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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 29th July 1873.

Read the following letter from J. G. HORSFALL, Esq., Acting Collector of Nellore, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 28th June 1873, No. 1,471:—

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 1872-73, and on the actual condition of the salt-lines according to the old classification:—

<i>Expenditure.</i>		Rs.	A.	P.
(1.) Nellore and Kistnapatam road, allotment Rupees 1,006.				
Metalling the 12th and 13th miles	1,006 15 5			
(2.) Road from Koppolu to Biramgunta, allotment Rs. 7,978.				
From Koppolu on the Ongole and Kottapatam road to the Vinayakuni salt-platform	7,978 0 0			
(3.) Road from Singaroyakonda to the sea-side at Ullapalem, allotment Rupees 25. From the trunk road to the salt-stores of Pakala	25 0 3			
(4.) Road from Kottapatam to Ongole, allotment Rs. 3,876 ...	3,861 3 6			
(5.) Road from Kistnapatam to Survapalli, allotment Rs. 10,000..	7,950 4 0			
(6.) Constructing a bridge across the Tupili tank-supply channel on the Dugarazapatam road, allotment Rs. 4,100	4,108 5 4			
(7.) Constructing a barrel-drain at the 5th mile of the Allur and Isakapalli road, allotment Rs. 55	53 10 11			
Total...	24,983 7 5			

showing an excess over the previous year's expenditure of Rupees 14,545-8-6.

2. No new roads were undertaken this 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 3,861-3-6. This work commenced only in 1870-71, was completed.

(2.) Kistnapatam to Nellore, expenditure Rupees 1,006-15-5. During this year the earth-work and spreading of metal on the 12th and 13th miles were completed. The whole road from Nellore to Kistnapatam was opened for traffic. All the streams and channels were bridged, but part of the 14th and the 15th, 16th, and 17th miles are still unmetalled.

(3.) Road from Koppolu to Biramgunta, expenditure Rupees 7,978. From the 1st to the 6th mile the earth-work had been completed as well as the turfing in certain portions of the 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 6th miles. The road-materials were under collection.

(4.) Singaroyakonda to Ullapalem, expenditure Rupees 25-0-3, completed.

(5.) Kistnapatam to Survapalli, expenditure Rupees 7,950-4-0. In previous years seven masonry works, the earth-work, and turfing had been completed. This year thirty masonry works were completed, and gravel carted on the 7th and 8th miles of the road. The first nine miles were opened for traffic. Two important streams in the 9th and 12th miles are still unbridged. The 7th, 8th, and 9th miles were in progress.

(6.) Dugarazapatam road, expenditure Rupees 4,108-5-4. In previous year about Rs. 500 worth of materials were collected for the construction of a bridge of three arches across the Tupali tank supply channel on this road, and the work was, with the exception of parapet walls, completed during the year.

(7.) Isakapalli road, expenditure Rupees 53-10-11, on the construction of a barrel-drain on this road, completed.

3. The following sums were expended on the maintenance of salt-roads :—

	RS.	A.	P.
1. Road from Dugarazapatam to the salt-platforms	92	8	8
2. Do. from Kistnapatam to Nellore	6,000	0	0
3. Do. from Gudur to Dugarazapatam	1,476	9	9
4. Dugarazapatam road, (repairing a wooden bridge over the Raticalva on this road)	263	9	0
Total...	7,832	11	5

4. I am of opinion that salt-roads have received a fair amount of attention, and that considerable progress has been made with them during the year under report.

5. The surveys, plans, and estimates, for the two salt-roads alluded to in paragraph 4 of last year's report, have been received from the District Engineer as already intimated* to the Board. They are now lying over in this office, pending the orders of Government relating to the settlement of the general question of provision of funds for purely salt-lines, and I would respectfully remind the Board of the importance of the subject.

The work done in Nellore during the past year is satisfactory.

2. The Board resolve to submit Mr. Horsfall's letter to Government for their information.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

H. Horsfall

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

„ to the Acting Collector of Nellore.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

BOARD OF REVENUE,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 20th JULY 1873, No. 1,426.

20th Aug 1873.
Encl.

Received

JULY.
No. 1,426.

Salt-roads—in Nellore District.—Collector's report on progress made in improvement of — during 1872-73 and on actual condition of salt-lines according to old classification, submitted to Government. Progress reported pronounced satisfactory.

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To B. R. Bantleman
20th Aug 1873

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