

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
18th April 1872.*

No. 187. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th April 1872 :—

Read the following papers :—

From the Acting Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 9th April 1872, No. 275.

I HAVE the honour to report on the progress made in relief works during the past month.

2. Work has been in progress on all roads, for which special grants were sanctioned, with the exception of that from Conada to the trunk road between Chittivulsa and Chicacole, and that from Kuppili to Chilkapalem. For the former of the two roads a grant of Rs. 10,000 was sanctioned on March 4th, 1872. The line previously surveyed and fixed on for this road was condemned by the present range officer, consequently the work had to be stopped. A new line has since been fixed on, and steps are in progress to hand over the land required for the road to the Department Public Works. Nothing has been done to the road from Kuppili to Chilkapalem, as I was of opinion that it was inexpedient to spend more money at present on works connected with the Kuppili salt-pans, as the salt water-supply there is reported by Dr. Ratton to be so defective.

3. On the other works the grants sanctioned are being expended. I enclose a list showing the amount expended up to March 31st, and the estimated expenditure to June 30th. The daily number of labourers employed on these works, exclusive of those employed on irrigation-repairs, and those employed by the Maharajah of Vizianagram, amount to between 8,000 and 9,000 men, women, and children.

4. Some of the grants are being rapidly expended, but in many cases further expenditure can be met by allotments already made in the Local Fund Budget of 1872-73. This, however, is not the case as regards the trunk road from Tuni to Chicacole. It is true that a total sum of Rs. 14,100 appears in the Local Fund Budget under this head, but this is the maintenance of the road throughout its entire length. I have, therefore, the honour to request a further grant of Rs. 20,000 to be expended along the entire length of the trunk road. This will keep the work going till June, when it is to be hoped that the usual rains may fall, and the people find employment in agricultural operations.

5. In my letter No. 219, dated 26th March 1872, to which no answer has as yet been received, I applied for a further grant of Rs. 1,500 to be expended on the road between Ramabadrapuram and Seetanagram. Rupees 10,000 were allotted in the Local Fund Budget for the road from Gajapatinagram to Parvatipur; but this amount was reduced by the Board to what extent I am as yet uninformed.

6. Certain irrigation-works have been chosen by Mr. Kelsall, Principal Assistant Collector, in consultation with the range officer, on which to expend the grant of Rs. 15,000 made.

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I have as yet received no report as to the progress made on these works. Mr. Kelsall has generally allotted the money to works, the estimates for which had already been sanctioned, but which had remained unfinished for want of funds.

7. I would here bring to notice the delay caused by the formalities, which the Controller of the Department Public Works insists on before an anna of the money can be expended by the range officers. On a special grant being sanctioned I have been in the habit of informing the range officers concerned of the sanction, stating that the sum was at his disposal, and requesting to know at what treasury he wished to draw it. A cheque on that treasury was then sent him. The Controller has ordered the return to me of all such cheques, and forbidden the range officer to draw any money except on "credit orders" to be furnished by the Controller. This system, however suitable it may be for the ordinary routine of the department, is clearly unsuitable for special grants made under exceptional circumstances. The grant is perhaps applied for, and the sanction notified by telegraph within a few hours; but the range officer cannot touch the money or commence the work till he has written to the Controller for credit orders, and received his answer, which, in this district, could not reach him, under the most favourable circumstances, for ten or eleven days. As far as I understand the method of the Controller, the result appears to be that no distinction is made between expenditure from special grant and the ordinary allotments, each of which, it appears to me, should be kept distinct.

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Relief Works.	Grants.	Sanction.	EXPENDITURE			Differ- ence between columns 3 and 6.	Allotment (if any) in Local Fund Budget for 1872-73.	Grant required for such as have no Allotment in Local Funds.	Remarks.
			To 31st March.	Esti- mated to 30th June.	Total.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1. Trunk road No. VI. from Chicacole to Chittivulsa	Rs. 2,500	G. O., 6th February, No. 245.	1,210	1,815	3,025	525	14,100	20,000	The Budget allot- ment is for road from Vizagapatam to the Jeypur country via Bimlipatam, Vizia- nagram, and Kasi- pur, of which No. 6 forms part.
2. Do. from Chittivulsa to Anakapilli	2,500	Do.	2,500	20,000	25,180	17,680			
3. Do. from Anakapilli southwards	3,000	Do., 17th February, No. 310.	390			205	10,000		
4. Do. repair between Nakkapilli and Tuni	2,000	Do., 21st March 1872	718	1,077	1,795	.....	6,114		
5. Road from Vizianagram to Chipurpilli.	2,000	Do., 17th Feb. 1872, No. 30.	138	1,362	1,500				
6. Do. from Vizianagram to Bimlipatam	1,500	Do.							
7. Do. from Narsipatam to Tallapalem	1,000	Do.	1,680	4,220	5,900	3,900	3,900	1,500	Do. do. road from Gajapatinagram to Parvatipur, and includes No. 11. Amount somewhat reduced by the Board. See para- graph 10, Board's Proceedings dated 18th January 1872.
8. Do. from do. to Polaveram	1,000	Do.	1,741	5,000	6,741	4,741	14,500		
9. Do. from Chodaveram to Pudimadaka	2,000	Do.	500	2,100	2,600	.....	.....		
10. Do. from Vizianagram fort to join the Vizianagram and Chittivulsa high road	2,600	Do., 20th Dec. 1871, No. 2,141.	734	2,202	2,936	1,936	10,000		
11. Do. from Ramabhadrapuram to Bobbili	1,000	Do., 17th Feb. 1872, No. 34 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
12. Salt road from Kuppili to trunk road	1,000	Do.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
13. Road from Salur to foot of Turner's ghaut	5,000	Do., 28th Feb. 1872, No. 35	400	4,800	5,200	4,800			
14. Do. do. do.	10,000	Do., 8th March 1872 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
15. Road from Konada to Vizianagram	15,000	Do., 4th March 1872 ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
16. Irrigation-repairs, Sub-Division		Do., 8th March 1872, No. 416.							

(Signed) H. RICHARDSON,
Deputy Collector, for Acting Collector.

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From the same officer, dated Vizagapatam, 26th March 1872, No. 219.

REFERRING to the following extract from a letter from the Vizianagram range officer, I have the honour to request that a further grant of Rs. 1,500 may be allotted for the road from Ramabadrapuram to Seetanagram :—

Extract from the range officer's letter :

" Out of the sum of Rs. 1,000 allotted for relief works on this section of road, a sum of Rs. 733-12-9 has been spent up to date. There still remains much road-work to be done, and a great number of people who seek for daily employment on the road."

" Employment is at present given to all who come, but this cannot be continued long as funds are running low."

IN these letters (which will be submitted to Government in original) the Collector of Vizagapatam applies for a grant of Rs. 1,500 for relief work on the road between Ramabadrapuram and Seetanagram, and Rs. 20,000 for relief work on the trunk road from Tuni to Chicacole. The Board resolve to recommend Government to sanction these grants at once.

2. The difficulties alluded to in paragraph 7 have been dealt with in Government Order, 13th April 1872, No. 600.

3. The allotment of Rs. 10,000 in the original Budget for the road from Gajapatinagram to Parvatipur has been reduced to Rs. 5,100.

No. 188.

ORDER THEREON, 18th April 1872, No. 631.

Miscellaneous.

THE grants of Rs. 1,500 and Rs. 20,000, respectively, for relief works on the Ramabadrapuram and Seetanagram

road and on the northern trunk road from Tuni to Chicacole are sanctioned. The Collector will be informed accordingly by telegram.

2. The progress of the relief works generally appears to be satisfactory.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ the Accountant-General.

„ the Public Works Department.

„ the Financial do.

„ the Collector of Ganjam.

„ the do. of Vizagapatam.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

MISCELLANEOUS No.

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(True Extract)

John
Secretary.

The Offg. Chief Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.
with Collectors' original letters & enclosure
— to be returned.

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Dated 17th April 1872.

Despatched 17-4-72

Recd 17th April 1872
No 631-1872

Recommend a grant of Rs. 1500 for relief work on the road between Ra. = Mubadlagurur and Uetanagurur & Ra. 2000 for work on trunk road from Ra. to Chicaote in Godavery Dist.

No 631-1872 April 72

No 631

The grant of Rs. 1500

and Rs. 2000. Inspecting

for relief work on the

Ra. Mubadlagurur and

Uetanagurur road. A

Rs. 1500 for trunk road

from Ra. to Chicaote

are recommended. The

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on the trunk road from

Ra. to Chicaote in Godavery

Dist. The above grant

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14. 33rd Rev. Dec 23 April 72
6. Rev. June 72
21. Rev. July 72
5. Rev. Sept 72
5. Rev. Oct 72

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I must mention the two points

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