No. 119. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th June 1871, No. 2,578 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of South Canara, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kudre mukh, 10th May 1871, No. 597.

I HAVE the honour to submit for sanction a revised estimate, amounting to Rs. 4,200, for tracing a line of road to connect Subramanya with trunk road No. II., which formed Item No. 133 of the District Road Fund Budget for 1870-71. The amount of the present estimate is in excess of that sanctioned in G. O.,* 23rd August 1870, No. 1,302, by Rs. 900. The necessity for the increased estimate is explained by the accompanying copy of a letter from the Range Officer, from which the Board will perceive that in carrying out the trace difficult ground was met with which necessitated heavy cuttings. The present estimate provides for completing the trace clear of all obstructions.

* Board's, 5th September 1870.

2. Rs. 2,566 out of the amount of the present estimate was expended up to the end of the past official year, and the work being in progress I propose, under the Board's Standing Circular No. XXV. of 1868, to provide the balance required in my Supplemental Budget, the work being entered in the list of incomplete works which will shortly be submitted to the Board.

3. As the trace is now being used for bullock-traffic, and as it is very advisable in our damp climate to protect the work from the effects of the monsoon, I have the honour to request that the Board will sanction the second estimate herewith submitted, and amounting to Rs. 700, for making check-drains and carrying out ordinary repairs to the trace. The amount of the first item is large, but a corresponding decrease will be made in the cost of widening the trace, for which an allotment† has been made in the Local Fund Budget of the current year.

† Item No. 149.

4. As the estimate for minor repairs to the trace is required to prevent the new work being damaged, the amount should, I conceive, be properly charged to the allotment for widening; and as the check-drains would also have ordinarily formed part of the work of widening the road, I beg to recommend that the amount of this estimate be charged to the allotment above adverted to.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Mr. V. M. FERNANDEZ, Sub-Engineer, Public Works Department, to the Acting Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, dated Condapoor, 8th April 1871, No. 3.

ON a calculation that was made by me in February last of the work done up to the end of that month on the new line of road from Jalsoor to Subramanya, Budget Item No. 29 of 1870-71, I concluded that the rate of Rs. 110 allowed for opening a mile of bridle-path was hardly sufficient enough for working it out clear of all obstructions, such as removal of rocks and heavy cuttings

through necks of hills and saddles, and reported the result in my diary for the said month. I beg now to submit a revised estimate drawn up by me with all possible accuracy on account of the said road, and request that you will be pleased to obtain an early sanction for the same, and to provide me at the same time with funds to enable me to complete the said road before the next monsoon sets in.

2. Of the whole length of the aforesaid road which is calculated to be 30 miles, 17 miles having been opened out to bridle-path up to the end of the past official year at a cost of Rs. 2,566, about 13 miles more remain yet to be opened out, and Rs. 1,634, which is the balance of the revised estimate now submitted, is required to be provided for for its completion during the current official year.

3. The current year's budget in its Part II. contains an allotment of Rs. 2,230 made in it for the road under reference under the head of Minor New Works, and on the strength of this provision I have permitted the work to be continued uninterruptedly during the current year, as in the event of its having had to be stopped temporarily, it would have been quite impossible to resume it in consequence of the fever that has already broken out amongst the workmen and the Superintendents, as well as in consequence of the difficulty that would follow in procuring labour after the cultivation is commenced in the villages.

4. I beg further to state that this road, immediately each bit of it is opened out to bridle-path, has already been commenced to be used by pack-bullocks of the neighbouring villages with local traffic down to Pane-Mangalore and up to Coorg, and it would be a great pity if it be neglected till it is finally widened, as portions of it which run along the hill-sides are most likely to be washed away during the monsoon, and consequently such portions would be very difficult for use after the end of it. I beg therefore to submit herewith another estimate for its maintenance during the monsoon, and trust that you will have no objection to the same being sanctioned, as the Item No. 1 in the present estimate which may appear to be too large will not appear in the estimate that will have to be submitted hereafter for widening the road.

Enclosures Nos. 2 and 3.—Estimates.

With the foregoing letter the Acting Collector submits for sanction the following estimates:—

		Rs.
(1.)	Tracing a line to connect Subramanya with trunk road No. 2. Revised estimate	4,200
(2.)	Making check-drains and carrying out ordinary repairs to the above	700

2. The Board sanction the estimate for the second work, amounting to Rs. 700, the charge being debited to the allotment of Rs. 2,230 for Item No. 149 in Part I. of the current year's budget.

3. The revised estimate of Rs. 4,200 for the first work is submitted for the sanction of Government. It is in excess of the original one* by Rs. 900, which is stated to be owing to the insufficiency of the rate per mile provided at first. The Board note that the work is to be entered in the list of incomplete works to be submitted to them shortly.

* For Rs. 3,300, sanctioned in G. O., R. D., dated 23rd August 1870, No. 1,302.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12th July 1871.

No. 120. Order thereon, 12th July 1871, No. 1,197.

Miscellaneous.	Sanctioned.

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Road—to connect Subramanya with trunk road No II. in South Canara District,—Revised estimate of Rupees 4,200 for tracing a line of, submitted for sanction of Government.—Estimate of Rupees 700 for making check drains and carrying out ordinary repairs to this road, sanctioned.

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