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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.**Government of Madras.***Revenue.***DEPARTMENT.**

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th January 1871.*

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Grand Total...				10,300	...	...	7,100	7,100	7,400	

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I HAVE the honour to request the instructions of Government on the following point:—

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No. 1 Statement is for the remainder of work executed, only in part, last year, and to be completed this year by this department;

No. 2 is for the maintenance of all the Local Fund roads of the district, and amounts to Rs. 10,300; and,

No. 3 is for new works, amounting to Rs. 29,480, which services he proposes to carry out entirely independent of this department.

2. I have countersigned Nos. 1 and 2 Statements, and have forwarded them to the Board of Revenue with No. 3 Statement unsigned, informing the Board that I have considered it my duty to refer the matter to Government for instructions.

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4. I can truly say that that assistance is neither necessary nor desirable with our present establishment in the Salem District, which, as you are aware, contains, in comparison with other districts, but few irrigation channels and tanks.

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6. With this establishment still in force, to go back to the exploded system of unskilled superintendence, appears to me too ridiculous. To expect a Tahsildar or his peons to build bridges and tunnels and form new roads, while men trained for the work are standing idly by, though available for the service, is surely a most incongruous state of things.

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8. We have in the Department of Public Works a number of skilled, willing, and active subordinates, always moving about their respective ranges and taluqs, and qualified and ready to carry out, as efficiently as may be, any work entrusted to their charge; and to ignore the existence of these and place the execution of new works in the hands of Revenue subordinates, totally ignorant of all technical details of that work, appears to me such a monstrous blunder that I trust that the Government will insist on having their public works carried out by the department that they have raised for that special purpose.

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10. A copy of No. 3 Statement is forwarded for information.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, (Signed) CHARLES. A. ORR, Colonel, R.E.,
31st August 1870. Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

FORWARDED to the Board of Revenue for their observation when submitting the Supplemental Local Fund Budget of the Salem District.

OOTACAMUND, (Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
19th September 1870, Acting Secretary to Govt.

WITH the first of the foregoing letters, the Acting Superintending Engineer submits a list of Incomplete Road Fund works as well as a Supplemental Budget, Parts I. and II., as shown below:—

	By Public Works Department.	By Revenue Department.	Total.
Incomplete works	RS. 3,411	RS.	RS. 3,411
Supplemental Budget... { Part I.		29,480	29,480
{ Part II.		10,300	10,300
Total...	3,411	39,780	43,191

2. The list of incomplete works contains four items with an aggregate allotment of Rs. 3,411. None of these items appear to call for any remark, except the third. The amount of the estimate is given as Rs. 3,500, though that sanctioned in the Government Order, Revenue Department, dated 24th May 1870, No. 768, is only Rs. 2,450, and though in paragraph 2 of his letter, dated 4th April 1870, No. 59, the Collector stated he would enter the latter amount in the present list. The correct sum has now been inserted, and the allotment proposed has in consequence been reduced.

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3. Part I. of the Supplemental Budget contains seventeen unsanctioned works with a total allotment of Rs. 29,480 in favour of the Revenue Department. The Collector states that the Superintending Engineer has been requested to furnish estimates, and promises to submit them as soon as they are received. The Superintending Engineer in his letter recorded at the head of these Proceedings objects to new works being undertaken by the Revenue Department, and has accordingly not countersigned the Budget. The Board resolve to return this document to the Collector, and to request he will, in communication with the Acting Superintending Engineer, arrange for the most important of the works therein enumerated to be included in the revised Budget for 1871-72, called for in the Government Order, Revenue Department, dated 23rd November 1870, No. 1,848.

4. Part II. contains fifteen items with an allotment of Rs. 10,300 in favour of the Revenue Department. Of these, the first three are struck out for the following reasons:—

Item No. 1, Rs. 600. } The Collector has been instructed to request the
Do. „ 2, „ 900. } Acting Superintending Engineer to arrange for their
maintenance from the allotments in the current year's Public Works Budget—*vide*
paragraph 1 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 6th August 1870, No. 5,196.

Item No. 3, Rs. 1,700.—The Board have already sanctioned this allotment from the current year's reserve—*vide* paragraph 2 of their Proceedings quoted above.

5. With the foregoing modifications, the total proposed expenditure amounts to Rs. 10,025, which is sanctioned from the unappropriated balance of the Fund. The Accountant-General is requested to place the sum of Rs. 2,925 at the disposal of the Public Works Department.

In favour of the Revenue Department...	Rs. 7,100
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No. 188. ORDER THEREON, 13th January 1871, No. 91.

Local Funds, No. 7.
Account.

THE Board's proceedings are
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(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Erd F. R. Bantleman.

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Superintd. Engineer's Office, 5th Division,
Camp Saramangalam, 11th August 1870.

From,

Captain R. A. Roberts, R.E.,
Adj. Superintd. Engineer, 5th Division

To,

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Do.	10	...	Repairing Namkul and Trichengode road, 7 miles.	550	...	...	550	550	500	Budget No. 592 of 1870-71.
Collector's Division or No. 1, Salem Range.	11	...	Repairing road from Putragoundenpoliem to Yettapur in Abtur Talook, a mile.	100	...	...	100	100	...	
Sub - Collector's Division or No. 2, Usur Range.	12	...	Repairing road from Denkencottah to Kondocottah, 8 miles.	400	...	...	400	400	...	G. O., R. D., 8th April 1870, No. 461.
Grand Total...				10,300	...	...	7,100	7,100	7,400	

SALEM,
12th July 1870.

(Signed) C. N. POCHIN,
Collector.

(Signed) R. A. ROBERTS, Captain, R.E.,
Actg. Supg. Engr., 5th Division.

From Captain R. A. ROBERTS, R.E., Acting Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Suramungalum, 11th August 1870.

I HAVE the honour to request the instructions of Government on the following point:—

I have received from Mr. Pochin, the Collector of Salem, three Statements prepared by him of Local Fund Road work proposed to be executed during the current year, and which he requests me to countersign and forward to the Board of Revenue for sanction.

No. 1 Statement is for the remainder of work executed, only in part, last year and to be completed this year by this department;

No. 2 is for the maintenance of all the Local Fund Roads of the district and amounts to Rupees 10,300; and

No. 3 is for new works, amounting to Rupees 29,480, which services he proposes to carry out entirely independent of this department.

2. I have countersigned Nos. 1 and 2 Statements, and have forwarded them to the Board of Revenue with No. 3 Statement unsigned, informing the Board that I have considered it my duty to refer the matter to Government for instructions.

3. In Government Order, No. 1,608, dated 15th May 1869, embodying the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 2,464, dated 12th April 1869, it is stated in paragraph 6 of those Proceedings that "the course now followed is in accordance with the Road Fund Rules." Paragraph 8 points out that "the principle on which these Rules are based is the presumption that such work will be best performed by the professional department, and that it is only expedient to call in unprofessional aid when the professional department finds such assistance necessary or desirable."

4. I can truly say that that assistance is neither necessary nor desirable with our present establishment in the Salem District, which, as you are aware, contains, in comparison with other districts, but few irrigation channels and tanks.

5. In former days, when an Engineer Officer, with perhaps one Assistant and a meagre office establishment, had the entire charge of this division, it was impossible for him to execute any work unless special superintendence was provided for the same. Consequently the great bulk of the work in the division had to be executed under the orders of the Tahsildars. The result was too notorious, and indeed such a dismal failure, that Government was induced to raise at a great outlay a special Executive Department.

6. With this establishment still in force, to go back to the exploded system of unskilled superintendence, appears to me too ridiculous. To expect a Tahsildar, or his peons, to build bridges and tunnels, and form new roads, while men trained for the work are standing idly by, though available for the service, is surely a most incongruous state of things.

7. To attempt to introduce all at once into this country the usages and practices of England, the only country in Europe where Municipal Institutions obtain, appears to me to be attempting overmuch. Were there the slightest chance of these institutions really taking root here, we should have to leave the country the very day on which they began to bear fruit. No! it is conceded that India without us would soon be all chaos again. Left to itself it would soon revert to its former chronic state of anarchy, confusion, and wretchedness. And as with the whole, so with each department of the Empire, and especially so with the Department of Public Works. The lower class of natives particularly require constant watching to keep them up to their work; but when looked after by men competent to superintend them, most excellent work can be obtained.

8. We have in the Department of Public Works a number of skilled, willing, and active subordinates, always moving about their respective Ranges and Talooks, and qualified and ready to carry out, as efficiently as may be, any work entrusted to their charge; and to ignore the existence of these and place the execution of new works in the hands of Revenue subordinates, totally

ignorant of all technical details of that work, appears to me such a monstrous blunder, that I trust that the Government will insist on having their public works carried out by the department that they have raised for that special purpose.

9. I have purposely refrained from commenting on the manner in which the maintenance of the Local Fund Roads is carried out in this district, but I may say that the practice would alone warrant, if not compel, me to speak out and resist, as far as lies in my power, the extension of that system to new works.

10. A copy of No. 3 Statement is forwarded for information.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, (Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R.E.,
31st August 1870. Secretary to Govt., P. W. D.

FORWARDED to the Board of Revenue for their observation when submitting the Supplemental Local Fund Budget of the Salem District.

OOTACAMUND, (Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
19th September 1870. Acting Secretary to Govt.

WITH the first of the foregoing letters, the Acting Superintending Engineer submits a list of Incomplete Road Fund works, as well as a Supplemental Budget, Parts I. and II., as shown below:—

	By Public Works De- partment.	By Revenue Depart- ment.	Total.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Incomplete works ...	3,411	...	3,411
Supplemental Budget... { Part I. ...	...	29,480	29,480
{ Part II. ...	...	10,300	10,300
Total...	3,411	39,780	43,191

2. The list of incomplete works contains four items with an aggregate allotment of Rs. 3,411. None of these items appear to call for any remark except the third. The amount of the estimate is given as Rupees 3,500, though that sanctioned in the Government Order, Revenue Department, dated 24th May 1870, No. 763, is only Rupees 2,450, and though in paragraph 2 of his letter, dated 4th April 1870, No. 59, the Collector stated he would enter the latter amount in the present list. The correct sum has now been inserted, and the allotment proposed has in consequence been reduced.

3. Part I. of the Supplemental Budget contains seventeen unsanctioned works with a total allotment of Rupees 29,480 in favour of the Revenue Department. The Collector states that the Superintending Engineer has been requested to furnish estimates and promises to submit them as soon as they are received. The Superintending Engineer in his letter recorded at the head of these Proceedings objects to new works being undertaken by the Revenue Department, and has accordingly not countersigned the Budget. The Board resolve to return this document to the Collector and to request he will, in communication with the Acting Superintending Engineer, arrange for the most important of the works therein enumerated to be included in the revised Budget for 1871-72, called for in the Government Order, Revenue Department, dated 23rd November 1870, No. 1,848.

4. Part II. contains fifteen items with an allotment of Rupees 10,300 in favour of the Revenue Department. Of these, the first three are struck out for the following reasons:—
 Item No. 1, Rupees 600. } The Collector has been instructed to request the Acting
 Do. „ 2, Rupees 900. } Superintending Engineer to arrange for their maintenance
 from the allotments in the current year's Public Works Budget—vide paragraph 1 of the Board's
 Proceedings, dated 6th August 1870, No. 5,196.
 Item No. 3, Rupees 1,700.—The Board have already sanctioned this allotment from the
 current year's reserve—vide paragraph 2 of their Proceedings quoted above.

5. With the foregoing modifications, the
 total proposed expenditure amounts to Rupees
 10,025, which is sanctioned from the unappro-
 priated balance of the Fund. The Accountant-
 General is requested to place the sum of Rupees
 2,925 at the disposal of the Public Works Department.

(True Copies and Extract.)

J. Groe
 Acting Secretary.

To the Collector of Salem,
 with Part I., Supplemental Budget returned.
 „ the Acting Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.
 „ the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
 „ the Accountant-General.
 Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

14. 5. 1871. Revenue Dept. 11.

Supplemental Local Fund Budget—of Salem
 District for 1870-71.—Part I of, returned to
 Collector, with request to arrange for most im-
 portant of works herein enumerated being in-
 cluded in Revised Budget for 1871-72.—Allot-
 ments proposed in Part II of Supplemental Bud-
 get and in list of incomplete works, sanctioned
 with certain exceptions.

Dec 7. 1870.
 No. 7,108.

Received 21st Decemr.

PROCEEDINGS, 11th DECEMBER 1870, No. 7,108.

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