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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1398 Press Mis.

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Dated 19th May 1869

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th May 1869.

Read the following :—

No. 445. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd December 1868 No. 8,481.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Salem, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 12th October 1868, No. 238.

In their Proceedings of the 28th August 1868, No. 617, the Board of Revenue agree with me in thinking that the roads, specified in the margin, should be classed as Imperial lines. As the Government Order has not, however, been as yet received on it, I have thought it fit to make provision (Rupees 1,900) for their maintenance in the Local Fund Budget just submitted for 1869-70. This allotment, however, affects the provision for other works, which have a proper claim on the Local Funds.

1. From the head of the Salem Ghaut to Taylor's Saddle.
2. Continuation of the above to Ahtur, (Shervaroy Station.)

2. I still adhere to my opinion that the two roads, which, in fact, is the continuation of one and the same line, should be classed as "Imperial". The construction of the Ahtur Ghaut road was never intended for the residents of either Salem or Shervaroy Hills alone. In fact few of the residents ever use it ; but it is of the utmost importance to those coming to the Hills from Bangalore, Madras, and elsewhere; and were the gradient in parts changed, and more actually spent on the road, there is no doubt that it would be a great boon, and become even more popular than it is.

With reference to Government Order of the 11th November 1868, No. 2, 831, deciding that certain roads on the Shervaroys are to be considered Imperial, the Collector is requested to furnish a rough sketch on a large scale showing the roads from Salem and Ahtur to the Hills and the roads on the Hills.

No. 446. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th February 1869, No. 1,137.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Salem, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated on Circuit at Ahtur, 21st January 1869, No. 12.

As called for in the Board's Proceedings of the 2nd ultimo, No. 8,481, I have the honor to enclose a rough sketch, showing on a large scale the roads from Salem and Ahtur to the Shervaroy Hills, and the roads on the Hills. The latter are those kept up by Government.

2. As there is no Draughtsman attached to my Office, I was obliged to draw up the sketch myself, and I trust that it will be found to answer the purpose for which it is required.

Enclosure No. 1.—Map.

The Collector has not marked the "Head of the Salem Ghaut" or "Taylor's Saddle". He is requested to do this and return the plan.

2. He should also state the amount of the Road Fund on the Shervaroys.

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No. 447. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th May 1869, No. 3,003.
Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 2nd December 1868, No. 8,481, and 19th February 1869, No. 1,137.
Read also the following letter from the Acting Sub-Collector, in charge of the Salem District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Bodinaikenputty, 13th March 1869, No. 52.

I HAVE the honor to return the plan received with the Board's Proceedings of the 19th ultimo, No. 1,137, the "headof the Salem Ghaut" and the "Taylor's Saddle" being marked on it.

2. The Road Fund on the Shervaroy Hills amounts, for Fusly 1277, to Rupees 375.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Sketch.

THE Board resolve to request Government to explain what roads on the Shervaroys they have classed as Imperial.

2. The Board were under the impression that in consideration of the character of the stations on the Shervaroys which are of great value to the European community of the Presidency, but little frequented by the people of the district, and of the small amount of the road-cess collected there, Government intended to take charge of *all* such roads. In Government Order, 11th November 1868, No. 2,831, however, the length of the roads classed as Imperial is limited to thirteen miles.

3. The length of the road from Salem Ghaut past Yercaud and Taylor's Saddle down the Ahtur Ghaut to the Shervaroy Hills station is about twenty-three miles. The distance from the foot of one ghaut over the hills to the foot of the other ghaut is fifteen miles.

No. 448. ORDER THEREON, 19th May 1869, No. 1,398.

Miscellaneous.

THE Board of Revenue will be referred to paragraph 13 of the G. O., under date 11th November 1868, No. 2,831. They will perceive that the proposals made by them in paragraph 2 of their Proceedings, under date 2nd August 1868, No. 6,176, were approved and sanctioned. These proposals included among the imperial lines the road from the top of the Salem Ghaut to Taylor's Saddle, said to be four miles in length, and the continuation of the same road from Taylor's Saddle down the ghaut to the Ahtur Railway station, entered in the Board's manuscript list as nine miles in length.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of [1869] Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c. &c.

Dated May 186...

Read. 186

G. O., 19th May 1869, No. 1,538.

-From the Board of Revenue
of 30 January 69 No. 285.

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Road from Salem Ghaut to Attur Railway Station.—Board of Revenue informed that this line was included among the Imperial lines in G. O., 11th November 1868, No. 2,631.

and the continuation
of the same road
from Turkey Riddle
down the Branch to
the Watson Road
Northerly, Central with this
Road and Meanderings
last as aforesaid