

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
4th April 1872.*

No. 28. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd March 1872, No. 485 :—

Read the following letter from A. MACGREGOR, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 28th February 1872, No. 47 :—

I HAVE the honour to inform you, with reference to Board's Proceedings, dated 15th April 1871, No. 1,576, that the system of carrying out maintenance of roads by the Revenue authorities has been to some extent tried in this district during the last two years, and has been found to succeed.

2. I have taken special care to ascertain from the Range Officers their opinion on the work done, and have always found it favourable.

3. The only exception to this has been in one or two cases, soon after the system commenced, when it was found that the Revenue Officers had wasted money in building culverts in wrong places. Orders were at once issued restricting the employment of funds to the actual maintenance of the surface of the road, and the repair of existing culverts and temporary bridges.

4. I have no hesitation in saying that where the traffic is light, roads can be efficiently repaired under the orders of the Tahsildars, and especially in a district like this, where there is a great deal of wooden bridging, and where, therefore, small repairs to planking are constantly required. The Public Works Department is not numerically sufficient to provide the necessary supervision on so wide a range, and in many cases the value of the Overseer's time and travelling expenses is far more than that of the work to be done.

5. On the main lines where the traffic is very heavy, and metalling is required the professional knowledge and more perfect system of check provided in the department is necessary

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to Government Order, 21st March 1871, No. 501.

No. 29. ORDER THEREON, 4th April 1872, No. 551.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)
(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Roads.—Letter from Collector of Malabar stating that system of carrying out maintenance of — by Revenue authorities has been tried in the district and found to succeed, submitted to Government. #551.

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