

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th March 1871.*

No. 172. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th February 1871, No. 598:—

In paragraph 21 of their Order, dated 21st December 1870, No. 2,089, the Government sanction the allotments noted in the margin for Petty Construction and Repairs for 1871-72, and request an explanation of the increased grants now applied for under the first two heads, compared with the allotments for

the year 1870-71, namely, Rs 2,000, under each.

2. The Collectors' original requirements for 1870-71 were Rs. 7,375 for Land-revenue and Rs. 8,700 for Customs, but the Government sanctioned only Rs. 2,000 under each head. This reduction caused much inconvenience, and the execution of several works had to be postponed.

3. The Board will proceed to notice the requirements of the coming year 1871-72.

4. LAND-REVENUE.—The Collectors' estimates under Land-revenue amount to Rs. 8,193. This excludes the cost of Neiranekum establishments hitherto

provided for under this head, but G. O., 23rd August 1870, No. 1,311, recently ordered to be included in the Imperial Public Works Budget. The Government have sanctioned Rs. 8,000, or Rs. 193 less than the Collectors' requirements.

5. In the lists received from Tanjore and Trichinopoly a sum of Rs. 100 in each is provided for Petty Repairs without defining the nature of the works. This has been, therefore, expunged in the distribution of the grant, and 7 Rs. has been added in South Canara to the allotment of Rs. 200 "for sundry repairs to Revenue buildings." This grant provides for the following items:—

	RS.
Erection and repair of pandals	1,576
Construction of retiring rooms for Collectors, etc., in South Canara	1,200
Repairing Revenue buildings	4,644
Repairing a road in the compound of Collector's Cutcherry in Kistna	490
Other petty items	90
	8,000

6. CUSTOMS.—The Collectors' estimates under Customs amount to Rs. 11,993; this has been slightly raised to make up the round sum, namely, Rs. 12,000, allotted by Government. The component items are detailed below:—

	RS.
Construction of sheds	923
Construction of watching station	3,360
Construction and repair of Police Constables' huts	6,970
Repairs to office buildings	691
Erection and repair of pandals	50
	12,000

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The provision for Police huts includes a sum of Rs. 3,220 provided for the first time on account of huts along the Karkai frontier, with reference to Government Order, dated 30th June and 5th October 1870, Nos. 1,501 and 1,509. This will account for a portion of the increase. The rest of it is necessitated by the large reduction made by Government in the grants for 1870-71. The longer repairs are postponed the more they cost.

7. SALT.—Besides the grant of a sum of Rs. for salt works under Petty Construction and Repairs, the Government have added 70,000 Rs. to the salt contingencies for such works as more closely appertain to the manufacture and storing of salt. Thus the aggregate grant allotted by Government for salt works is Rs. 1,70,000.

8. The Collectors' estimates amount to Rs. 2,31,966, namely, Rs. 1,78,795 for original works and Rs. 53,171 for repairs, and are thus Rs. 61,966 in excess of the grant.

9. A separate memorandum accompanies these Proceedings, exhibiting the items of works that have been expunged from the Collectors' lists in order to effect a reduction of Rs. 61,966.

10. A large sum of Rs. 14,000 is entered in the Vizagapatam list as compensation for land taken up for Salt pans at Bimlipatam, and the Collector explains that this has been due to the Maharajah of Vizianagram to whom the land belongs since 1860-61. This being an extraordinary item should and can be met from general savings under Salt; its admission into the present list would keep many urgent works.

	RS.	
Chingleput.—For placing a bund across the back-water near Kalangi	1,800	11. The works noted in the margin have also been struck out, as their execution in the current year has been sanctioned.
Excavating a Boat Channel at Vadasamunjeri...	5,000	12. The works which the Board have been able to provide for with the grant (Rs. 1,00,000), sanctioned by Government, are detailed in the accompanying general list A.
South Arcot.—Repairing the compound wall of the Salt Depôt at Cuddalore (old town).	350	
Tanjore.—Repairing 17 Police huts near Papacoi at Negapatam.	338	

13. A separate list (B.) of works provided for under Salt Contingencies from the grant of Rs. 70,000, sanctioned under that head, also accompanies these Proceedings.

14. The annexed is an abstract of the items provided for either under Petty Construction and Repairs or under Salt Contingencies as per above lists:—

	Original. RS.	Repairs. RS.
Roads	23,993	10,250
Bridges, tunnels, and sluices	8,212	350
For new platforms and for improvement to the existing ones	33,059	7,078
Excavating and deepening channels	44,420	4,962
New Cutcheries for Superintendent, etc., and improvements for the same	4,550	1,525

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	Original. RS.	Repairs. RS.
Police huts, watch towers, and watching pandals	12,613	709
Sheds for traders, etc.	360	220
Wells	233	686
Ferry boats	3,600	...
Approaches from roads leading to platforms in Tanjore	...	1,710
Salt pans	...	5,690
Establishment for watering and rearing avenues on salt roads in Vizagapatam and maintaining tope plantation in Tanjore	...	1,120
Removing accumulation of sand in spontaneous salt beds in Tanjore	...	1,000
Monsoon repairs in Tinnevely, South Canara, and Malabar	...	3,600
	1,31,100	38,900
	1,70,000	

15. The total allotment under all heads of Revenue on account of Petty Construction and Repairs (exclusively of 70,000 Rs. sanctioned under Salt Contingencies) will then stand as follows:—

	Land-revenue.	Customs.	Salt.
	RS.	RS.	
Original Works	2,246		
Repairs	5,754		
		8,000	
Original Works	10,484		
Repairs	1,516		
		12,000	
Original Works	73,796		
Repairs	26,204		
		1,00,000	
Total...		1,20,000	

16. With regard to the observation of Government in paragraph 14 of Government Order, dated 21st December 1870, No. 2,089, the Board have to state that they found it exceedingly difficult last year to select and arrange the several items in the Collectors' lists in such a manner as to bring the expenditure under Petty Construction and Repairs and Salt Contingencies exactly within the sanctioned allotments under each of those heads. Moreover, they were not sure that the principle of charging a portion of the allotment for Petty Construction and Repairs to Salt Contingencies would be followed in future Budgets. Hence they abstained from drawing the distinction in their Budget for 1871-72. In drawing

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up the present list the same difficulty has been experienced, and the Board have found it impossible to classify the items strictly correctly under the two heads, without exceeding or falling short of the sanctioned allotments under each. The Board will now issue instructions to Collectors defining exactly what items should appear under each head, and pointing out that the items should be distinguished into such as are of an urgent nature, and such as may be postponed if necessary. The Board with such lists before them will be in a position to carry out more satisfactorily any reduction of the grant which may be ordered by Government when they review the Budget.

17. For repairing Tappal huts the Collectors of Salem, South Canara, and Malabar, have asked for grants of Rs. 40, 100 and 200, but there are no funds from which they can be provided, and the requisite expenditure must be met from savings in the grant for District Postal Establishments.

18. The Board note that the following Imperial Salt works appear in the Public Works Budget of 1871-72:—

<i>Original Works.</i>	<i>Allotment. Rs.</i>
Nellore.—Road from Dugarajapatam to Salt Store-yard.	2,300
Chingleput.—Road from Cheyoor to Chotpaukum	2,800
Extension of the Cheyoor Salt Road from Chotpaukum towards Wandewash in the North Arcot District as far as the Madras limits...	4,400
South Arcot.—Road from Pondicherry to the Mercanum Salt pans...	12,000
<i>Repairs.</i>	
Ganjam.—Repairs to Timber bridges on Salt road No. II. from Nowpada via Jagannadapur to Vizagapatam frontier	2,615

No. 173.

ORDER THEREON, 14th March 1871, No. 443.

Miscellaneous.

THE list of works under "Petty Construction and Repairs" for 1871-72, submitted by the Board, is approved, with the exception of the entry of Rs. 1,200 for retiring rooms for Collector, Assistant Collector, and Deputy-Collector in South Canara. Permanent additions to, or alterations of, public buildings should not be made, except through the Public Works Department. It is, however, observed that, in finally disposing of the Budget-estimates, the Government resolved* on reducing the estimates for Petty Construction, etc., under Customs by Rs. 10,000, and, if the reduction is approved by the Supreme Government, the expenditure proposed by the Board must be postponed in great measure, unless it can be provided for from savings or by transfer.

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2. The Board explain in paragraph 16 of their Proceedings the circumstances under which they have been unable on this occasion to classify the works connected with Salt manufacture and storing, and with the approaches to the pans in the sense in which the Budget provision was divided between the two sets of works in paragraphs 14 and 21 of the Proceedings of Government, dated 21st December 1870, No. 2,089. This classification should hereafter be closely adhered to.

3. The road from Chunambet to Madarantakum is entered as a new work on which no expenditure had been made up to date; whereas it is evident from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th September 1870, No. 5,921, recorded in the Proceedings of Government, dated 26th October 1870, No. 1,639, that the greater portion of the estimate has been spent, and that the work is almost, if not entirely, completed. The orders relating to this work are not noted in the "remarks and references" column, and the final orders having reference to many other works are not specified.

4. The Government observe that many of the works struck out from the Collectors' lists are of an urgent character, and should be provided for, keeping other works, not immediately required, in abeyance. The Board will watch the progress of expenditure in 1871-72, and address Government for a supplemental grant should it be found necessary in the interests of the Salt Revenue.

5. The claims of the Maharajah of Vizianagarum for land taken up for Salt pans at Bimlipatam in 1860-61 should be satisfied without further delay.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

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.. the Accountant-General.
.. the Public Works Department.

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No. 443

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 11th March 1871

Read the following letter

Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue.

Printing out requirements
of year 1871/72 for Petty construction
and Repairs and Salt contingencies } (H.L. 8. February 1871 No. 598)

The list of works
under "Petty construction and
Repairs" for 1871/72 submitted
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the exception of the entry of
Rs. 1200 for retiring rooms
for Collector, Assistant Col-
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2 The Board explain in para 10 of their Proceedings, the circumstances under which they have not been able to classify the works connected with salt manu-

facture and storing, and the approaches to the pans in the sense in which the

Budget provision was divided between the two sets of works in paras 14 and 21 of the Proceedings of Government dated 21st December 1870, No. 2089. This classification should hereafter be closely adhered to.

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It is however observed that in finally disposing of the Budget Estimates the Govt. acted on the principle of the estimate for the construction of roads and bridges by Mr. Lloyd and if the estimate is approved by the Govt. the expenditure proposed by the Govt. must be provided for in great measure unless it can be provided for from savings or by loan.

* Vide letter of 24th of 26.71. Comm. of the H. and date 11. Idem.

3 The road from Chumbet to Badarantakum

is entered as a new work whereas it is clear from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 30th September 1870, No. 5921, recorded in the Pro. of Govt. dated 26th October 1870, No. 1639 that the greater portion of the estimate has been spent, and that the work is almost, if not entirely, completed. The orders relating to this work are not noted in the "remarks and references" column, and the final order, having

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in the interests of the
Salt Revenue.
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the *shahajabs* of
Virzianagarum.

Repairing, raising and enlarging
platforms.
Extending, improving and clearing
channels.
Filling up salt pans abolished.
Fencing and protecting pans from
depredations.
Jelly repairs to roads within the
Cotawra.
Monsoon repairs in Larawanthalatam.

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