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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 18. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st May 1869, No. 2,958:—

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 31st March 1869, No. 79.

With reference to the Board's official memorandum, dated 8th January 1869, No. 16, I have the honor to submit the following report on the progress made in improving the Salt roads of the Kistna District during the year 1867-68.

There are four Salt divisions in this district, namely, (1) Pandraka, (2) Manganapudi, (3) Nizampatam, and (4) Chinna Ganjam.

1.—*Pandraka.*—The Imperial Road No. 4 between Arugollu and Buntumilly has an annual maintenance of Rupees 1,446. The length is thirty-two miles. This road is used by the Lumbadies resorting to this station from the Nizam's territories through Cummummett. This road was kept in fair order in 1867-68 at a cost of Rupees 1,438 expended in filling ruts and holes caused by rains and traffic. No material improvement was done in that year, except that its width was increased to six yards. A few bridges are urgently required, as the Polaraz Kodu crosses the road near Mudinapally and the Ellore channel between Kanumole and Perikid. The road at present terminates at the Buntumilly channel; it should be carried on through the Buntumilly village up to the Salt platforms two miles further, and it should be gravelled throughout. In Government Order,* dated 18th January 1868, No. 143, Revenue Department, Rupees 2,630 were sanctioned for extending the road to the platforms, but owing to a decrease in the sales of the station the work was deferred.

* Board's Proceedings, 22nd January 1868.

In Board's Proceedings, dated 7th January 1869, No. 56, is recorded the sanction of Government for Rupees 3,660 for repairing this road. These repairs will be carried out after the 1st April 1869.

2.—*Manganapudi.*—This Salt station is situated five miles to the north-east of the town of Masulipatam, but there is no made-road; the line lies over a loose sandy tract which is very difficult for bandies and bullocks. A good road is very much needed: some trifling repairs only are executed each year. The Salt Deputy Collector also recommends—

I.—A road round the Platform No. 1.

II.—A road from Platform No. 2 to Dandudari to meet the high road on the north.

III.—A road to connect Platforms Nos. 1 and 2.

3.—*Nizampatam.*—There is a road from Nizampatam to Guntoor, thirty miles. Between Guntoor and Sandole it appears to be in fair order, but between Sandole and Nizampatam, ten miles, the road should be opened, as the line lies over a loose sandy tract, very heavy. A bridge should also be built on this road across the Nizampatam canal.

With regard to the minor roads—

I.—From Nizampatam to Platform No. 3.

II.—From Nizampatam to Salt-water canal, the Salt Deputy Collector reports that repairs were made during 1867-68, and that they are in good order.

4. *Chinna Ganjam.*—There is an Imperial Salt road between Inkole on the Trunk Road and Chinna Ganjam, ten miles, with an annual maintenance allowance of Rupees 800. This road was kept in working order during 1867-68 at an expense of Rupees 718, the chief items of which were restoring the metalling and gravelling on five miles and rough stone packing to the slope for seven-and-a-half miles. The road was widened two yards in the 5th mile; ruts and gullies caused by rain and traffic were also filled up. The road still requires to be widened for about four miles. This road though nominally to Chinna Ganjam is at present only made as far as Kadakuduru. Its extension up to the Salt platform of Chinna Ganjam, a further distance of two miles is required. The line here is over a loose sandy tract very difficult for bandies and bullocks, and to utilise the road it should be completed, and not stop short before it reaches its proper terminus.

As to the minor roads—

I.—From the village by Platforms Nos. 2 and 3 up to No. 5.

II.—From Ankamma Cheroovoo to No. 4 Platform, the Salt Deputy Collector reports that some repairs were made, and they are in fair order.

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

2. The Collector's recommendation with regard to the roads between Arugollu and Buntumilly, between the Manganapudi platforms and between Inkole and Chinna Ganjam, and with regard to the bridge on the Nizampatam road across the canal, are all, in the Board's opinion, well founded, and they hope that Government will carry them into execution.

No. 19. ORDER THEREON, 1st June 1869, No. 1,535.

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ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. WELLESLEY,
Acting Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd F. R. Bantleman.

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