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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 6th August 1875.

Read the following letter from H. S. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Point Calimere, 16th July 1875, No. 3,411:—

I HAVE the honor to report the progress made in improving the salt communications in this district during the year 1874-75.

2. The actual amount of expenditure incurred on each of the communications during the year under report is as follows:—

	RS.	A.	P.
1. Repairing Road No. 3 from Adrampatam to Singiputty...	3,359	14	1
2. Do. „ 8 „ Tanjore to Pattucottai ...	3,199	10	10
3. Do. „ 18 „ Mannargudi to Vedaraniem..	1,729	4	7
4. Do. „ 21 „ Arandanghi to Minpissal ...	1,148	13	5
5. Do. „ 24 „ Muttupettai to Minpissal along the sea coast... ..	1,900	0	0
6. Do. „ 32 „ Mayaveram to Kaveripatam.	369	11	9
7. Do. „ 44 „ Tiruvengad to Needavassal...	119	14	9
8. Do. „ 48 „ Combaconum to Kaveripatam.	1,294	3	6
9. Do. „ 60 „ Cattumavadi to Arandanghi...	669	9	3
10. Conservancy of Vedaraniem Canal	4,999	15	1

Approaches.

Repairing Approaches to the Depôt at Needavassal	448	13	1
Do. do. at Tranquebar... ..	150	0	0
Do. do. at Negapatam... ..	150	0	0
Do. do. at Vedaraniem	300	0	0
Do. do. at Thumbikkanellavan- kottai... ..	189	2	5
Do. do. at Adrampatam	225	13	0
Do. do. at Cattumavadi	77	4	4
Do. do. at Arasanagari	150	0	0
Total...	20,482	2	1

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

4. With the exception of a few, almost all salt roads are said to be in good order.

5. Road No. 60 from Kattumavadi to Arandanghi and Road No. 21 from Arasanagiri to Arandanghi are reported to be very bad. The District Engineer, who was written to on the subject, attributes their bad state to the inferior nature of the materials available for repair and to the smallness of the maintenance allowance of these roads, and the subject of an adequate maintenance is being discussed with him. Road No. 24 from Arasanagiri to Muttupettai, bad as it is, seems to have been rendered worse owing to the neglect of a Sub-Overseer, who has been dismissed. As already reported, however, it is impossible to put it in anything like thorough repair except at a heavy outlay.

6. The District Engineer reports having taken, for the repairs of these roads, all the measures that the funds at disposal will allow.

7. The salt canal between Negapatam and Vedaraniem is reported by the Salt Deputy Collector to be in the same condition as was reported last year; but the District Engineer reports rather favorably on the state of the canal, and says that boats ground more through overloading than through any great accumulation of silt. This is, in my opinion, only another term for the same thing, namely, that the canal is too shallow for properly-laden boats; as a temporary measure I have reluctantly been compelled to make arrangements to prevent the full loading of boats, and I shall shortly propose the deepening of the canal. Meanwhile, however, it is doing very valuable service. The survey of the canal, for which an establishment was lately sanctioned by Government, has been completed, and the District Engineer reports that the drawings thereof will be submitted to Government at an early date.

8. The extension of the salt canal into the swamp at Vedaraniem is rapidly progressing, and is having the personal supervision of my Salt Deputy Collector and self, without which we could scarcely hope to complete it in the fifteen days left us before the rains.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

W. C. C.
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department.

Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

.. to the Collector of Tanjore.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

1 To the Board of Revenue 24 August

Salt communications—in Tanjore District.
—Report of Collector on progress made in
improving — during 1874-75 submitted to
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