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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 13th July 1874.

Read the following letter from the Hon. D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Tanjore, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tritrapundi 19th June 1874, No. 155 :—

I HAVE the honor to report the progress made in improving the salt communications in this district during the year 1873-74.

2. The expenditure incurred in improving these communications is noted below :—

		RS.	A.	P.
1.	Repairing Road No. 3 from Adrampatam to Singipally ...	3,358	8	10
2.	,, ,, ,, 8 from Tanjore to Pattucottai	3,848	8	3
3.	,, ,, ,, 18 from Mannargudi to Vedarniem ...	1,521	7	1
4.	,, ,, ,, 21 from Arandhangi to Minpesal ...	1,149	7	6
5.	,, ,, ,, 24 from Muttupettah to do. along the Sea Coast	1,900	0	0
	,, ,, ,, 32 from Mayaveram to Kaveripatam...	334	11	0
6.	,, ,, ,, 44 from Tiruvengaud to Needavassal...	120	0	0
7.	,, ,, ,, 48 from Combaconum to Kaveripatam.	1,139	9	10
8.	,, ,, ,, 60 from Kattumavadi to Arandhangi...	947	7	5
9.	,, ,, ,, Canal between Negapatam and Vedarniem	1,152	10	9
10.	Conservancy of do. do. ...	7,595	2	3

APPROACHES.

		RS.	A.	P.
Repairing approaches to the Depôt at Needavassal		450	0	0
Do.	do. at Tranquebar	200	0	0
Do.	do. at Negapatam	250	0	0
Do.	do. at Thambikinallavankottai...	200	0	0
Do.	do. at Adrampatam	199	13	8
Do.	do. at Katumavady	99	9	11
Do.	do. at Arasanageri	113	14	10
	Total...	24,180	15	4

3. All the approaches leading to Salt stations have been maintained in fair order.

4. Road No. 32 from Mayaveram to Kaveripatam is reported not to be in good order, and to require repair; Road No. 12 from Audutural to Tranquebar, is said to be much cut up in portions. The District Engineer forwarded some time ago an estimate for Rupees 5,500 for reforming this road, but the Local Fund Board, Negapatam Circle, have declined to pass it. I however intend to ask them for a re-consideration of their resolution shortly. Road No. 24 from Muttupettah to Minpesal is as usual composed of sand and clay, and is sandy during the dry and miry during the rainy weather. Very little, however, can be done for this road, except putting the worst parts in tolerable order.

5. Road No. 60 from Katumavady to Arandhangi is stated to be breached near the limits of Arandhangi and Karavayal.

6. This road was only lately reformed at a cost of Rupees 2,610. It has besides a maintenance allowance of Rupees 600 per annum.

7. Road No. 21 between Arasanageri and Minpesal is also out of repair in places. I have brought the state of these roads to the notice of the District Engineer.

8. The road between Arandhangi and Trichinopoly is breached in several places within the Pudoocottah Territory. I have called the attention of the Pudoocottah authorities to this.

9. The Salt Canal between Negapatam and Vedarniem is in parts shallow, and it is difficult for the salt boats to find a passage when the floods in the rivers are low. Government have sanctioned the improvement of the Canal, and the work it is hoped will be commenced soon.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Collector in the concluding paragraph expresses a hope that the Vedarniem Canal works will soon be put in hand. The importance of keeping this Canal navigable is very great, the supply of salt for the Railway being mainly dependent thereon.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department:

Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

" to the Collector of Tanjore.

Lgd. G. A. Turton.

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