

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th September 1871.*

No. 77. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th August 1871, No. 3,454 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Tinnevely, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 11th July 1871, No. 295.

I HAVE the honour to report on the condition of the salt-roads in this district.

1. VYPAR.—Commencing from the north at the Vypar pans there are a few miles of made-road leading up to the ford near the village of Vypar, but nothing beyond this, and laden carts have much difficulty in proceeding further in any direction. In my scheme for district roads, submitted in June 1868, the line from Vypar to Sattur, a distance of 34 miles, was estimated to cost 51,000 Rs., and to be completed in 1875-76. In Board's Proceedings No. 7,301, dated 12th October 1868, sanctioning the main part of my scheme, the cost of this road was made an Imperial charge, but no allotment has been made for it up to date.

When the railway is opened there will be a station at Satur, and an immense impetus will then be given to the sale of salt at Vypar; the necessity for a road connecting these places is therefore urgent, and I am in communication with the Superintending Engineer on the subject. As all roads are now transferred to Local Funds, an allotment will be made for this line in the Local Funds Budget for this year. The few miles that were made prior to 1868 are in fair order, and a sum of 1,830 Rs. has been entered in the Salt Works Budget for the improvement of this section this year.

2. ARASADI.—The road connecting the pans with the cotton-road is in good order, and 1,580 Rs. are allowed for its improvement this year.

3. TUTICORIN.—The road from the town to the pans has long since been rendered useless by the destruction of a timber-bridge over a deep salt creek; these pans being approachable by sea were reserved for export only, but the stock of salt at Arasadi was exhausted early this year, and sales for inland consumption are now going on at the Tuticorin pans. I have had a platform boat prepared for the service of coolies carrying head-loads over the mouth of the creek close to the town, and we shall dispose of much of the stock in hand before the end of the year.

When the railway plans are submitted I conclude that two branch lines to the Arasadi and Tuticorin pans respectively will form a part of the project.

4. COILPATNAM.—There is a good branch road from the main line at Nallur, leading direct to these pans, and on this 4,000 Rs. are to be spent in improvements this year.

5. KUTANGULI AND VIZIAPATI.—The road connecting these pans is in good order, and 1,000 Rs. are to be spent on its up-keep this year. Another road from Viziapati to Valliur is important, and some 12 miles have yet to be made. I am in communication with the Superintending Engineer on this subject, and as there is an allotment of 9,000 Rs. in the Budget, I hope to see this road finished this year.

SUBMITTED to Government, with reference to their Proceedings in the Revenue Department, dated 2nd October 1865, No. 2,379.

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No. 78. ORDER THEREON, 6th September 1871, No. 1,545.

Separate Revenue, No. 4.

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Public Works.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
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