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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
14th January 1871.*

No. 217. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th December 1870, No. 7,177:—

Read the following letter from the Acting Sub-Collector in charge of Salem, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd September 1870, No. 183.

I HAVE the honour to forward for sanction estimates and plans as per margin, received from the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, for the construction of the under-mentioned roads:—

3 Surveys, }  
1 Sketch, } sent separately.  
8 Plans, }  
3 Specifications.  
6 Abstract Estimates.  
3 Estimates.  
3 Abstracts.  
3 Memoranda.

(1.) From Kristnagherry to Maharajagodu, seven miles, with tunnels and road-dams, Rs. 7,480.

(2.) From Caverypatnam to Palcode, ten miles, with tunnels and road-dams, Rs. 7,100.

(3.) From Maharajagodu to Vartanapalli, four miles, with tunnels and road dams, Rs. 4,070.

2. These roads are situated, with the exception of about five miles of No. 2, in the Kristnagherry Taluq. The object of constructing them is to open out the country, and to connect places of considerable trade with one another. It is not likely that they will, for some time to come, be used for more than common bandy and bullock-traffic.

3. The estimates appear to me to be for a considerably better kind of road than is required for the present at any rate, but returning them for reduction would not only involve the framing of entirely new estimates and add much to the cost and delay which has already been undergone with regard to them, but it would also prevent the expenditure of the allotments made for these works in the Budget of the current year.

4. I would recommend that they should be carried out by the Revenue Department; my grounds for doing so being, that I believe that the work would be more cheaply done than by the Department of Public Works, and that a large saving would be effected on the estimates.

5. I beg to suggest that some standard specification for local roads should be drawn up, and that estimates should be framed with reference to these. The Department of Public Works does not appear to remember that what is required under this head is, with but few exceptions, a practicable country cart, and not a good turnpike road. So long as the trace is good, improvements can be made when the need for them arises.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 to 3.—Surveys.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.—Sketch.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 5 to 12.—Plans.

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ENCLOSURES Nos. 13 to 15.—Specifications.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 16 to 21.—Abstract Estimates.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 22 to 24.—Estimates.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 25 to 27.—Abstracts.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 28 to 30.—Memoranda.

THE plans and estimates, amounting in the aggregate to Rs. 18,650, for the roads noted below are submitted for the sanction of Government :—

|                                                            |        |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Road from Kristnagherry to Maharajagodu, seven miles... | RS.    |
| 2. Do. Caverypatnam to Palcode, ten miles...               | 7,480  |
| 3. Do. Maharajagodu to Vartanapalli, four miles            | 7,100  |
|                                                            | 4,070  |
|                                                            | 18,650 |

2. The estimates are made up of the following items :—

| Items.                     | No. 1. | No. 2. | No. 3. |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
|                            | RS.    | RS.    | RS.    |
| 1. Earth-work ... ..       | 1,095  | 1,447  | 856    |
| 2. Gravelling, etc. ... .. | 2,212  | 2,738  | 1,513  |
| 3. Metalling... ..         | 115    | 267    | 89     |
| 4. Turfing ... ..          | 135    | 80     | 50     |
| 5. Mile-stone ... ..       | 35     | 50     | 20     |
| 6. Blasting rocks... ..    | .....  | 105    | 111    |
| 7. Masonry works.. ... ..  | 3,333  | 1,896  | 1,100  |
| 8. Sundries ... ..         | 178    | 213    | 121    |
| 9. Superintendence... ..   | 337    | 304    | 210    |
| Total...                   | 7,480  | 7,100  | 4,070  |

3. The works appear in Part I. of the current year's Supplemental Budget, which was returned to the Collector for revision, as it was not prepared in consultation with the Superintending Engineer.

4. The Collector will ascertain and state what portion of the cost of the masonry works, included in the estimates, is chargeable to Imperial Funds.

5. Adverting to paragraph 3 of the Acting Sub-Collector's letter, the Board are of opinion that it is desirable to construct good roads when sufficient funds are available.

6. As regards the proposal to entrust the execution of the works to the Revenue Department, the Board suggest that the Collector should re-consider the matter with reference to paragraph 12 of their Proceedings of the 19th November 1870, No. 6,756.

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7. With reference to paragraph 5 the Board fear it is not possible to lay down any standard specification for local roads.

No. 218.

ORDER THEREON, 14th January 1871, No. 106.

Local Funds, No. 10.

Civil Works.

THE Government sanction the construction of the three district roads in question at an estimated cost of Rs. 18,650, including masonry work.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

GOVT. OF INDIA  
 REVENUE.  
 THE BOARD OF REVENUE,  
 Secy. to Govt.  
 Dated January 14th.  
 G. O. 14th January 1871, No. 103.  
 JANUARY.  
 Nos. 217-218.  
 Roads in Salem.—Estimates for construct-  
 ing three of them, at a cost of Rs. 12,000, sent.  
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Local Comm.  
 Civil Comm.



Revenue Department  
 No. 106.

Proceedings of the Madras Government  
 Under date the 11th January 1871.

Read the following  
 Pro: of the Board of Revenue.

Subj. for sanction estimates  
 for construction of certain roads in  
 Salem Dist. & requesting Col. to  
 report what portion of cost of, ma.  
 & masonry works included in estimates  
 is chargeable to Imperial Funds.

(H.C. 17<sup>th</sup> December/1870 No. 7177)

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The Government  
 sanction the construction of  
 the three District Roads in  
 question at an estimated cost  
 of Rs. 18,650 including ma.  
 & masonry work.

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Construction of  
certain roads  
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