanctioned for the twenty-eight miles.

Road No. XV., Vypaur through Satoor to Streveellipootoor. For the section Vypaur to Satoor no maintenance allowance is wanted, the road being entirely unmade; and from Satoor to Streveellipootoor, the usual maintenance allowance, Rupees 4,400, is still required.

Hence there is the demand for another item in the Budget for Tinnevelly Road No. XIV., from Tuticorin through Ettimpooram to the Madura boundary, Rupees 8,600, and the second item in the new Budget will be Road No. XV., Vypaur through Satoor to Streveellipootoor Rupees 4,400. Total Rupees 13,000 differs only by Rupees 200 from the entry in next year's Budget for Road No. XV., Rupees 12,800.

3. To summarize, the requirements for construction are—

for No. XII., for completion, Rupees 8,280—
" XIII., estimate of Rupees 1,65,000 un-
Twenty miles remaining to be completed between the Coimbatore boundary and Ammainaickenoor, and a new estimate required for fifty-six miles between Madura and Ramnad.

No. XIV.—19½ miles to be made in the Madura District; probable cost	Rs. 58,000
No. XV.—40 miles to be constructed; approximate cost	1,30,000
Salt Road No. 21, to be constructed for 35 miles; approximate cost	50,000

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The aggregate expenditure to be incurred will be between three and a half and four lacs of Rupees, and the further maintenance allowance of the roads, when complete, will be from 30,000 to 35,000 Rupees.

No. 586. From the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Palamcottah, 8th January 1869, No. 2,255.

- I have the honour to submit, for sanction, estimates with specifications and reports, including traffic statements, for the maintenance of additional miles of Imperial roads to be completed by the close of the current official year in

3 Abstract Estimates.
3 Specifications.
3 Reports.

the Madura and Tinnevelly Districts, viz:—

	Madura.	Rs.
Road No. XII.—Vuttanum to Dindigul	...	5,850
" No. XIII.—Paumben to Palghat for 38 miles	...	7,600
	Tinnevelly.	
" No. XVI.—Tuticorin to Tenkasi for 12½ miles	...	1,900

The estimates for Roads Nos. XIII. and XVI. have been revised, as directed in G. O., No. 3,796, of the 4th December 1868, consequent on the re-classification approved in G. O., No. 3,711, of the 27th November 1868, and the estimate for Road No. XII. is now for the first time submitted.

2. Road No. XII., between Vuttanum and Dindigul, is ninety miles in length, and eighty-one miles will be completed by the end of this year provided the grants from the District Road Fund are not reduced, on which subject I wrote on the 16th ultimo, No. 2,117. There will then remain only nine miles incomplete, for the construction of which a sum of Rupees 8,280 will be required.

A regular maintenance allowance of Rupees 6,300* has been given for some years for this road; and deducting this amount from the estimate framed for the eighty-one miles, the additional sum for which sanction is now asked is Rupees 5,850.

Road No. XIII.—This line now consists of two sections that have been hitherto entered in the Imperial Budget as

† With maintenance grant Rupees 5,100.	Ramnad to Madura,† and continu-
† Do. do. Rupees 4,200.	ation of Trunk Road No. IV. from
	Madura to Ammainaickenoor; it con-
	tains two new sections, Ammainaickenoor
	to Dindigul, and Dindigul to Pulkanooth; and then includes another section, Pul-
	kanooth through Pulney to the Coimbatore boundary, which was formerly a part
	of the road from Tirumungalum.

The large additional mileage, as explained in the report, is obtained, not from the whole distance being newly constructed in the present year, but chiefly from a portion of the road already in good order being newly included, in consequence of the change of line to run through Dindigul instead of striking off at Pulkanooth,

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direct to Ammainaickenoor; this diversion having been sanctioned in G. O., No. 3,033, of the 25th September 1868.

The estimate for Road No. XVI. consists of two items, the one of Rupees 450 for three miles on the section east of Palamcottah, now in progress on the Budget allotment of Rupees 25,000 (for road No. 8), and the other of Rupees 1,150 for 9½ miles on the section west of Palamcottah; authority having been granted for carrying on to completion the unfinished portions of the road heretofore called No. 9, in G. O., No. 2,320 of the 21st July 1868.

3. The maintenance grants actually required for the three roads, as compared with the Budget for 1869-70, stand thus—

	In Budget.	As required.	Less.	More.
Road No. XII. ...	6,300	12,150	5,850	...
„ No. XIII. ...	15,700	16,900	1,200	...
„ No. XVI. ...	9,950	9,750	...	200

I have other remarks to make on the new Budget grants, but will bring them forward in a separate letter, as the estimates now submitted provide fully for the portions of roads newly constructed in the present official year.

No. 587. From the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Palamcottah, 8th January 1869, No. 2,257.

1. With reference to paragraph 33, of G. O., No. 3,913, dated 15th December 1868, I have the honour to submit a statement showing the appropriations that I recommend to be made for the maintenance of Imperial roads in next official year, as compared with the entries made in Part III. of the Budget.

* No. 2,255.

† No. 2,256.

2. With one letter* of this day's date I have submitted estimates for additional maintenance grants, and in another† I have explained the necessity of certain alterations in the Budget list, while reporting also generally on the re-classification of Imperial Roads. The alterations in Madura consist in giving an additional sum of Rupees 5,850 to Road No. XII., and of Rupees 1,200 to Road No. XIII., while the allotment of Rupees 10,000 for special repairs becomes reduced to Rupees 2,950.

3. For Tinnevely a new item is introduced, for Road No. XIV. Rupees 8,600; the allotment for No. XV. is reduced by Rupees 8,400, and that for No. XVI. by Rupees 200, so that the grant for special repairs is not disturbed.

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Statement showing the Imperial grants for repairs under Communications in Part III. of the Budget for 1869-70, and the alterations recommended to be made in that list.

As per Budget.	Amount.	Total.	As proposed.	Amount.	Total.
<i>Madura.</i>					
No. II.—Great Southern Road from Madras to the Travancore frontier ...	Rs. 18,000	...	No. II.—Great Southern Road from Madras to the Travancore frontier ...	Rs. 18,000	...
No. XII.—Road from Tenali to Dindigul ...	6,300	...	No. XII.—Road from Tenali to Dindigul ...	12,150	...
No. XIII.—Road from Palamcottah to Palakur ...	15,700	...	No. XIII.—Road from Palamcottah to Palakur ...	16,900	...
No. XIV.—Great road from Madras to Tuticorin ...	2,500	...	No. XIV.—Portion of the Cotton Road from Madras towards Tuticorin, as far as the border of the Tinnevely District ...	2,200	...
Salt Road No. XXI.—Seydurai to Tappur ...	4,650	...	Salt Road No. XXI. ...	4,650	...
Special repairs to roads ...	2,000	...	Sand bank channel ...	2,000	...
Travellers' Bungalows ...	10,700	...	Special repairs to roads ...	3,650	...
Minor repairs to roads, &c. (District Road, &c., Funds) ...	...	59,550	Travellers' bungalows ...	...	2,500
		62,050	Minor repairs ...	...	...
<i>Tinnevely.</i>					
No. II.—Great Southern Road from Madras to the Travancore frontier ...	20,800	...	No. II.—Great Southern Road from Madras to the Travancore frontier ...	20,800	...
No. XV.—From Vylour on the Tinnevely coast to Strevelipattur ...	12,800	...	No. XIV.—Portion of the Cotton road from the border of the Madura District through Ettimsoor to Tuticorin ...	8,600	...
No. XVI.—From Tuticorin to Tenkasi on the Travancore frontier via Palamcottah ...	9,950	...	No. XV.—Portion between Sator and Strevelipattur ...	4,400	...
Special repairs to roads ...	...	...	No. XVI.—From Tuticorin to Tenkasi on the Travancore frontier via Palamcottah ...	9,750	...
Travellers' Bungalows ...	1,904	...	Special repairs to roads ...	...	...
Road from the Madura frontier to Pangudi (District Road, &c., Funds) ...	Rs. 4,300	...	Travellers' Bungalows ...	1,904	...
Minor repairs to roads, &c. (District Road &c., Funds) ...	8,450	...	Road from the Madura frontier ...	4,300	...
		45,454	Minor repairs ...	8,450	...
		12,750			12,750
		58,204			58,204

(Signed) H. L. PRENDERGAST, Captain, R. E.,
Officiating Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

PALAMCOTTAH,
8th January 1869.

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No. 588. ORDER THEREON, 23rd February 1869, No. 589.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 74.

27th November 1868, No. 3,711.
13th December " " 3,913.

Imperial, and on the grants which have been provisionally entered in the Budget of 1869-70 for their maintenance.

2. The roads to which reference is made are as follows:—

No. XII.—From Tondy to Palkanooth via Devicottah, Tripatore, Nattam, and Dindigul.

" XIII.—From Paumben to Palghaut, via Ramnad, Madura, Palney, and Poolachy.

" XIV.—The Cotton Road from Madura to Tuticorin via Ettiapooram.

" XV.—From Vypaur to Strivevellipootoor.

XVI.—From Tuticorin to Tenkasi and the Travancore frontier, via Palamecottah.

3. In the first of the papers above recorded, Captain Prendergast describes the present condition of these roads, and states the probable sums that will be required to complete and maintain them. He explains that, owing to the divergence which the Government have decided on adopting in G. O., No. 3,033, dated 25th September 1868, Road No. XII. from Tondy should be considered as terminating at Dindigul, and Road No. XIII. from Paumben as running continuously through Madura and Dindigul to the Coimbatore boundary. Under the circumstances, His Excellency in Council sanctions these alterations. It is observed that nearly four lacs of Rupees will be required to complete the lines which have been classed as Imperial, and that estimates for their formation and improvement are under preparation.

4. With the second of the paper: above recorded, the Superintending Engineer forwards estimates for the maintenance of portions of the roads above referred to which are expected to be completed by the close of the current official year, and with the last of his letters Captain Prendergast furnishes a statement showing the appropriations which he recommends for the maintenance of Imperial Roads during 1869-70 as compared with the entries in Part III. of the Budget.

5. The following statement exhibits the modifications proposed:—

	Present grant.	Proposed grant	Increase.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
No XII.—From Tondy to Dindigul	6,300	12,150	7,050
„ XIII.— „ Paumben to Palghaut... ..	15,700	16,900	
	22,000	29,050	
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The only excess for which it is thus necessary to provide is Rupees 7,050 in the Madura District.

6. His Excellency in Council approves of the several recommendations made by the Superintending Engineer, and of the estimates which he submits for maintenance grants, and directs that the excess of Rupees 7,050 above referred to, be met from the grant of Rupees 10,000 set apart for special repairs to roads in the Madura District.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Accountant General.
" Revenue Department.

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To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER.

8th Division.

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Dated February, 23rd.

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Remarks.—Passing orders on the letters from the Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division, reporting on the roads in the Division which have been recently classed as Imperial, and on the grants which have been provisionally entered in the Budget of 1869-70 for their maintenance.

24th 8th March

With order