

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
27th July 1871.*

No. 365. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th July 1871, No. 2,786 :—

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of Tanjore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Negapatam, 3rd June 1871, No. 168.

I HAVE the honour to submit for the sanction of the Board and Government the following two estimates :—

I.—Metalling road No. XV. from Needamangalam to Combaconum, 13 miles and 1,040 yards. Estimate Rupees 1,06,600.

II.—Repairing and improving road No. XXXV. from Tritrapundi to Trivalore 16 miles and 1,473 yards. Estimate, Rupees 16,740.

2. The first-mentioned work is entered in the sanctioned budget of the Local Funds for 1871-72 as No. 109, with an allotment of Rupees 35,110. This amount is considered to be sufficient for expenditure during the current year.

3. The other estimate provides for improving road No. XXXV. between Tritrapundi and Trivalore. This road, which branches from Ferallem on road No. XXX. (between Mayaveram to Nagore), goes to Tritrapundi *via* Trivalore, tapping a very rich portion of the district; but owing to the difficulty experienced in procuring good material, the same has always been in a state far from satisfactory, especially in the rainy weather. The present estimate provides, as shown above, for reforming a portion of it, and also to allow of its being eventually metalled with laterite brought from Tanjore.

4. This estimate is not entered in the budget, but I beg that, should the same receive the sanction of Government, the Board will allot Rupees 6,740 for expenditure during the current year from the Road Fund Reserve, as Captain Oakes considers that he cannot expend more.

5. I enclose the Superintending Engineer's report which accompanied the aforesaid estimates.

ENCLOSURE No. I.

From the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Collector of Tanjore, dated 29th May 1871, No. 208.

I HAVE the honour to enclose the estimates noted in the margin for the sanction of the Revenue Board. Roads Nos. IV. (from Tanjore to Trivadi), XXXIX. (from Satiamangalam to Papanassem), and XV. (from Needamangalam to Manargudi), have already been metalled, and

No. XVII. from Kordacherry to Kodavassal is now being metalled. While No. XV. north of

* Estimate, Rupees 6,770.
Government Order, No. 179, dated 30th September 1870,
Public Works Department.

† No. 160.

Needamangalam to Combaconum is now being prepared* to receive metal, and as Rs. 35,110 have been allotted in the budget of 1871-72 for metalling this road, I now submit the estimate

for metalling it, for, though the road will probably not be ready to receive the metal till January next, large quantities of gravel must be collected before special trains can be run daily for a year: 299 special trains will be required to convey the gravel. The length of the line to be metalled is 13 miles and 1,040 yards, and the amount of the estimate is Rupees 1,06,600. The allotment of Rupees 35,100 will probably be sufficient for expenditure in 1871-72.

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2. The next road, it is proposed to metal, is that from Trivalore to Tritrapundi. Its length is 16 miles and 1,473 yards. The enclosed estimate of Rupees 16,740 provides for improving the road and for preparing it to receive metal. Portions of this road are very low; it is necessary that the road-embankment should be nowhere less than 4 yard above the irrigated land through which the road passes. The estimate provides for raising the road for providing proper side slopes and for the repair of the masonry works (77) for providing them with splay wings where necessary and for reconstructing six road-tunnels. Though the road will not be metalled probably till 1873, the estimate for preparing it for metal is now submitted, in order that the embankment where raised may have time to settle, and as the greater part of the line runs through wet cultivation, it will not be possible to do much towards the improvement of the road till early in 1872; it is proposed therefore that only Rs. 6,740 should be allotted in 1871-72 for the work the estimate-amount being Rs. 16,740 divided as follows:—

	Rs.
Earth-work and sanding...	14,300
Masonry work, new ...	1,089
Do. do. repairs ...	1,351
Total...	16,740

Funds may at once be provided for this work from the balance of Rs. 72,191 available at the end of 1870-71, as shown in paragraph 3 of No. 206, dated 29th May 1871.

Enclosures.

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| 1. Abstract estimate ... | } For road No. XXXV. |
| 1. Appendix, masonry works ... | |
| 1. Plan of do. ... | |
| 1. { Memorandum of cost of conveying gravel from Railway station at Needamangalam ... | } For road No. XV. |
| 1. { Memorandum showing cost of one cubic yard of gravel ... | |
| 1. Abstract estimate ... | |

Enclosures Nos. 2 and 3.—Abstract Estimates.

Enclosure No. 4.—Appendix of the cost of repairing and improving masonry works.

ENCLOSURE No. 5.—Plan.

ENCLOSURE No. 6.—Memorandum.

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| 1. Metalling road No. XV. from Needamangalam to Combaconum, length 13 miles and 1,040 yards ... | 1,06,600 | THE Board resolve to submit for the sanction of Government the estimates noted in the margin. |
| 2. Improving road No. XXXV. from Tritrapundi to Trivalore to render it fit for metalling, length 16 miles and 1,473 yards ... | 16,740 | |
2. The estimates comprise the following items:—

Items.	Number 1.	Number 2.
	Rs.	Rs.
1. Earth-work ...		5,441
2. Metalling ...	1,00,473	
3. Sund ...	2,149	7,117
4. Turfing ...		1,058
5. Repairing and reconstructing masonry works ...		2,440
6. Sundries and contingencies ...	3,972	684
Total...	1,06,600	16,740

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3. An estimate, amounting to Rupees 9,770, was sanctioned in Government Order, Revenue Department, dated 21st September 1870, No. 1,483, to improve the first-named line before the metal can be put on.

4. The metalling work is provided for in Part I.* of the current year's Road Fund Budget.

5. The second road is proposed to be improved and prepared for receiving metal. It branches off from Perallem on the road between Mayaveram and Nagore, and goes to Tritrapundy *via* Trivalore, tapping a very rich portion of the district.

6. As the work is not entered in the budget the Collector proposes an allotment of Rupees 6,740, which the Board will be prepared to authorize on the receipt of the sanction of Government to the estimate.

No. 366.

ORDER THEREON, 27th July 1871, No. 1,320.

Miscellaneous.

THE estimates are sanctioned.

2. The question of the provision of funds is for the consideration of the Local Fund Board.

(True Extract.)

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To the Board of Revenue.
.. the Public Works Department.
.. the President of the Local Fund Board, Tanjore District.

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