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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 9th August 1876.

Read the following letter from F. R. H. SHARP, Esq., Acting Collector of Nellore, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 11th July 1876, No. 1,890 :—

I HAVE the honor to submit the Annual Report on the progress made in improving the salt roads of this district, according to the old classification and on their actual condition during the official year 1875-76.

2. Of the several lines of salt communication laid down in Board's Proceedings, dated 3rd October 1868, No. 6,990, the roads referred to in paragraph 2 of the report on salt roads for 1872-73 were the only works fully or partially constructed, no new lines having been undertaken in the year.

3. The allotments provided for the year under report in the Local Fund and Provincial Budgets were as follow :—

New Works.

	RS.	
Road from Kistnapatam to Survapalli	7,000	Local Fund Budget.
Do. Koppolu to Venayagam, near Biramgunta...	4,000	Do.
	3,000	Provincial Budget.
Total ...	14,000	

Repairs.

Road from Great Northern Road at Razupalem to Isakapalli *viâ* Allur	1,600	Local Fund Budget.
Road from Gudur to Dugarazupatam	2,000	Do.
Do. Great Northern Road to Tada Port	100	Do.
Do. Dugarazupatam to Salt Cotaur	100	Do.
Do. Kistnapatam to Nellore	3,200	Do.
Do. Ulanapalla to Singapeta	[illegible]	
Total ...	7,230	

4. The total expenditure on original works during the year was Rs. 14,139-7-3, exhibiting an excess of Rupees 2,666-13-7 over that of the preceding year:—

Original Works.

	RS.	A.	P.
1. Road from Kistnapatam to Survapalli (allotment Rupees 7,000, subsequently increased to Rupees 7,114, Local Fund Budget)...	7,139	6	9
2. Road from Koppolu to Venayagam, near Biramgunta (allotment Rupees 7,000, *viz.*, Rupees 4,000 from Local Fund and Rupees 3,000 from Provincial Fund Budget)	7,000	0	6
Total ...	14,139	7	3
Expenditure in 1874-75 ...	11,472	9	8
Excess ...	2,666	13	7

5. *Road from Kistnapatam to Survapalli.*—The estimate for this work, amounting to Rupees 56,240, was sanctioned in G.O., No. 766, of 1st May 1871. The expenditure to the end of 1875-76 was Rupees 36,363-13-1. During the previous year the road had been metalled from the 6th to the 10th mile stone, and the masonry and earth-works of that portion completed. During the year under report a large road dam at the 12th mile stone was completed, as well as the 5th, 11th, and part of the 14th miles. Gravel had also been carted over the 12th mile. In fact, the

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whole road was metalled, and all the masonry and earth works completed, with the exception of those required for the 12th and 13th miles.

6. *Road from Koppolu to Biramgunta.*—The estimate of this work, amounting to Rupees 29,800, was sanctioned in 1871, and the expenditure to the end of 1875-76 amounted to Rupees 22,342-15-11. The earth-work has been completed throughout, and one masonry work built. Materials for all the other works were ready, and metal and gravel were laid newly to the whole extent, leaving only the rolling and tamping to be done. The state of this road, however, is reported to have been unsatisfactory, progress having been delayed for want of funds. The Local Fund Budget for the current year contains no provision for the work, and much of what has been done will probably suffer in consequence. The road being still incomplete and therefore not open for traffic.

G. O., No. 356, dated 6th February 1876.

7. In addition to the above expenditure, Rupees 5,752, as detailed below, were laid out by the Salt Department from Petty Construction and Repair Funds in making and repairing the necessary lines of approach to the Salt Platforms of the several divisions from the existing main lines:—

		RS.
1.	Approach to Binginipalli Platform in Pakala Division	462
2.	Do. to Kistnapatam to Salt Platform	542
3.	Do. to Tada Salt Platform	1,100
4.	Do. to Kanuparti Salt Platform	3,648
	Total ...	5,752

In maintaining the branch road in the Chingleput District from the 31st mile of the Great Northern Road to Sunnapugunta, Rupees 440-8-1 were further spent by the Salt Department from the same source (Petty Construction and Repair Funds).

8. On the maintenance of the roads particularized below, Rupees 7,383-4-5 were expended during the year, showing a decrease of Rupees 1,237-13-2 on the previous year's expenditure:—

Repairs.

		RS.	A.	P.
1.	Road from the Great Northern Road at Razupalem to Iskapalli *viâ* Allur	1,600	0	0
2.	Road from Gudur to Dugarazupatam	2,000	0	0
3.	Do. Great Northern Road to Tada Port	99	14	2
4.	Do. Dugarazupatam to Salt Cotaur	86	5	6
5.	Do. Kistnapatam to Nellore	3,199	0	5
6.	Do. Ulanapalla to Singapett	230	0	0
7.	Do. Singarayakonda to Ullapalem	168	0	4
	Total ...	7,383	4	5

On every work but one* in the above list the full allotment was utilized. On No. 4 the expenditure was but Rupees 13 short of the allotment; so that it will be observed that very fair progress was made both on original works and repairs.

* No. 4.

9. The first four of the works specified in the following list of works in progress were in charge of the Public Works Department, and the remaining works in that of the Salt Department:—

1. Road from Great Northern Road at Razupalem to Iskapalli *viâ* Allur.
2. Do. Koppolu to Venayagum, near Biramgunta.
3. Do. Singarayakonda to Ullapalem.
4. Do. Dugarazupatam to the Salt Platform.
5. Approach to Kanuparti Salt Platform.
6. Do. to Tada do.
7. Do. to Binginipalli do.
8. Do. to Kistnapatam do.
9. Branch Road from 31st mile stone (Great Northern Road) to Sunnapugunta.

10. The approach to the Salt Platform at Tada (No. 6), the estimate of which, amounting to Rs. 5,000, was sanctioned* in 1871, was at first undertaken by the Salt Deputy Collector, who spent Rupees 1,100 on the work, but subsequently transferred with the materials in hand to the Public Works Department—*vide* Government Order, (Public Works Department), dated 3rd December 1875, No. 3,428.

* G.O., No. 73, dated 11th January 1871.

The construction of the road to the Kanuparti Platform (No. 5) is in the hands of the Salt Superintendent at that station, and is said to be in fair progress.

Provision has been made in the current year's Budget for an approach to the Devarampad pans, but the work is delayed pending sanction of the Budget.

11. The construction of the road or approach from the Great Northern Road near Kavali to the Salt Platform, Tummalapenta, referred to in last year's report, has also been transferred† to the Public Works Department, but nothing appears to have been done, and the difficulties of approach to the platform, already brought to notice, continue to exist. It is to be hoped now that the Public Works Department have the plans and estimate, the funds and the charge of execution of the work, that it will soon be in progress.

† G.O., 3rd December 1875, No. 3,428.

12. The plans and estimate for the construction of the road from the Binginipalli Salt Platform to Ullapalem, the second work referred to in paragraph 8 of last year's report, are still lying [illegible] the settlement by Government of the general question‡ of the provision of funds for lines purely required for the salt traffic.

‡ *Vide* Board's Proceedings, dated 4th September 1872, No. 1,762.

13. The Salt Deputy Collector brings to notice the want of avenues along the line of salt approaches to platforms for the convenience of traders, &c. I entirely agree with him as to the desirability of shade along these much-exposed roads, and he will be instructed to make provision for such avenues in next year's Budget. The Salt Superintendents concerned may well be entrusted with the planting.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. Referring to paragraph 12 of the Collector's letter the Board observe that Mr. Sharp has apparently omitted to notice paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings passed upon review of last year's report.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department.
" the Collector of Nellore.
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Exd. A. Grubert.

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