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(4.) Several minor cross roads connecting villages with each other or with some main road or river.

(5.) The construction or repair of several tanks, sluices, bridges, etc.

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5. The works selected are all very useful, and, the roads being all in the river valley, afford a means of communication across the rice-fields that in some cases save miles of detour. They were selected by the villagers concerned, and my Special Assistant, Vencata Chariar, was mainly instrumental in reconciling conflicting interests and arranging the many details connected with laying out the lines of road, procuring the land required, raising the needful funds, and pushing on the works towards completion.

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Miscellaneous.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Nos. 250-251.

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Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
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Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Board of Revenue,
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PROCEEDINGS, 15TH JANUARY 1874, No. 59.

Received 21 JANUARY.
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Roads, etc.—in Tinnevelly District wholly or partially carried out by villagers during the settlement without any cost to Government.—Collector's report on —, submitted to Government. Collector to report whether land for extension of Nattam in village of Tirumaleikondupuram was granted by competent authority.