

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

No. 405. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th March 1871:—

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector, Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Gudivada Taluq, 6th February 1871, No. 374.

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 1,509, dated 15th November 1870, referring to me for report Government Order, dated 14th November 1870, No. 1,758, Revenue Department, I have the honour to forward herewith copy of a letter from the Superintending Engineer, dated 28th January 1871, No. 313.

2. I quite agree with Colonel Moberly as to the importance of the road, which is, in its present state, very difficult for six months, and impassable for one and-a-half or two months of the year. I have lately been over it.

3. There is a large sum in the District Road Fund, which cannot be spent on account of the difficulty experienced by the Department of Public Works in procuring labour. If we are to open out a new port at Ipurpalem, this will be one of the chief feeders. I have lately received a communication from the Agents of the B. I. S. N. Company as to the desirability of recognizing a new occasional port of call for the steamers in this district, so as to save the Guntoor cotton the long journey to Cocanada. The Company's Agents have mentioned Nizampatam. The choice lies between this place, Ipurpalem, or Chinna Ganjam, and I trust that the Marine Engineer, who has lately come out from England, may be able to inspect these ports before long, and give an opinion as to their relative advantages.

4. Most of the roads in this district are mere fair weather roads, impassable in the rains as banks of black mud. Even though the cost be great, I think the more important lines should be at once metalled and gravelled, otherwise the advantage of the roads can be appreciated to a very limited extent. I beg, therefore, to re-submit the plan and estimate for sanction.

5. If this work is now sanctioned, I beg to request, with reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 12th December 1870, No. 7,081, that the sum of Rs. 4,000 may be placed at the disposal of the Department of Public Works for carrying on the work at once.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to the Officiating Collector, Kistna, dated Tettoo, 28th January 1871, No. 313.

In reply to your docket, No. 5,004, dated 30th November 1870, I have the honour to observe that the road from Ponnur to Bapatla is exceedingly difficult for traffic during six months of the year and utterly impassable for one and-a-half to two months, owing to extreme stiffness of the black cotton soil, which wears so badly that the cost of its maintenance, if it were properly done, would be disproportionate to the cost of construction.

2. The average number of carts passing over it is 25 per diem, but as there is during the dry weather little difficulty in crossing the country in any direction, this is not a fair standard. The line is a main feeder for the port of Ipurpalem.

3. From late communications I learn that you have a very large balance in the Local Fund. I see no means of expending it in the district within any reasonable time, and I cannot but suppose that the want of any thorough means of communication tends to discourage the non-labouring

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4. I would, therefore, urge the early sanction of this estimate for the completion of at least this portion of the line to Ipurpalem; the rest is sand, heavy in places, but nothing like so difficult as the part under reference.

SUBMITTED to Government, with reference to their Order of the 11th November 1870, No. 1,753.

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4. On the receipt of the sanction of Government to the estimate now re-submitted, the Board will allot the sum of Rs. 4,000 applied for in paragraph 5 of the Officiating Collector's letter.

No. 406.

ORDER THEREON, 27th March 1871, No. 554.

Local Funds, No. 11.

Civil Works.

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(True Extract.)

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W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

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(H. E. 4 March 1871)

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L.P.D.
Estimate for
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Gobt. of {1871} Madras

REVENUE.

To.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Ac., Ac., Ac.

Dated March 27th.

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G. O., 27th March 1871, No. 554.

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