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Government of Madras.
Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. <u>173</u>	Press ~~Mis.~~
Dated <u>26</u> <u>1</u>	18 <u>71</u>

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
26th January 1871.*

No. 357. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th January 1871, No. 59 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Acting Collector of Ganjam, dated Dowlaishweram, 4th November 1870, No. 2,609.

I HAVE the honour to forward herewith, for the sanction of Government, through the Board of Revenue, a revised estimate, etc., amounting in the aggregate to Rs. 1,12,225, together with a comparative statement for completing the Local Fund road from a point on Aska and Soorada line to Soorla platform; and request you will be good enough to cause the additional amount required, namely, Rs. 38,350, to be placed at my disposal at an early date.

2. All the masonry works proposed to be constructed on this line are debitable to Local Funds only.

3. I herein enclose copy of a letter, No. 85, dated 2nd August 1870, received from Mr. Harris, Assistant Engineer in charge No. 2 Range, Ganjam, explaining the circumstances under which the original estimate,* namely, 73,875, has been exceeded.

No. 1,507.

† Per Banghy.

COPY, with its nine enclosures in original, submitted† to the Board of Revenue.

2. Mr. Harris's letter explains the circumstances under which the original estimate of Rs. 73,875, sanctioned in Government Order, No. 2,281, of 29th July 1867, has been exceeded by Rs. 38,350, for which additional sum, the Government are requested to accord their sanction.

MANDASA,
26th November 1870.

(Signed) , G. ELLIS,
Acting Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Assistant Engineer in charge of No. 2 Range, Ganjam, to the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, dated Berhampore, 2nd August 1870, No. 85.

I BEG to forward the survey sections, plans of masonry sketch map, and the estimate for road under construction from a point on the Aska and Soorada line to Soorla platform duly signed by the Collector; the estimate provides for all masonry works required to make the line available to all traffic; the sections on survey shows the work as it stood when the survey was being done; since then the whole of the first eighteen miles from the north downwards, both

- * 1 Survey Plan.
- * 1 Detailed Supplemental Estimate.
- * 1 Detail and Abstract Estimate of Masonry works.
- * 2 Specifications.
- * 1 Comparative Statement.
- * 1 Tabular Statement.
- * 1 Masonry works Plan.
- * 1 Original Estimate.

* Forwarded by banghy.

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masonry works, metalling, and gravelling, has been almost completed; this is in conformity with Captain T. Beckley's instructions, so that, in the event of irrigation works being commenced in that locality, the line will be open and the labour of the locality free. The sections over the line of earth-work were taken after two monsoons had fallen on it and turfing complete; and though you will observe the original estimate only provided for 34 miles 70 yards, whereas the measured distance is 38 miles and 869 yards, the whole of the earth-work has been completed and a saving of Rs. 1,075 effected; this is very satisfactory, and the work was very speedily done, though almost all through Zemindari; and when there are no skilled labourers or artificers. The excess of the estimate over the original is principally on account of masonry works which was not provided for in the original estimate; it was prepared hurriedly during the famine, and Captain Darrah had no time to examine the line himself. I beg to inform you that it would be quite impossible to proceed with the work unless the irrigation sources were properly provided for; and I can assure you that this is no easy task, and cannot be determined without considerable labour and personal examination on the spot. The ryots along the line would offer the most determined opposition to the progress of the work; if this was not done the provision now made will give satisfaction, and will be found perfect so far as drainage and irrigation is concerned, and there is no excess as you will, I trust, be able to ascertain by the survey.

2. Road-dams, I may inform you, are quite impracticable; neither bandies nor springed vehicles can go over them with safety; they are washed away by floods, and the road with such would be worse than the common bandy-track. The Superintending Engineer Colonel Moberly, when he was here condemned them as a dangerous nuisance, and Captain Beckley also; there were some of them on the roads in this range when I came, but I removed them all. I have now commenced work from the south to north, and will complete a further ten miles of the road by the end of the current official year; and if funds be provided, the whole line will be completed in the working season of next official year. I may add for your information that the work, metalling, gravelling, and masonry works done on this road, and being done, is most superior and substantial. There are only three large rivers to be bridged, and these must be done separately, and one stream on the north of the Godahollu and another east of Cheekaty, five in all, and these are easily passed, the beds of them being sandy, but the one east of Cheekaty, and this is insignificant, and I expect may be done with the rest by a bridge of twenty feet span; soon as the road is complete in this locality, I will be better able to determine, and will inform you if it passes through dense jungle.

3. The original estimate received with your memorandum, No. 641, dated 26th May 1870, is also herewith returned.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Survey Book.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Sketch Map.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.—Plan of masonry works.

ENCLOSURE No. 5.—Tabular Statement.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 6 and 7.—Specifications.

ENCLOSURE No. 8.—Abstract Estimate.

ENCLOSURE No. 9.—Comparative Statement.

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THE plans and revised estimate, amounting to Rs. 1,12,225, for constructing the road from a point on the Aska and Soorada line to the Soorla platform, (length 38 miles 3 furlongs and 627 feet) are submitted for the sanction of Government.

2. The estimate is made up of the following items:—

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1. Earth-work	19,148
2. Metalling... ..	25,293
3. Gravelling	19,673
4. Turfing	2,048
5. Clearing jungle	990
6. Breaking up rocks	375
7. Masonry works	31,105
8. Mile-stones... ..	76
9. Compensation	10,144
10. Contingencies	3,373

Total... 1,12,225.

3. The work appears as Item No. 2 in Part I. of the current year's Budget, with an allotment of Rs. 23,930, of which Rs. 5,000 have since been transferred to certain incomplete works.

4. The original estimate, amounting to Rs. 73,875, was sanctioned in the Government Order, Revenue Department, dated 23rd July 1867, No. 1,674. The present estimate is in excess of the original one by Rs. 38,350, or nearly 52 per cent. The excess is mainly owing to the insufficient provision for masonry works, and to the omission of some other items in the original estimate. The items of increase and decrease are clearly shown in the comparative statement accompanying the estimate.

5. It will be observed that no portion of the cost of masonry works included in the estimate is chargeable to Imperial Funds.

6. The Acting Superintending Engineer requests that the excess, Rs. 38,350, may, at an early date, be placed at his disposal so that he may push on the work, but the Acting Collector says nothing about it. Judging from the state of the Road Fund of the district, the Board see no possibility of allotting further funds for expenditure this year, and therefore request the Acting Collector, in communication with the Superintending Engineer, to report upon this point.

No. 358.

ORDER THEREON, 26th January 1871, No. 173.

Separate Revenue, No. 30.
Salt.

THE Government sanction the revised estimate for the Aska and Itchapur road. They infer from the papers that the greater part of the work provided for by the original estimate has been executed.

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2. The Collector will, of course, understand that this sanction conveys no authority for expenditure beyond the sanctioned allotments for the work in the current year.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with eight enclosures.
,, the Public Works Department.
,, the Accountant-General.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 26th January 1871.

Read the following
Proceedings of the Board
of Revenue.

Subgⁿ for sanction plans
and revised estimate amounting to
Rs. 112,225 for construction of road
from a point on Aska & Sorada
line to Sorada platform in Ganjam
District.

(H. B. 16th Jan 71 Rs. 59)

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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Rs. Rs. Rs.

Dated January 26th.

For.

Recd.

G. O., 26th January 1871, No. 173.

JANUARY.

NOS. 357-358.

Aska and Itchapur road — Revised estimate
for its construction, sanctioned.

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No 357

Chas. Martin