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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,*  
*28th February 1877.*

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**Famine Relief.**

No. 869-A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st February 1877:—

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 10th February 1877, No. 93.

IN the enclosure No. 2 of their Proceedings, dated 29th December last No. 3,326, the Board of Revenue have sanctioned Rupees 5,000 for the (No. 1) Road from Punganur to Ramasamudrum and Rupees 6,500 for the (No. 6) Road from Punganur to the Bangalore Trunk Road at the junction with the Lakkanapalli Roads. These works are now in active progress under the superintendence of Mr. Clerk, of the Revenue Settlement Department.

2. Mr. Clerk now reports that these allotments have proved insufficient for the completion of the works in question, and has applied for a further sum of Rupees 7,000 for the Ramasamudrum road and Rupees 9,100 for the Lakkanapalli road. Copies of his letter, No. 7, of the 5th instant, and the supplemental estimate being its enclosure are herewith forwarded for information.

3. The necessity for the application and the circumstances which have rendered the original estimates insufficient are so fully explained by Mr. Clerk that it is scarcely necessary for me to reiterate them here. The total length of the first road is 10 miles and that of the other 13. It will be seen from Mr. Clerk's letter and its enclosure that 3 miles of the former has already cost Rupees 4,800 and 2 miles of the latter Rupees 5,611. Both the roads being of great public utility and of the utmost importance as famine relief works, it is necessary to provide for their entire completion at an early date. I have accordingly instructed Mr. Clerk to push on the works vigorously without interruption in anticipation of sanction.

4. Under these circumstances, I request that you will be good enough to obtain the necessary sanction for the additional estimates herewith forwarded. Sir Richard Temple lately carefully inspected these works and was of opinion that they were being very well carried out.

5. The question of making repairs to wells, &c., raised in Mr. Clerk's letter under notice has been disposed of by me under the authority vested in me by the Board's Proceedings of the 2nd January last, No. 1.

THE roads were estimated to cost Rupees 500 per mile, and the supplemental estimate, if the document can be given and his name, puts the cost at Rupees 1,200 per mile. The work already done has cost Rupees 2,805 per mile on the Lakkanapalli road and Rupees 1,600 per mile on the Ramasamudrum road. The cost per cubic yard of earth excavated and carried 35 feet is admitted to be 12 Annas. The supplemental estimate gives no detail of quantities and rates, and there is nothing to give assurance that the present estimate of Rupees 1,200 per mile will not prove as fallacious as the former estimate.

2. The Collector will be good enough to have revised estimates prepared by professional authority to be submitted for the sanction of Government. The true

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value and cost of the work already done should be stated. It appears to the Board that to follow the course of the old road when it was below the level of the country was bad economy, and bad engineering, the avenue trees notwithstanding.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,  
Secretary.

No. 369-B. ORDER THEREON, 28th February 1877, No. 864-A.

Miscellaneous.

The Government consider the Board's criticisms on Mr. Clerk's supplemental estimate for the Lakkanapalli and Ramasamudram roads are much to the point, and, before sanctioning any further expenditure on these works, direct that they be inspected by an officer of the Department Public Works, and the revised estimates called for by the Board be submitted.

2. It is not clear from Mr. Clerk's letter to Mr. Whiteside, or from the supplemental estimate, whether work has been going on along the whole length of the two roads, of which 2 miles of one and 3 miles of the other have been completed, or whether the whole outturn for the expenditure incurred, namely, 10,411 Rupees, is the above 5 miles of road. This point should be reported on.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,  
Additional Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.  
.. the Financial Department.  
.. the Public Works Department.

*Order thereon 14 March 1877 No 179*

*Communicated to the District  
Engineer North Arcot who will have the  
roads in question inspected at an early date*

*(True Extract)*

*W. H. Colver*

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*Ag. Secy to Govt.  
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