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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 26th July 1875.

Read the following letter from A. McC. WEBSTER, Esq., Collector of South Canara, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 5th July 1875, No. 1,222 :—

WITH reference to the Board's Standing Circular No. LXXXV. of 1865, prescribing the submission of an annual report on the progress made in improving salt roads, I have the honor to state that the only salt road that was newly constructed in this district during the year 1874-75 is a short branch about 100 yards in length from the Udipt and Malpe main line to the salt kotaur at Malpe in the Udipt Taluq. This was constructed under the superintendence of the Salt Deputy Collector at a cost of Rupees 110, which amount was allotted for the work in the Budget of "Petty Construction and Repairs" for the past official year.

2. The existing eight salt roads,* amounting in the aggregate to a length of twenty-five miles, were kept in the best repair possible with the limited maintenance allowance of Rupees 10 per mile. It is hoped that the increased rate of Rupees 20 proposed and sanctioned this year will be sufficient to maintain the lines in proper order.

* As per enclosed list.

3. Estimates for the three salt roads noted in the margin have been recently sanctioned. In their Proceedings, dated 20th May 1875, No. 1,450, the Board stated that these works could be entered in the revised list of salt works for the current year. The allotment proposed for this district had, however, been considerably reduced† by the Board owing to a reduction of the general grant for salt works, and consequently one of the works provided in the original list had to be omitted in my revised list which had been submitted to the Board when their Proceedings of 28th May 1875, No. 1,450, were received. As the necessity for the new roads was not so urgent as to demand an application for a special additional allotment of funds for their construction during the current year, and as it seemed advisable to entrust to the Public Works Department the work of tracing and opening them to bridle-path, for which the present estimates have been framed, I have addressed the District Engineer with a view to the works being provided for in his Budget for 1876-77, with reference to the instructions conveyed in Board's Proceedings, dated the 7th May 1875, No. 1,181.

1. Tracing opening to bridle-path, and check-channelling road to connect the Hyderghur Ghaut with the Salt Kotaur at Nagalkatta, and extension to Uppinakud...	2,100
2. Do. do. do. road from the Salt Kotaur at Kellur to the main road leading to the Kollur Ghaut ...	750
3. Do. do. do. road from Basrur to Hunsemakky on the Kundapur to Haladi via Koteswar Road ...	900

† Board's Proceedings, dated 5th April 1875, No. 817.

4. The District Engineer has not yet been able to supply me with the estimates called for, for bridging some of the existing lines in the Kundapur Taluq, which are still unprovided with bridges. It appears that the estimates are under preparation and will be submitted shortly. Their submission is stated to have been unavoidably delayed by the District Engineer's inability to inspect the roads earlier. I have also asked the District Engineer to include these bridges in his next year's budget, as works requiring professional supervision.

ENCLOSURE No. I.

List of Salt Roads kept in repair in the District of South Canara during the year 1874-75.

Name of Road.	MILEAGE.		Allotment.	Expenditure.
	Miles.	Furlongs.		
1. Branch road from the high road to the Salt Depot at Baidur...			rs.	rs.
2. Road from Hunsemakky to Basrur	1	...	10	10
3. Do. from Basrur to Koteswar via Merdi and Arebet.	6	...	100	100
4. Do. from Arebet to Kundapur high road via Devaragra	4	1	45	45
5. Road from Neralakatta to Yellur via Chelanmakki and Hemmadi	1	3	15	15
6. Road from Arebet kotours to river	8	5	90	90
7. Do. from river to Mabukal kotours and thence on to Brahmawar high road	...	3	3	3
8. Road from ferry to Mabukal kotours and thence on to the Udupi and Brahmawar high road via Kameshwar Devastan	...	7	10	10
	2	5	27	27
Total...	25	...	300	300

MANGALORE,
5th July 1875.

(Signed) A. McC. WEBSTER,
Collector.

2. The Board trust that no further delay will be allowed to occur in the preparation of estimates for the necessary bridges.
(True Copies and Extract.)

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department,
with copies of Board's Proceedings, dated 5th April 1875,
No. 817, and 28th May 1875, No. 1,450.
Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" to the Collector of South Canara.

Exd. W. H. French.

Salt Roads—in South Canara District.—
Report of Collector on progress made in improving — during 1874-75, submitted to Government with certain remarks.

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