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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 20th May 1869

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 20th May 1869.

No. 497. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th April 1869, No. 2,837:—

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 20th March 1869, No. 67.

I HAVE the honor to forward, herewith, copy of a letter from the Superintending Engineer, No. 248, dated 13th March 1869, reporting that all the earth-work has been completed on the Guntoor and Iyalur roads; that about Rupees 12,000 will be required for the masonry works; and pointing out that there is an allotment of Rupees 26,280 for this line, the balance of which will be useless, unless Government be pleased to sanction the execution of the metalling and gravelling, withheld in Government Order, No. 483, dated 20th February 1868.

2. The Board in their Proceedings, dated 21st October 1867, No. 6,850, agreed with the Acting Collector that this should be a good metalled road; and in their Proceedings, dated 31st January 1868, No. 788, only on account of the insufficiency of funds and the impossibility of completing the line within a reasonable time without injustice to other parts of the district, they were of opinion that the earth-work and bridges must be first undertaken and the metalling deferred till the more essential work was finished.

3. The Board are aware that there are no roads in this district fit to drive over, and that until a commencement be made in metalling some of the roads, money is thrown away in keeping in order bandy tracks over black soil which are perfectly impassable in wet weather, and very soon cut up after any amount of repair even in the dry season. The line between Masulipatam and Guntoor is the most important that can be selected to begin with, and I heartily concur with the Superintending Engineer that the work had better be done well once for all. As he points out, the delta talooks pay a higher rate of cess, and are entitled to a higher rate of expenditure on their lines of communication.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to the Collector of the Kistna District, dated Bezoarah, 13th March 1869, No. 248.

I HAVE the honor to bring to your notice that nearly all the earth-work on the Guntoor and Iyalur road has been completed; that about Rupees 12,000 will be required for the masonry works; and that there is an allotment of Rupees 26,280* for this line, the balance of which will be useless, unless the Government will be pleased to sanction the execution of the metalling and gravelling, withheld in Order No. 483, forwarded with Government Order, No. 626, Department Public Works, 24th February 1868.

* For 1869-70.
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2. The item for this is necessarily heavy (Rupees 1,17,385), because all the material must be brought from a considerable distance; but for this very reason, I submit, its execution is the more emergently called for. The line passes over pure black cotton soil: the raised road becomes a heap of the most tenacious mud directly any rain falls, and all access to the richest part of the country, except by water, is cut off.

3. Moreover, as the delta talooks pay more toward the cess, it appears to me that they are entitled to a higher amount of expenditure on their roads, the same being necessary to render them really useful.

4. If you agree with me, I beg your support in my request to be allowed to carry out the estimate fully.

THE Board resolve to submit this letter to Government, and to recommend that the Superintending Engineer be authorised to commence metalling the road* between Guntoor and Iyalur. The cost is very heavy, but is necessary, and will be found economical in the end.

* Item No. 38 in the Road Fund Budget of 1869-70, with an allotment of Rs. 43,000.

2. Funds may be allotted for the purpose from year to year to such amounts as may be available.

No. 498. ORDER THEREON, 20th May 1869, No. 1,423.

Miscellaneous.

SANCTION is accordingly granted for metalling and gravelling the road from Guntoor to Iyalur.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Department

No 1423

Proceedings of the Madras Government under date the 20th May 1869

Read the following Report of the Board of Revenue

Recommending sanction being accorded to expending Rupees 27,000 on metalling and gravelling the road from Guntoor to Ryalur

Sanction is accordingly granted for metalling and gravelling the road from Guntoor to Ryalur.

(G. O. 27th April 1869 No. 2837)

Govt. of {1869} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c. &c. &c.

Dated May, 20th.

Read.

G. O., 20th *May* 1869, *No.* 1,423.

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Nos. 497-498.

Road between Guntoor and Iyalur in Kistna District.—Sanction granted for metalling and gravelling it.

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