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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th August 1870.*

No. 234. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th June 1870, No. 4,526:—

Read the following letters:—

From the Collector of Cuddapah, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kaledda, 17th May 1870, No. 88.

ADVERTING to paragraph 3 of Government Order, Revenue Department, dated 7th October last, No. 2,748, and to paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings, communicating the same, dated 13th idem, No. 7,645; also to my letter of 9th ultimo, No. 66; I have now the honour to subjoin copy of a letter from the Superintending Engineer, dated 7th instant, No.

* 8 Plans, etc.

1 Estimate.

1 Report.

3 Letters with two Memoranda.

294, and to transmit the original enclosures* thereof, consisting

of the plans and an estimate

for Rupees 71,500 for the road from Proddatoor to Nundialumpett, Item No. 43 in the District Road Fund Budget for the current year, and of the Range Officer's regular report thereon, together with a supplementary report by the same officer, covering two memoranda, one showing the cost of masonry works (1) already quite or partly completed, (2) immediately required, (3) that may be postponed; the other exhibiting under the several sub-heads of the estimate (1) the total amounts as per estimate (2), the expenditure already incurred (3), the balances to be expended.

2. Altogether Rupees 17,701-4-0 have been spent, and the balance of the total estimate to be spent is Rupees 53,798-12-0.

3. As per the first of the above memoranda the cost of the masonry works that may be postponed amounts to Rupees 3,161, and out of the total of the estimate for masonry works, viz., Rupees 19,109, the sum of Rupees 480 should be contributed from Imperial Funds for masonry work No. 67.

4. The length of the road is close on 20½ miles, and the estimated cost comes to just about Rupees 3,500 per mile, or little more than half as much as the cost estimated by the same Range Officer, and sanctioned by Government, of the roads from Proddatoor to Yerraguntla and the first section of six miles of the road from Moodanoor Railway Station to Pulivendla.

5. This result is doubtless due to the fact of the Superintending Engineer and myself having gone over the line with the Range Officer in October last, and corrected his extravagant notion of the requirements of district roads, on which there is certainly no very large traffic.

6. Under these circumstances I am not prepared to assert that the estimate, though high, is disproportioned to the character of the country over which the line passes, and to the actual necessities of the ordinary traffic—a remark which I certainly cannot make with reference to the road from Moodanoor Railway Station after inspecting the work, which, with its cuttings, its embankments, and heavy masonry works, really gave one more the impression that it was intended for a railway, than for a district road to carry a light traffic.

7. I can assure the Board, it went to my heart to see such needless expenditure of our scanty road funds, and I mention it, because I cannot but fear that this is by no means a single instance of the preparation and sanction of needlessly

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extravagant estimates for local roads; and I think that strict departmental instructions should be issued to Range Officers to the effect that a first-class estimate is not, as some of them seem to think, required for every local road indiscriminately; that it is not necessary to cut and to embank in order to save a few country-carts from having to ascend and descend a few feet; and that a few regularly built road-dams and, where the soil is favourable, well-sloped rough road-dams with plenty of waterway—a point very generally overlooked—are all that the exigencies of the local traffic require, and not, as a rule, expensive heavy masonry works.

8. In the concluding paragraph of his letter the Superintending Engineer states that the estimate contains no provision for compensation, and requests that the information on that head may be entered in my office. I have not at hand the means of reference on this point. My impression is that the land for the road was taken up years ago, and that very likely there are no claims for compensation pending. I will inquire into the matter and address the Board again on the subject, if necessary. Meanwhile, I will not detain the plans and estimate.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Executive Engineer, for Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Collector of Cuddapah, dated Bellary, 7th May 1870, No. 294.

I HAVE the honour to forward, for your countersignature and for transmission to the Board of Revenue for the sanction of Government, the accompanying plans, estimates, etc., amounting to Rupees 71,500, for constructing a road from the junction with the Nellore road (Trunk Road No. VIII.) in the 21st mile to Proddatoor, *via* Nundialumpet and Midekoor. The length of the whole road being 20 miles 3 furlongs and 132 yards. I also forward for information a letter from Mr. Supervisor Lewis, with two statements, showing the work done and remaining to be carried out. A sum of Rupees 480 will have to be provided from Imperial Funds on account of work (culvert) No. 67, which crosses an irrigation channel.

2. No amount for compensation is entered, as Mr. Lewis reports that he has not yet received the Statement from the Tahsildar. I therefore request that the necessary information may be obtained and entered in your office.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 2 to 9.—Plans.

ENCLOSURE No. 10.—Estimate.

ENCLOSURE No. 11.—Report.

ENCLOSURE No. 12.—Letter from Supervisor in charge of Proddatoor Range.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 13 and 14.—Two Memoranda.

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THE plans and estimate, amounting to Rupees 71,500, for constructing a road from Proddatoor to Nundialumpett (length 20 miles 3 furlongs and 132 yards), received with the foregoing letter, are submitted for the sanction of Government, with reference to paragraph 3 of their Order, dated 7th October 1869, No. 2,748.

2. The work appears as Item No. 43 in the current year's Road Fund Budget, with an allotment of 5,000 Rupees.

3. The estimate is made up of the following items:—

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1. Earth-work	12,876
2. Sanding	2,382
3. Metalling	34,887
4. Masonry works	18,939
5. Sundries	2,416
	<hr/> 71,500

4. THE cost of masonry works is Rupees 18,939 and not Rupees 19,109, as stated in paragraph 3 of the Collector's letter. The sum to be contributed from Imperial Funds for masonry work No. 67 is Rupees 480, and it is requested that orders may be issued for its disbursement.

5. The attention of the Superintending Engineer is called to paragraphs 5 to 7 of the letter recorded at the head of these Proceedings, and he is requested to instruct the Range Officers of his division to prepare estimates for local roads on the most economical plan.

No. 235. ORDER THEREON, 13th August 1870, No. 1,250.

Local Funds, No. 8.
Civil Works.

THE estimate for the construction of the road from Proddatoor to Nundialumpett (20 miles 3 furlongs and 132 yards), amounting to Rupees 71,500, is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Under-Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 13th ^{Augt} ~~July~~ 1870.

Read the following
Proceedings of the Board
of Revenue.

Subj. for sanction Plans
and estimates amounting to
Rs. 7,500 for construction of
road from Poddator to Kundialumpet
in Cuddalore District.

(H.E. 30th June 1870)
N. 4526

The estimate
for the construction of
the road from Poddator
to Kundialumpet (20
miles, 3 furlongs
and

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REVENUE.	
THE BOARD OF REVENUE.	
Dated August, 1870.	
G. O. No. 1361 August 1870, No. 1,250.	
AUGUST.	
Nos. 234-235.	
Road from Poddator to Kundialumpet in Cuddalore District. - Estimate of Rs. 7,500 for its construction, sanctioned.	

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