Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 11*th May* 1871.

No. 137. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd May 1871 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Tinnevelly, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Singampatti, 27th December 1870, No. 642.

THE Local Road Fund Budget for 1871-72, sanctioned by Government in Proceedings, No. 1,692, dated 2nd November 1870, is so capable of improvement in many important particulars that, with the concurrence of the Superintending Engineer, I herewith submit a revised budget, and request that it may be submitted to Government in lieu of that lately sanctioned.

2. In framing a scheme for system of roads in this district, there are three main points to consider, namely :—

I.—That a line of railway is sanctioned to pass through the district, and the stations being already determined on, it is necessary to connect these stations with the neighbouring towns and villages.

II.—That the Zemindars, who contribute individually comparatively large sums towards the Road-cess, have as yet had hardly anything done for them in return for the money they pay.

III.—That a system of village roads or feeders to the lines already existing is quite as essential as the completion of the main lines themselves.

There are only 150 out of 1,600 villages in district connected with any made-road.

3. My revised budget allows for pressing on work on the sanctioned lines of road through Kovilpati, Maniachi, and Tachanellur, all future railway stations, for satisfying the present requirements of the Sevalpatti, Setur, Sivagiri, and Maniachi Zemindars, and for leaving a balance in hand to commence lines already projected through the Utumalai and Singampatti Zemindaries, and to lay out a net-work of cross-roads to connect villages with the main lines of road.

4. The enclosed copies of a letter to the Superintending Engineer and of his answer exhibit the details of my scheme.

THE revised Parts I. and II. of the District Road Fund Budget for 1871-72, which appear to have been carefully prepared by Mr. Puckle with the concurrence of the Superintending Engineer, are submitted for the approval of Government.

2. Part I. contains fifteen items, with a total allotment of Rs. 90,150 ; such as call for remarks will be noticed *seriatim*.

3. *Road from Tiruvanallur to Giriammalpuram.*—The estimated cost of the fourth item is Rs. 1,700, the computed expenditure is *nil*, and the allotment proposed is Rs. 700. It is, however, observed from paragraph 2 of the Acting Collector's letter,* dated 25th November 1869, No. 462, and from the Local Fund Report for 1869-70, that a sum of Rs. 594-11-3 was spent on the work up to 31st March 1870, and that there was nothing spent in 1870-71, as the full allotment in that year's Budget was transferred to some other work. If therefore Rs. 595 is deducted from the estimate, Rs. 1,700, the sum required for the completion of the work is Rs. 1,105, which is entered in lieu of Rs. 700 proposed.

Recorded in Board's Proceedings, 28th March 1870, No. 2,004.

4. *Road from Tinnevelly to Rajahpolliem.*—The allotment for the fifth item is Rs. 5,000 in excess of the sanctioned estimate, but supplemental estimate is promised. The Collector is requested to expedite the submission of estimate, and until it is sanctioned by Government, no portion of the excess allotment can be spent.

5. *Road from Sevalpatti to Kovilpatti.*—The seventh is an unsanctioned work. The Collector states that a road was commenced and partly completed years ago to connect Sevalpatti with Kovilpatti on trunk road No. II., and that the completion of the line is important not only as a railway feeder to the intended station of Kovilpatti, but also in justice to the Sevalpatti Zemindar, as no portion of his contribution to the Road Fund has ever been laid out in his neighbourhood. Under these circumstances, the Board have allowed the item to remain undisturbed, but the Collector will see that an estimate is sent in time to admit of the utilization of the allotment of Rs. 5,000 proposed for the work.

6. The fifteenth or last item is "Miscellaneous Public Improvements," with an allotment of Rs. 2,000. The particulars of work to be executed under this head should be given.

7. Part II. contains thirty-two items, with an aggregate allotment of Rs. 45,720.

8. The thirteenth and seventeenth items being below Rs. 250 in cost ought not to have been shown separately. Their allotment has been added to that of "Petty Repairs."

9. The last item is on account of "Miscellaneous Public Improvements." As in Part I. the particulars of work to be undertaken from this provision are not given. The Board have, however, allowed it, as it will no doubt be necessary for the maintenance of avenues.

10. An abstract of the proposed expenditure is as follows:—

			Rs.
By Public Works Department.	Original Works	...	67,610
	Repairs ...	...	36,720
			1,04,330
By Revenue Department ...	Original Works	...	22,940
	Repairs ...	...	9,000
Add—			
Reserve			17,360
Tools and Plant	P. W. Department	...	1,040
	Revenue do.	...	320
Public Works Executive Range Establishment...		...	6,000
Travelling allowance to Local Fund Overseers		...	1,500
Establishment of Lascars to do. ...		...	360
Do. on account of tolls on roads and bridges			1,200
Do. kept up in the Collector's Office		...	600
Do. do. in the Board's Office ...		...	230
Contingent charges	P. W. Department...	...	200
	Revenue do. ...	...	50
Cost of Public Works supervision		...	10,430
			1,75,560

This sum deducted from the available assets (as per original budget) of Rs. 1,80,300 leaves a surplus balance of Rs. 4,740.

11. The Board resolve to request the sanction of Government to the proposed expenditure of Rs. 1,75,560, in lieu of Rs. 1,79,540 provided in the original budget, which should be considered cancelled.

No. 138. ORDER THEREON, 11th May 1871, No. 827.

Local Funds, No. 6.
Accounts.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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