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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 24th August 1874.

Read the following letter from G. VANSAGNEW, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd August 1874, No. 1,704:—

As required in the Board's Standing Order, No. LXXXV. of the 16th November 1865, I have the honor to submit the annual report on the progress made in improving the salt roads in this district during the official year 1873-74, and on the actual condition of the salt lines, according to the old classification.

2. The subjoined statement exhibits the total expenditure on salt roads during the year under report:—

Original Works.		RS.	A.	P.
1. Road from Kistnapatam to Sarvapalli (allotment Rupees 10,000) ...	6,170	0	11	
2. Constructing a bridge across the Tupili tank supply channel on the Dugurajapatam road (allotment Rupees 259) ...	259	0	10	
Total...	6,430	1	9	

This expenditure is less than the previous year's total by Rupees 18,552-5-8.

3. No new roads were undertaken this year also. 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 above-named roads, together with those particularised in paragraph 2 of the previous year's report, are the only roads fully constructed, with the exception of No. 1 in the list recorded above.

4. Of this road, from Kistnapatam to Sarvapalli, during the year under report, the cartage of gravel to the 7th and 8th miles was completed, and gravel is now being carted to the 10th mile. Materials are also under collection for the bridge in the 12th mile. 250 cubic yards of laterite stone were collected, and the road-dam in the 9th mile was partially completed; Rupees 3,830 of the allotment of Rupees 10,000 provided in the Budget for 1873-74 for this road were transferred to the Tripaty and Kondayapalem branch roads under Board's Proceedings of 27th August and 30th September 1873, Nos. 5,464 and 1,974.

5. The second work detailed above has been completed at a cost of Rupees 267 in excess of the estimate, Rupees 4,600. This excess was, however, sanctioned in the Board's Proceedings of 7th May last, No. 3,002.

6. Besides the above expenditure, Rupees 600 were laid out from Provincial Funds by the Salt Department in constructing "approaches" to the Pakala and Binginapalli salt-platforms, and Rupees 420 from the same source were spent by the Salt Deputy-Collector in improving the approaches to the Kamparti salt-platform. The work done was pronounced satisfactory by the professional department.

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

		RS.	A.	P.
1. Road from Kistnapatam to Nellore ...	4,249	1	7	
2. Do. Gudur to Dugurajapatam ...	1,994	0	6	
3. Do. Great Northern Road to Tada port one mile ...	97	11	0	
4. Do. Dugurajapatam to the salt-platform ...	142	11	11	
5. Do. Ullapalem to Singapett on Allur and Kowragunta road ...	230	0	0	
Total...	6,713	9	0	

It will be observed that the expenditure on repairs also fell below that of the preceding year by a little over 1,000 Rupees.

8. The surveys, plans, and estimates, for the two salt roads,* alluded to in paragraph 5 of last year's report, are still 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. The Tummalapenta road is very wanted, but the Local Fund Board cannot be expected to make it for a very long time.

- * (1.) From Tummalapenta to the trunk road at Kavali; and,
- (2.) From the Binginapalli salt-platform to Ullapalem.

9. On the purely salt road from Koppolu to Biramgunta, nothing was expended during the year under report; but a grant of 10,000 Rupees from Provincial Funds for expenditure on this road during the current year has been sanctioned,† and the work is reported as progressing.

† G. O., dated 18th April, No. 611.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Board consider the report satisfactory.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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Acting Sub-Secretary

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department.

Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

.. to the Collector of Nellore.

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