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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
9th December 1873.

No. 79. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 13th November 1873, No. 1261 :—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 31st October 1873, No. 2225.

Read the following Arzi from P. NAMASIVAYA MUDALI, Salt Superintendent, Padarti Division, to C. E. PLUNKETT, Esq., Deputy Collector in charge of the Salt Department, Nellore District, dated Biramguntah, 13th October 1873, No. 178 :—

It has been raining constantly here since the last few days, and the fall, according to the rain-gauge, from 2nd to 10th October, amounts to 4·35 inches. The whole country between Coppalu up to the chuttrum on this side has in consequence become quite muddy and covered with water, and the Pottarazu Channel near the village of Coppalu also is very muddy and deep, and had to be crossed. Between Kottapatnam and Biramguntah, also, the swamp has become more than usually muddy, and is now nearly one mile wide, so that much inconvenience is being experienced for bandies and cattle to reach the Cotaur; and the result is that bandies, which have come for trade to Ongole from far-away places, come as far as Coppalu to get here for a return load of salt, and turn back again on account of there being no road to reach the Cotaur. Therefore, there seems a likelihood of salt sales falling off very considerably.

2. I, therefore, beg that *at least two miles* of the road from Coppalu towards this place be ordered to be metalled and gravel spread upon it, and the road made. If this is done, it will be of great benefit to the traders who come here, and there will be no diminution of the salt sales. I, therefore, most earnestly request that you will take the necessary steps for having this work carried out very soon.

No. 144.

Submitted for the perusal of the Collector, and with the request that, if possible, orders may please be given to carry out the bit of the road referred to at once. If the work is not done the salt trade will suffer, and there must of necessity be a diminution of the Government Salt Revenue.

NELLORE,
17*th October* 1873.

(Signed) C. E. PLUNKETT,
Deputy Collector.

No. 2343.

Submitted to the Board of Revenue. This is the road referred to in paragraph 13 of my letter of 23rd July, printed in Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 4th September 1872, No. 1762. The Local Fund Board decline to have anything to do with it, and accordingly excluded it from the current year's budget, and also from that for 1874-75. Up to 31st March last Rupees 8,000 were spent upon it from local funds against the protest of the Local Fund Board. This amount the Local Fund Board think should be refunded to them from some other source. As much Salt Revenue is being sacrificed while no progress is being made on this and other salt roads, I beg to remind the Board of their intention

to address Government on the subject (*vide* paragraph 2 of Proceedings quoted above).

NELLORE, (Signed) G. VANSAGNEW,
18*th October* 1873. *Collector.*

Submitted to Government with the Board's recommendation that a special assignment of funds be made for the completion of this road, which was approved in G.O., dated 24th January 1871, No. 155, Revenue Department. It is a purely salt road, and its present condition is highly prejudicial to the Salt Revenue.

2. The Board have received reports in reply to Proceedings, dated 4th September 1872, No. 1762, on the classification and cost of salt roads, but have deferred addressing Government on the subject pending the disposal of the Bill for legalizing charges on consumers for cost of transport of salt.

Transferred to the Financial Department in view to the assignment of a special grant of funds if available.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. STURROCK,
Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

No. 80. ORDER THEREON, 9th December 1873, No. 1790.

From the papers recorded in Proceedings, dated 24th January 1871, No. 155, Revenue, it would appear that the road in question is solely required to allow of wheeled traffic being carried on from and to the Biramguntah Salt Depôt, or, in other words, for the trade of the district.

2. Under these circumstances, the Governor in Council sees no sufficient reason for withdrawing the road from the scheme of works to be executed or maintained out of local funds, and directs that provision for it be made in the Local Fund Budget for 1874-75.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Public Works Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated December, 9th.

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G.O., 9th December 1873, *No.* 1790.

DECEMBER.
Nos. 79-80.

Nellore Circle.—The Board of Revenue informed that the Government see no sufficient reason for withdrawing the salt road from Coppalu to Biramguntah from the scheme of works to be executed or maintained out of local funds; and provision for the road directed to be made in the Local Fund Budget for 1874-75.

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