No. 105. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd June 1871, No. 2,541 :—

Read the following letters :—

From the Collector of the Godavery District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 13th May 1871, No. 169.

In forwarding copy of a letter from the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, dated 8th instant, No. 388, urging the necessity of metalling at once the road from Bhimaveram Lock to Cocanada, the estimated cost for which is Rs. 17,000, I have the honour to state that I quite agree with him that this road, which now has a very heavy traffic passing over it, requires to be coated with harder material than gravel, and that the collection of metal ought to be begun at once. This road is now one of the most important in the district.

2. Major Fischer states that the sum required for this work can be provided from the amounts noted below, which are found to be in excess of the sums actually required for the roads specified, and requests sanction to credit Rs. 28,000 to the District Road Fund Reserve :—

	Allotment 1871-72.	Amount required.
	Rs.	Rs.
Road from Samalcotta to Bendapudy	75,700	43,700 10,000
Do. Jaggampeta to Kottapilly	29,800	21,800 8,000
Do. Rajanagarum to Rahitapurum	...	10,000 10,000
Total ..	...	... 28,000

3. I request the Board's orders on the subject.

Enclosure No. 1.

From Major J. F. FISCHER, R.E., Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Collector of the Godavery District, dated Dowlaishweram, 8th May 1871, No. 388.

I have the honour to bring to your consideration the advisability of at once metalling the road from Bhimaveram Lock to Cocanada, the estimate for which is Rs. 17,000.

2. The traffic on this road, 7 miles in length, is very heavy indeed, and is now cutting it up into nothing but dust, as it has only had a coating of gravelling laid on it, and though this has been renewed frequently as required, it is quite evident from the condition of the road that far harder material is required to be put on now to stand the wear and tear of the heavy traffic, particularly as this will no doubt be much increased as soon as the Samalcotta and Bendapudy road is completed.

3. If you approve of this measure I trust you will be good enough to sanction the work being proceeded with at once, as the material should be prepared now, to be put on as soon as the rains set in, and we have plenty of money in hand in the Local Funds.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 11th July 1871.

From the Collector of the Godavery District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 22nd May 1871, No. 178.

In continuation of my letter to the Board, dated 13th instant, No. 169, I have the honour to forward an estimate for Rs. 17,000, as sent to me by the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, for metalling the road from Bhimaveram Lock to Cocanada, and request sanction.

2. This is a portion of the road from Jaggampeta to Cocanada, *via* Samalcotta, and classed as an Imperial line—*vide* paragraph 9 of the Government Order No. 2,331 of 11th November 1868.

3. As it is of the utmost importance that the above portion of the road which runs into Cocanada should be metalled, I request that sanction may be obtained for its being retransferred to the Local List, so that the required funds to carry out the work may be provided from the source pointed out in my letter above referred to.

4. Major Fischer adds that if the transfer be not sanctioned as he proposes, he requests that sanction may be granted for the same from Provincial Funds as the road has been very much destroyed by traffic.

Enclosure No. 1.—Estimate.

The estimate for metalling the road from Bhimaveram to Cocanada, 7 miles long, amounting to Rs. 17,000, is submitted for the sanction of Government.

2. Both the Superintending Engineer and the Collector state that the metalling is very necessary to stand the wear and tear of the present heavy traffic passing over the road, which they expect will be much increased.

3. The Collector will enter the work in the revised Road Fund Budget for the current official year, called for in paragraph 11 of the Government Order, Financial Department, dated 7th June 1871, No. 216.

No. 106. Order thereon, 11th July 1871, No. 1,190.

Miscellaneous. Sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Ed. F. R. Bentleman.

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G.O. No. 1 dated 3rd June 1871 — 1 Encl.

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No. 2,541.

Road—from Bhimavaram to Cocanada in Godavery District,—Estimate, amounting to Rupees 17,000 for metalling, submitted for sanction of Government.—Collector directed to enter this work in Revised Road Fund Budget for 1871-72, called for in G. O. No. 216 of 1871.

11th July 71

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with one enclosure,

" the Collector of the Godavery District.
" the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
" the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Acting Secretary.

Extd. G. A. Turton.