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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

8th September 1877, No. 2,685-B.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—
No. 161-C. * Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th August 1877,
No. 3,992.

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Coimbatore, 15th August 1877, No. 311.

In reply to Proceedings, Board of Revenue, dated 24th July 1877, No. 3,453, in reference to my report on Oodumalpettah Taluk, I have the honor to state that the road-making I referred to was, in fact, road repairing, carried on under Public Works Department direction.

2. I propose that, when all irrigation works have been seen to, and more work is needed for the people, that the storing of metal to fill into the ruts should be the mode of employing relief labour; such collection serves as a bank, to draw upon, for future repair. The invariable reply to the complaint of bad roads is, that the maintenance does not provide enough of metal, and when I saw it consumed in what seemed to me to be an extravagant way, I protested against it.

3. I trust that the District Engineer, who was present, will impress on his subordinates the duty of economy of road metal. And that in the District I have travelled over are more than sufficiently, and some dangerously, raised.

4. I have recently travelled over a part of the Avenashy Road, which is very much raised, on account of the cotton soil it traverses; but four out of eight miles were obstructed by the laying down of loose metal, and traffic sought the low sides, altogether avoiding the raised road. I have, of course, lost no time in drawing the District Engineer's notice to this faulty repair. I am told that the cause of this loose metal was that the Public Works Department spread the metal, then found the funds run short, and so left the road in that state. But for my driving over the road in question, its state would have been unnoticed; but it is very hard upon traffic and also on the Local Board, who pay 25 per cent. for supervision.

5. As regards the Oodumalpettah roads which are referred to, I have impressed my views on Mr. Cook, who is to supervise the repair, and who will spend the money in providing more metal, and only repair such parts of the road as immediately need it.

1. Dharguram to Dindigul—Rupees 14,080:
G.O., No. 2,364, dated 23rd July 1877,
Revenue Department, in Miscellaneous Pro-
ceedings, Revenue Board, No. 16,573, dated
30th July 1877.
2. Dharguram to Palney—Rupees 28,000:
G.O., No. 35, dated 9th January 1874.

7. Our expenditure has been in restoration of useful traffic lines.

8. I should be exceedingly glad to enlarge tanks and could find the labor, but these are not to be touched without due estimates of the Public Works Department. As a last resource, I am trying to make or improve village ponds, which is all earth-work.

6. As a general rule, we have made no new roads. The few exceptions are those now in construction, duly planned, estimated, and sanctioned by Government, leading to Madura, and a few short railway feeders.

Submitted to Government, in continuation of the Proceedings quoted.

2. Sanction has recently been accorded to the estimates submitted with Board's Proceedings, dated 5th July 1877, No. 3,146.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

No. 151-D.

ORDER THEREON, 8th September 1877, No. 2,685-B.

Miscellaneous.

The Collector urges the necessity for economy in road metal. His remarks deserve consideration, and the papers will be communicated to the Public Works Department, in order that attention of the District Officers in that Department may be called to the matter.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Ed. A. Hall.

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Revenue Department

No 3992

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 28th August 1877

Read the following

No 311

From

The Collector of Coimbatore

To

The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras.

Sir

In reply to Proceedings
Board of Revenue dated 26th July
1877 No 3453, in reference to my
report on Oadumulpattah taluk,
I have the honor to state
that the road meeting, I referred

Cont. of 1877 Mysore.

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Cannibates (collecting) ^{15th August 1877} ^{to J. C. Hindson}
for collector

Submitted to Government
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Mr. Bancroft 12/9
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