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W 649. Revenue Dept.

Pros of the Madras Govt

Under date the 5th April 1871.

Read the following
Pros of the Board of Revenue

Requesting to direct
Supy. Engineer to prepare a
complete scheme of local roads
in Bellary District.

H. E. 24th March 1871,
No 1294

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B. A.
J. D. S.

The Govt. observe that
under the new Local Stamp
Act it will be part of the
duty of the Local Board
to select roads for execution.
It seems therefore unnecessary
to call on the Supy. Engineer
for a scheme of District
roads. L. D.

14 For the Revenue Dept
24th March 1871

So. M. H.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th April 1871.*

No. 92. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th March 1871, No. 1,294:—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Bellary, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Raidroog, 23rd February 1871, No. 75.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the Board's official memorandum, No. 191, dated 10th instant. The Proceedings referred to, No. 7,428, dated 14th November 1867, have remained unanswered till now, in consequence of the Superintending Engineer not having furnished any of the information which could only be obtained from him.

2. Many reminders have been sent to him, but to no effect. It appears to me that as matters stand now, this scheme, which would certainly entail great labour, would not be of the same use to the Board as it would have been if it could have been submitted shortly after the receipt of the Proceedings.

3. Year by year a map showing the proposed scheme of local roads is sent with the Road Fund Budget. As estimates are received, they are submitted to the Board, and receive the ready sanction of Government. The estimates already sanctioned have been principally for railway feeders, and there is no doubt that they are the most important roads.

4. The preparation of estimates is necessarily slow work, as the plans have to be drawn out minutely, and every mile of the road traced in accordance with the orders of the Board contained in their Proceedings, No. 5,286, dated 13th August 1870.

5. I therefore respectfully request that the Board will see fit to forego the submission of the scheme.

THE preparation of the complete scheme of local roads is of extreme importance. In no other way can it be secured that the Road Fund shall not be frittered away on desultory undertakings, or on roads which, while convenient for the people in their immediate neighbourhood, are valueless as regards developing the resources of the district.

2. So long as expenditure is limited to railway feeders as it has been lately in Bellary, the want of a well digested scheme is not felt, for railway feeders must form a part of any good scheme; but when they are finished, every new proposal for a road will be open to the questions: First—Does the road fall in with a complete net work of proposed and existing communications? Second—Is that net work suited to the resources of the Road Fund of the district? Third—Is the proposed road the most important part of that net work yet undone?

3. The Board resolve to submit these Proceedings to Government, and to request that the Superintending Engineer may be directed to give early attention to the preparation of a complete scheme of district roads.

Govt. of 1871

REVENUE

THE BOARD OF REVENUE

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At a meeting held on

Monday

1871

at 5th April 1871, No. 649.

APRIL
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Local roads in Bellary District.—It is
of great importance that a well digested scheme
should be submitted to the Board of Revenue
for their consideration, and that the Superintending
Engineer should be directed to give early attention
to the preparation of such a scheme.

No. 92-93

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th April 1871.*

No. 93. ORDER THEREON, 5th April 1871, No. 649.

Local Funds, No. 3.

Civil Works.

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seems, therefore, unnecessary to call on the Superintending Engineer for a scheme of district roads.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue,
,, the Public Works Department.