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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 16th November 1872.

Read the following letter from G. VANSAGNEW, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 6th October 1872, No. 2,349 :—

As required in the Board's Standing Order No. LXXXV. of the 16th November 1865, I have the honour to submit the annual report on the progress made in improving the salt-roads in this district during the official year 1871-72, and on the actual condition of the salt-lines according to the old classification :—

	Expenditure. RS.	A.	P.
(1.) *Nellore and Kistnapatam Road—Allotment, Rupees* 8,300.—Metalling the 12th and 13th miles	7,293	14	8
(2.) *Gudur and Dugarazapatam Road—Allotment, Rupees* 2,300.—Completion of the branch to the salt-platform at Dugarazapatam	2,296	14	10
(3.) *Road from Koppolu to Biramgunta—Allotment, Rupees* 8,000.—From Koppolu on the Ongole and Kottapatam road to the Vinayakuni salt-platform	22	1	8
(4.) *Road from Singaroyakonda to the sea-side at Ullapalem—Allotment, Rupees* 250.—From the trunk road to the salt-stores of Pakala	224	15	9
(5.) *From Allur to Isakapalli (6 miles)—Allotment, Rupees* 600.—Repairs completed	600	0	0
Total...	10,437	14	11

showing an excess over the previous year's expenditure of Rupees 7,022-15-3.

2. No new roads were undertaken during the year. Of the several lines included in the list of so-called salt-communications, published in the Board's Proceedings dated 3rd October 1868, No. 6,990, the following are the only roads fully or partially constructed :—

(1.) *Road from Kottapatam to Ongole—Expenditure, Rupees* 4,696-4-10.—This portion of the road from Kottapatam to Cumbum in Kurnool has been metalled, and is almost completed ; so that its present condition is a great improvement on that described in my last report. The work was commenced only in 1870-71,

and the amount expended still falls short of the budget allotment by Rupees 3,803. This road is entered as an incomplete work, and provided for in the Local Fund Budget for 1872-73.

(2.) *Kistnapatam to Nellore—Expenditure, Rupees* 7,293-14-8.—The whole quantity of the gravel required for this road (12th and 13th miles) had been carted, and the work was progressing to completion. Rupees 1,006 have been provided in the current year's Local Fund Budget in which this road is entered as an incomplete work.

(3.) *Koppolu to Biramgunta—Expenditure, Rupees* 22-1-8.—Little or nothing was done towards the construction of this much-desired road. The lines had only been marked out, but the collection of materials and earth-work was in progress. Rupees 7,978 are provided in the current year's Local Fund Budget in which this road appears as an incomplete work.

(4.) *Dugarazapatam to Salt-platform—Expenditure, Rupees* 2,296-14-10.—This branch was completed.

(5.) *Singaroyakonda to Ullapalem—Expenditure, Rupees* 224-15-9.—This road was also completed.

(6.) *Isakapalli to Allur—Expenditure, Rupees* 600.—This road had been under repairs, which were completed.

(7.) *Dugarazapatam to Trunk Road No. VI.—Expenditure, Rupees* 1,987-13-5.—The allotment sanctioned for the repairs of this road, including the amount sanctioned in G. O. No. 648, dated 18th November 1871, was Rupees 2,000, of which sum Rupees 1,987 were expended and the work completed.

3. The road from Kistnapatam to Ramdoss Chuttrum, entered in the list of salt-roads, having been abandoned, the road from Survapalli to Muttukur was proposed in lieu, which was sanctioned in G. O. (Local Funds) No. 766, dated 1st May 1871, and the portion to Survapalli (5 miles) was completed.

4. Referring to the two roads alluded to in paragraph 13 of my last report, namely, from Tummalapenta to the trunk road at Kavali, and the branch road from the Binginipalli salt-platform to Ullapalem, I regret to state that nothing has yet been done.

For the former an estimate was first called in 1868; but as in the interim the question of abolishing Tummalapenta was raised, the preparation of the estimate was deferred. Subsequently in September 1871, however, the Range Officer promised to furnish the estimates in four months.

For the latter the Range Officer stated last year that the "line of road referred to is surveyed and levelled," and that the estimates would be furnished in time for the current year's budget.

5. No estimates for either have, however, since been received. The Superintending Engineer has been again reminded.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The report shows that the roads by which the salt of the Nellore district is conveyed into the interior have received the careful attention of the Collector and the Local Fund Board. The expenditure on these roads during the year amounted to Rupees 17,122.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works.
" the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" the Collector of Nellore.

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