

line is nearly 24 miles long. The branch road from Dugarazapatam to the salt-platform is not yet completed. It was commenced in 1867. The Salt Deputy-Collector reports as follows:—"No progress has been made during the year. The work already done is suffering from having been neglected so long. It requires metalling, and also to have masonry works completed." The road is important as communicating with the salt-station, and as opening the country up to the East Coast Canal. Sums of Rs. 2,300 for the branch, and Rs. 1,440 for the main road, have been provided in the Local Fund Budget for the current year.

6. No. 3, Road from trunk road at Tada to Backwater.—This road, as stated in former annual reports, is of no use to the Salt Department. It is chiefly used for carting firewood for export at Tada Port. Another line has been sanctioned, (*vide* paragraph 11).

7. No. 4, Kistnapatam to Nellore.—This road is in fair order. Application has been made for the cost of metalling two additional miles in the current year from the District Road Fund. The maintenance allowance must be raised also from next year at all events. Rs. 900 were spent on its repair during 1870-71.

8. No. 5, Isakapalli to Allur.—This is in very good condition. A sum of Rs. 600 was spent on its maintenance. A like sum has been provided for it in the Local Fund Budget List for 1871-72.

9. No. 6, Road from Singarayakonda to Ullapalem.—This road is in good order. A sum of Rs. 550 was spent during the year for its up-keep. For completing it to the beach Rs. 250 were sanctioned in Board's Proceedings, 14th April last, No. 1,552. A sum of Rs. 550 has been provided in the Local Fund Budget for 1871-72 for its maintenance.

10. No. 7, Kottapatam to Ongole.—The Salt Deputy-Collector reports on this road as follows:—

"The line is falling into ruts. * * * I passed over the line up to the beach. Gravel has been, and is being, carted. It requires metalling throughout the line. There is no sign of any road between the Passengers' Choultry and the Custom-house at the beach. No mile-stones are to be seen all along the road."

I saw this road in January, and Mr. Hughesdon told me it was in better order than in the previous year. In the now virtually amalgamated original Imperial and Local Fund Budget an allotment of Rs. 8,500 has been sanctioned for expenditure on it in this year, and this ought to make a good road of it.

11. Of the other roads the following have been sanctioned, and they can be taken up as soon as allotments are provided. I shall address a separate communication to the Board on this subject:—

Estimate passed.

RS.

29,800	Government Order, 6th February 1871, No. 356, Koppol to Birumgunta.
5,000	Government Order, 11th January 1871, No. 73, road from Bodilingampadu on trunk road No. VI. to Tada platform.
2,300	Government Order, 8th February 1871, No. 257, road from Isakapalli to the salt-platform.

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No. 152. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st August 1871, No. 3,201 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Nellore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 28th June 1871, No. 1,207.

As required in the Board's Standing Order No. LXXXV. of the 16th November 1868 I have the honour to report on the progress made in improving the salt-roads in this district during 1870-71.

2. The expenditure during the year on the salt-roads was as follows :—

1st.—Dugarazapatam road.			
Constructing a culvert at the 24th mile	...	...	RS. A. P.
Maintenance of the road	...	...	225 0 0
			1,140 0 0
			1,365 0 0
2nd.—Kistnapatam Salt-road.			
Repairs	...	...	900 0 0
3rd.—Allur to Isakapalli road.			
Repairs	...	...	600 0 0
4th.—Singarayakonda to Ullapalem.			
Repairs	...	...	549 15 8
Total...			
			3,414 15 8

3. No new roads were undertaken during the year. Of the several lines included in the list of salt-communications, given in Proceedings of Board dated 3rd October 1868, No. 6,990, the following are the only roads fully or partially made :—

1. Road from Sunnapugunta to trunk road No. VI.
2. Dugarazapatam to trunk road, inclusive of a road from Dugarazapatam to salt-platforms.
3. Road from trunk road No. VI. at Tada to the backwater near the Salt Kotar.
4. Kistnapatam to Nellore.
5. Isakapalli to Allur.
6. Ullapalem to trunk road No. VI. at Singarayakonda.
7. Kottapatam to Ongole.

4. Road from Sunnapugunta to trunk road No. VI.—The road No. 1 was undertaken in the Madras District and left incomplete. From neglect during the past two years it is reported to have become almost impassable and useless. There appear to have been four breaches made in the road, which have not been filled in; both earth-work and metalling are sadly wanted. The road was commenced in 1868, and has not been finished, very likely from want of funds. The result is that the whole line requires to be put into an efficient state. It is the only approach to Sunnapugunta from the trunk road, and it stands in need of early attention from the Public Works Department of the Madras District.

5. No. 2, Dugarazapatam to trunk road.—On this road Rs. 1,365 were spent during the year, namely, 225 Rs. for a culvert and 1,140 for maintenance. The

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12. As to the road from Kistnapatam to Ramdoss Choultry, entered in the list of Salt-roads: this has been abandoned, and the road from Survepalli to Mutukur has been proposed in its stead and sanctioned in Government Order (Local Funds), No. 766, dated 1st May 1871. For the road entered in the list from Kanuparti via Raperla to Nagalapulapad, I observe the Board, in paragraph 3 of their Proceedings of 7th May 1869, No. 3,081, directed that no estimate should be prepared, and from paragraph 6 of the same Proceedings infer that is to be made from Devarampad to the trunk road.

13. The only two roads in the list remaining unnoticed are those from Tummalapenta to the trunk road at Kavali, and a branch from the Binginipalli platform either to Ullapalem or to the trunk road at Singarayakonda. I do not know of any estimates having yet been furnished for either of these lines. I shall look further into the matter at once without delaying this report.

SUBMITTED to Government in the Public Works Department, in accordance with the Orders of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 2nd October 1865, No. 2,379, paragraph 53.

No. 153. ORDER THEREON, 17th August 1871, No. 1,400.

Separate Revenue, No. 11.
Salt.

THE Collector will bear the requirements of these roads in mind in preparing his local budget-estimate.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

A. DE C. SCOTT, Captain, R.E.,
Under Secy., P.W.D.,
for Secy. to Govt.

To the Board of Revenue.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

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Per 1870-71

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The salt bill has been the subject of much discussion in the Board in which it has been decided to refer the same to the Committee on the subject of the salt trade.

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PROCEEDINGS, 1ST AUGUST 1871, No. 3,201.

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