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No. 3,299.

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

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 15th February 1875, No. 349.

Read also the following letter from J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 17th November 1875, No. 491 :—

I HAVE the honor to subjoin the revised list of salt roads called for in the Board's Proceedings of the 15th February last, No. 349.

2. Road No. 9, leading to the Gundalam pans, should properly be divided into two portions, *viz.*, that leading up to the pans and thence into Cuddalore and that leading to the platforms. This latter portion I have included in the list. It is about half a-mile long.

*Revised List of Salt Roads.*

1. Approach from 21st mile of Tindivanam-Merkanam Road to the Kandadu Pans and Platform.
2. Road from Kanadudu Bridge to Merkanam Salt-pans.
3. Road from Merkanam Village to Salt-pans and Cutcherry.
4. Road from Merkanam Pans to Sea-shore.
5. Approach to Gundalam Pans and Platform from Lawford's Canal.

3. I beg to enclose Mr. Freer's report on the state of these roads for 1874-75, which, I regret to say, was overlooked for some months.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

SOUTH ARCOT DISTRICT.

SALT DEPARTMENT.

*Reports on Salt Roads for the Official Year* 1874-75.

| Description of Road. | Remarks. |
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| * * | * * |
| 1. Road to the Kandadu Pans from the Tindivanam-Merkanam Road. | Will be repaired this year with the sum of Rupees 670 sanctioned by the Board on the 20th March 1873. |
| 2. Road branching off from the 22nd Mile of Tindivanam-Merkanam Road passing along the Sheigal Pans and rejoining the Main Road at the 23rd Mile. | In fair order. |
| 3. Road from 22nd Mile of the Tindivanam-Merkanam Road (in the latter village to the Pans). | In fair order. |
| 4. Road from 23rd Mile of the Tindivanam-Merkanam Road to the Beach. | Requires repair near the downs, where the sand has made its appearance in many places through the gravel. |
| * * | * * |
| 5. From 4th Mile of Coast Road to the Gundalam Pans. | In fair order. |

NOTE.—The report will be submitted in the revised form next year.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department,
with copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 15th February 1875, No. 349.

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PROCEEDINGS, 6TH DECEMBER 1875, No. 3,299.

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No. 3,299.

*Salt Roads*—in South Arcot District,—Submitting to Government revised list of—received from Collector and report of Deputy Collector on their state for 1874-75.

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No. 349.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 15th February 1875.

Read the following letter from J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 16th December 1874, No. 657 :—

IN reply to the Board's remark in paragraph 2 of their Proceedings of the 11th ultimo, No. 3,241, calling on me for report whether any provision has been made for repairing the salt roads therein alluded to, I must express my regret that by an oversight I omitted to state that the District Engineer's attention was called to the state of these roads as far back as the 13th May last; such, however, was the case, and from the enclosed memorandum furnished by that officer, the Board will see that all maintenance allotments have been, and are being, spent.

2. The list of roads, however, requires revision. I have gone carefully through it with the District Engineer, and we agree in thinking that Nos. 1, 3, 8, 10, 11, and 13 should be considered Local Fund Roads under the Orders of Government, dated 17th December 1873; that Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9 are purely salt roads; that No. 2, being in the Chingleput District, should be maintained by the local funds of that district; and that Nos. 12 and 14 are not wanted. I request the Board's orders whether the Salt Deputy Collector or the Public Works Department are to be looked to for the upkeep of the salt roads, which, it is presumed, will be repaired out of salt funds.

3. The estimates for repairing the roads from Chedambram to Nackravandangudi and from Killai to Porto Novo were transferred to the Vridachellam Local Fund Board for allotment of funds some months ago, but no allotment has been made. In view of the opening of the Harigoshti pans, I do not think any expenditure is required on the road from Killai to Porto Novo, which, so far as I am aware, is never traversed by a cart for the simple reason that the road ends on the river bank opposite Porto Novo and there is no ferry-boat for carts.

Enclosure No. 1.

*Statement showing what has been done to Salt Roads with reference to Salt Deputy Collector's Report for* 1873-74, *bearing Collector's Endorsement No.* 262, *of 2nd October* 1874.

| Number. | Name of Road. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Approach from Alatur to Chunampet platform. | Two miles; rest in Chingleput District; maintenance grant at 100 Rupees spent as required. |
| 2 | From the Tembakam bridge to the Chunampet pans *via* Venangupat Satram. | Appears to be in Chingleput District. |
| 3 | Road from Merkanam to Tembakam. | This and items 5 and 7, six miles; maintenance grant at 100 Rupees being laid out as required. |
| 4 | Road from 21st mile of Tindivanam—Merkanam road to the Kandadu pans. | The estimate of 670 Rupees said to have been sanctioned by the Board was not submitted by this department. It would appear the work is to be carried out by Salt Department; maintenance allowance spent as required. |
| 5 | Road from Kandadu bridge to Merkanam salt pans. | *Vide* item No. 3. |
| 6 | Road from Merkanam pans to seashore. | One mile; maintenance grant 100 Rupees being laid out as required. |
| 7 | Road from the Merkanam Village to the salt pans. | *Vide* item No. 3. |
| 8 | Road from Pondicherry to Merkanam. | Nineteen miles; maintenance grant at 150 Rupees is being spent as required. In addition to this an estimate of Rupees 18,200 for completing the road and Rupees 4,840 for bridging the Chinna Culput Oday were submitted on the 8th and 14th August 1874 with Nos. 136 and 142. |
| 9 | Road from 4th mile of coast road to Gundalam pans. | Five and a quarter miles; maintenance grant at 50 Rupees is being laid out as required. |
| 10 | Road from 6th mile of coast road to Kudikadu pans. | |
| 11 | Road from 9½ mile of coast road to Manavari pans. | |
| 12 | Road from 9½ miles of coast road to Kamblimodu pans. | No maintenance grant. An estimate for forming this road was submitted by Range Officer in April 1874, but it has been returned, as the Collector, in his No. 126 of 13th May 1874, intimated that the road was not required. If the road is now considered necessary, the estimate will be called for and forwarded. |
| 13 | Road from Chedambram to Killai and Nakravandangudi. | No. 13, eight miles, and No. 14, three miles; maintenance grant at Rupees 75 is being laid out as required. Estimates of Rupees 1,840 and 1,644, respectively, for repairing these roads were submitted with this office No. 314 of 4th March 1874, and nothing has been heard of them since. It should be moreover remembered that the roads in the Chedambaram Taluq being made of earth, they cannot be expected to be in a very satisfactory condition. |
| 14 | Road from Porto Novo to Killai. | |

Cuddalore,
11th December 1874.

(Signed) G. S. SAGE.
District Engineer.

To the President of the Local Fund Boards, South Arcot, with reference to his No. 440 of 9th December 1874.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Collector.

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The Board approve the new classification of the roads proposed by the Collector in paragraph 2. A revised list should be prepared accordingly. As regards the Department responsible for the upkeep of salt roads, main roads should be kept in repair by the Department Public Works, approaches to Salt Works only being entrusted to the Salt Department with the aid of the Department Public Works if necessary.

2. Road No. 2, being in the Chingleput District, is chargeable to that district. The Collector should communicate with the Local Fund Board of Chingleput on the subject.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. [illegible]
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Collector of South Arcot.

Copy to the Collector of Chingleput.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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# Board of Revenue

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PROCEEDINGS, 15TH FEBRUARY 1875, No. 349.

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FEBRUARY.

No. 349.

*Salt Roads*—in South Arcot District.—New classification of certain — proposed by Collector approved. Instructions issued in regard to the department which should be responsible for the upkeep of these roads. Collector directed to communicate with the Local Fund Board of Chingleput on the subject of the maintenance of Road No. 2 in the latter district.