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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 25th September 1876.

Read the following letter from R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 8th September 1876, No. 517:—

I HAVE the honor to submit my report on the condition of the salt roads in this district during the year 1875-76.

1. From the Town of Cheyur to the salt-pans.
2. Do. Allathur to Thenpakam.
3. Do. Tiruporur to the Covelong salt-pans.

2. There are but three roads in the district, and all of them lie in the sub-division.

3. The road from the Town of Cheyur to the salt-pans (two miles) is reported by the Sub-Collector to be in good order, though no allotment was provided for its maintenance in the Budget of Petty Construction and Repairs for 1875-76. It was in admirable order when I inspected it last year.

4. The road from Allathur to Thenpakam is twenty-six miles long, of which only eight miles lie in this district. The same being in a bad condition and unfit for traffic, two estimates, amounting to Rupees 3,620 and Rupees 3,250, respectively, submitted by the late Acting Collector Mr. Melville, were sanctioned in Board's Proceedings

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noted in the margin; one for repairing the road from the 22nd to the 26th miles, and the other for diverting the line for

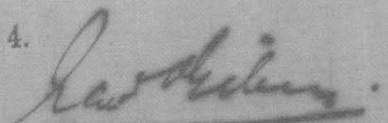
the 19th to the 21st miles, which passes through swampy soil, by constructing a new road from Pudupet to Chunampet. The aggregate allotment of Rupees 6,000 was placed at the disposal of the Tahsildar of Madurantacum, to whom the execution of the works was entrusted. The repairs to the old line from the 22nd to the 26th miles have been completed and considerable progress been made in the construction of the new diversion line. The Tahsildar, however, now reports that this line is objectionable for many reasons, and recommends that the rest of the work be deferred till after the monsoon is over, the 19th, 20th, and 21st miles of the original line being put in passable order meanwhile. I shall address the Board further on receipt of certain information regarding this diversion track.

5. The roads from Tiruporur to the Covelong Salt-pans (five miles) is in very bad order, but has been never really made, the first two miles and a portion of the 5th mile being just passable and the rest cut up in several places. No expenditure was incurred on the road during the year under report, as the question of either retaining or abandoning the same had not been finally settled. I have recently been in communication with the Salt Deputy, Sub-Collector, and the Superintending Engineer on the subject, and have now come to the conclusion of repairing this existing line, i.e., from Tiruporur to Covelong via Kelambakam in preference to one on the eastern side of the canal as suggested by the Executive Engineer.

SUBMITTED for information of Government.

2. The Board await the report promised in paragraph 4.

(A true Copy and Extract.)



Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department.
" the Collector of Chingleput.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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SEPTEMBER.
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Sell Roads — in Chingleput District. — Submitting to Government Collector's report on condition of — during 1875-76, and awaiting report promised regarding diversion line of road from Alathur to Theenpakam.

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