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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

10th September 1877, No. 2,687-A.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 153-E. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th August 1877, No. 3,672.

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue; dated Palmanair, 27th July 1877, No. 472.

I have the honor to enclose an estimate of Rupees 5,810 countersigned by the District Engineer, for the construction of a new road from the Trittany Railway Station to that of Naggery. Want of a road between these two important Railway Stations has been long since much felt, and its formation is calculated to promote the traffic of the country and will also prove a good Railway feeder. I am aware that the Board are averse to the formation of new roads. As, however, Trittany and Naggery are in the Carvetinagar Zemindari, where irrigation works cannot be undertaken on behalf of Government, and fresh relief works are now urgent[illegible] loss of crops, I find myself under the necessi[illegible]ing the immed[illegible] struction of this new road, in view to provide labour for the large number of distressed poor who are now clamouring for employment in that part of the district.

2. I have, in anticipation of sanction, placed Rupees 2,000 at the disposal of the Head Assistant Collector, Mr. Cox, with instructions to commence the work at once in order to give work to the poor, and request that you will be good enough to obtain the Board's early sanction for the construction of the road in question.

3. The estimate may be returned when no longer required.

Submitted to Government. The Board are most unwilling to throw any obstacle in the way of providing work for the people, knowing the difficulties with which Collectors have to contend; but they cannot approve the construction of a new road running alongside the Railway, and trust the Collector will be able to find some more suitable work.

2. The Board submit for the consideration of Government whether, in cases like the present, it would not be preferable for the Collector to undertake the repairs of the Zemindar's tanks rather than waste money on roads of such doubtful utility; in repairing Zemindari tanks, the Government would not only assist the Zemindar himself, but would benefit his people, improve the food-producing capabilities of the country and add to the security of the Government Revenues.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 153-F. ORDER THEREON, 10th September 1877, No. 2,687-A.

Miscellaneous.

His Grace the Governor declines to sanction estimate for the proposed road. Work on it must be at once stopped.

2. It is observed that, while the construction of Railway feeders is desirable, a road connecting two Railway Stations hardly answers that description,—on the contrary, the traffic along it, *pro tanto*, diminishes the railway receipts.

3. The road would employ but 40,000 persons, or 1,000 persons for forty days: it is therefore of but little use as a means of relief, or for keeping persons out of Madras. There are, it is understood, other large irrigation works connected with the protection primarily of the railway, but also with that of the neighbouring land. These would probably employ as many persons in a more useful manner.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue, with one enclosure.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Public Works Department.

Exd. A. Reitt.

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Gold. of (1877) Minden

R. AVERSHUE,

DEALER IN

DRY GOODS AND NOTIONS,

&c., &c., &c.,

Minden, La.,

Dated September 1877.

G.O., 1868 September 1877, No. 2,987-J.

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My Dear Sarkia

We B[illegible] have received your letter of the 10th inst & are glad to learn that the health of yourself & the children had been restored. We are very sorry to learn that you are situated so far from the Courthouse & the Church & the Convent Pointe Coupée. We would be very glad to have you & the children with us & would be glad to have you all here. We have a very nice house & a good garden & the Convent Pointe Coupée. The Convent

is notorious & needs no comment
in Delhi. He has anticipa-
-ted his revenues for years
to come by borrowing large sums
in advance. From the year [illegible] he
has dedicated a tower & about
8 lacs of rupees to pay off a
debt to Seth Hurdeo Sowcar, & has mortgaged
to him the Tollary & Kara-
-sowaram Tolls as security
The Sowcar has got those &
Tolls in his pocket & the
Durbar has nothing to say
to them. As the for[illegible] are about
to sanction from
Govt Plowden to borrow Rs 20,000 for a
term of years at 9 per cent
pair of tanks in the Karaganda

Tolls & rent total one Rupees
to measure up the work done
finally but the Jamadars
peons & others employed on the
various Revenue Survey
Sunnuds of the Kaira Sowcar.
The Jamadars & others will accordingly
never consent to complete the work
in the immediate future & irrigation
works in those parts of this
Collectorate will have ceased
for a time. This fact alone
for the longer time it has
years & Govt the Govt claim Rs
ever but the Govt claim Rs
Rs 2 lacs & they
for Rs for compensation for
lands taken up

up in his Estate for roads.
his demands are preposterous
& unheard of. There has been
constant disputing & crossbow
ever about them. The matter
is now in train for settlement,
& I am trying to persuade the
Govt to consent to pay a fair
- ing sum of his claims in the
Fiftony & Carrawamba Districts
the cost to be taken as a set
off to his claim for road
construction. If I can
get him to agree to this ar-
- rangement it will be all
right. But he is so awfully

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impecunious that I will
be some time before I can
get him to an agreement,
and in the meantime work
is absolutely required for the
poor people, and that too,
at once. I have wheat enough
grown & selling on the rivers &
at the roads & last per pairs.
I have received scores of bolls
of grain; and have cash at
my beck & call will work. The
road will be a most use-
ful one. It is the one short
line wanted to complete
direct road communication

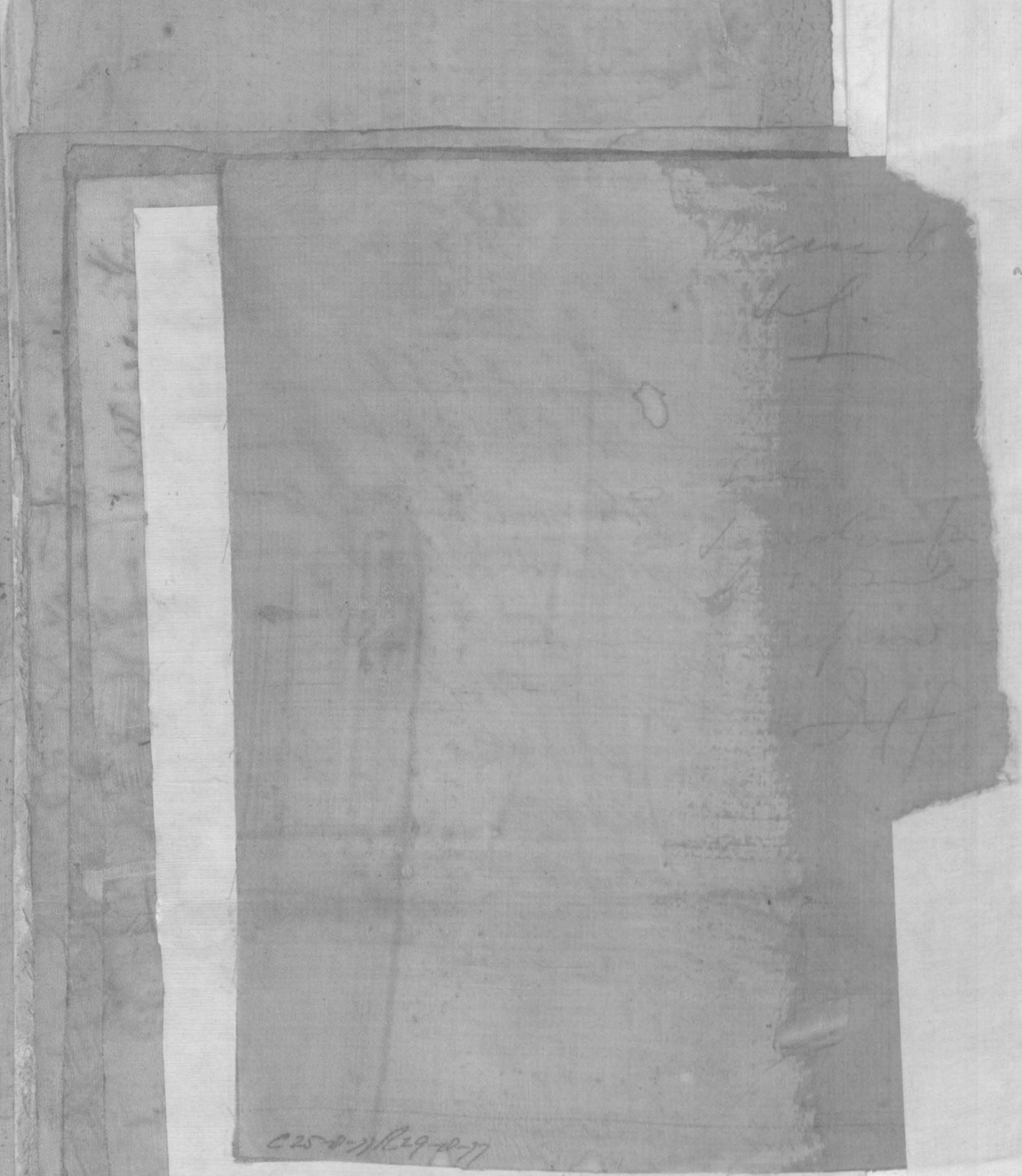
welcome South Coast x
cold afresh - It will be most
useful to the Shipping by Road
to & from Perth, and I cannot
but hope that Govt will see
the necessity of it & take the
matter in hand, before it is
urgently required elsewhere - I fear
I can only provide it as I foresee
there will be no stopping
a stream of emigration
from Fremantle & Guildford
to the East. I trust that Govt
will admit the difficult
position in which I am
placed. I am bound to

find work for the poor people.
but it will be impossible for
me to prepare to provide for
the repair of Tracks, & patches
sanctioned for weeks to come
and in the case of what
is to become of the thousands
of poor people out of work?
You will undoubtedly have
(as will me doubtless) have
these sufferings Kind to lay this
matter before His Excellency
early as possible
I am very sincerely
yours
J. S. Whitfield

A. No. 6554.

Grace.

Grace Church Grace



C25-27/C29-77

Steam vessels, vessels at Liverpool for protection of property, Steam vessels which would employ as many men as possible, Steam vessels, Contractors, Sandy Island, Sandy Islands some encouragement with attending steam vessels with attending steam vessels should be taken up first, The Bogging work referred to was supposed as a railway protective work but is really an additional protective work, Bor. 29

I have gone carefully into the details of this proposal and estimate made. The estimate makes no provision for land compensation & it is said that the Lewis claims along large areas for land taken up. The road is intended to connect Q. railway stations - i.e. not to

facilitate access of
traffic to the railway but
facilitate with fatal ease
the diminution of traffic
receipts & tend to prevent
the guaranteed charges
being made. This is highly
injustice - that all roads
and railways should be
allowed to undersell
& ruin the railways
by giving access to remote villages - or
opening up new areas by
communication other
than railways at less cost -

The road is urged in the
D.O. letter as the only one
for the present season -
but remaining 6 months -
the estimate will only
give employment for
40000 persons - say 1000
for 40 days - and

C25-7/R29-7-77

Simla.
7. Jn 6354.

The Secretary of Govt. has instructed
him to undertake the Work
here in Zemindaris but to indicate
in the Zemindars affording
the requisite aid. to enable
them to do this Loans have
been made from Imp. Famine
Fund and Provision of
such each granted. By G.O.
15-4. Feb. 7 Jn 686 in the Civil
Case of the Pondicherry Zemindaris
the Govt was to have advanced
for the repair of Tanks and
Irrigation works and that the

Contribution has been taken
that the works are then
superintended by Civil Officers

Order as regards
when the proposed
Road shall be handed
over the Zemindari tanks
part in charge or superin-
tendence by the B.d

Similar
1859 in connection
with Station
& D.O from the
Khidda &
Khanki Irrigation

Revenue Department

1877

No 3672.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 7th August 1877

Read the following

No 472.

From W. L. Whitecombe Esquire

Collector of Salt Revenue

To C. A. Galton Esquire

Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to submit
detailed Estimate for Rs 5810 countersigned
by the District Engineer for the con-
struction of a new road from the
Pettiveny Railway Station to that of
Nagercoil Part of a road between
these 2 important Railway Stations has
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2. I have in anticipation of sanction, placed Rs 2000 at the disposal of the Head Assistant Collector Mr Cox with instructions to commence the work at once in order to give work to the poor, and request that you will be good enough to obtain the Board's early sanction for the construction of the road in question.

The Estimate may be returned when no longer required.

I have &c

Sixth Assistant Collector's Office
Camp Palamanair
24th July 1877

Signed H. Trimmer
Asst Collector
for Collector

Submitted to Government.

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(True Copy & Extract)

C. C. Cotton
Sy: Secretary

To
The Addl. Secretary to Government P.D.
&c with Estimate to be returned.
Chepauk