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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

2nd July 1877, No. 1808.

Salt Roads.

Read the following paper:—

No. 3. *Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd June 1877, No. 2978.*

Read the following:—

SOUTH ARCOT DISTRICT, SALT DEPARTMENT.

Report on Salt Roads for the Official Year 1876-77.

1. Approach from the 21st mile in Tindivanam-Markanum Road to Kandadu Pans.	Has been repaired and is now in good order.
2. Road from Kandadu Bridge to Markanum Salt-pans.	Do. do. do.
3. Road from Markanum Village to Salt-pans and Salt Katchery.	Do. do. do.
4. Road from Markanum Pans to Sea-shore.	Do. do. do.
5. Approach from Chunampett Road to No. 2 Salt Platform.	Good order.
6. Approach from Chunampett Road to No. 3 Salt Platform.	Do.
7. Approach from Chunampett Road to No. 4 Salt Platform.	Do.
8. Approach to Gundalam Pans and Platforms from Lawford's Canal.	In fair order; requires a little repair, which will be attended to this year.

I take this opportunity to bring to notice the unsatisfactory state of the bridge over the Kandadu backwater. It has not been open for traffic since the 29th March last. The little culvert in the Tembakam causeway is perfectly rotten. I had some difficulty in passing over it on my way back from Chunampett on the 29th ultimo, and I am told it has since become perfectly impassable. The wooden bridge connected with that causeway wants repair. The rails in some places have been removed. It should not be a matter for surprise if from these causes there be a falling off in the sales, inasmuch as Madras salt is now being brought down by rail as far almost as Cuddalore and sold almost as cheap as the Markanum salt is sold at the pans.

PONDICHERRY,
1st June 1877.

(Signed) W. FREER,
Deputy Collector.

No. 260.

Submitted to the Board of Revenue, Madras.

2. The attention of the District Engineer has been drawn to the subject of rectifying the defects brought to notice.

CUDDALORE,
11th June 1877.

(Signed) H. SHARP,
Acting Collector.

Submitted for the information of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Sub-Secretary.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 2nd July 1877, No. 1808.

Communicated to the Public Works Department, in which department orders will be issued in view to remedying the defects pointed out.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Public Works Department.

Ed. A. S. Rodgers.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

24th July 1877, No. 479 W.

Buildings and Roads
Civil Works.

Read the following paper :—

No. 325. From Major H. R. MEAD, R.E., District Engineer, South Arcot, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Cuddalore, 16th July 1877, No. 83.

With reference to G.O., No. 68 W, dated 11th July 1877, I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter addressed to the Collector on the receipt of his informing me of the bad state of the Thembakum causeway.

2. The bridge over the Kandadu backwater, commonly called the Merkanum lattice bridge, has been temporarily repaired at a cost of Rupees 450; it was reopened on the 11th June 1877, and is now available for traffic.

The Local Fund Board have directed that no more expenditure be incurred on the bridge, which they consider they are not interested in.

3. With regard to the Thembakum causeway, it is almost impassable; it is, however, but little used, and as there is a passage across the valley (by means of two road dams) about 4 miles to the west of it, I consider it might be abandoned.

From Major H. R. MEAD, R.E., District Engineer, South Arcot, to the Collector of South Arcot, dated Cuddalore, 16th June 1877, No. 112.

With reference to your letter No. 126, dated 11th June 1877, I have the honor to bring to your notice that there is no provision made in the Local Fund Budget for the maintenance of road No. 3, or the road round the salt platforms at Merkanum. Last year there was a provision for these 4 miles of road at Rupees 75 or Rupees 300 for the road, but this year this road and also road No. 4, or the road from Allatore to Thembakum, a distance of 2 miles, nothing was allowed, as they were considered to be salt roads.

2. The Thembakum causeway bridges are in very bad order indeed, and have been so for some time; they require a heavy expenditure to put them in fair passable order, and I do not think it likely that the Local Fund Board will be willing to incur any expenditure on them, as they at their meeting on the 12th of May 1877 declined to thoroughly repair or reconstruct the wooden bridge on road No. 2 near Merkanum, because they considered it only useful for salt traffic and directed no more expenditure to be incurred on it.

3. As this is the case I would suggest you should bring the matter to the notice of Government, as I suppose you are aware that, if the causeway and the bridge on road No. 2 are impassable, Merkanum salt pans will be left with only one road to Pondicherry available.

No. 326. ORDER THEREON, 24th July 1877, No. 479 W.

COMMUNICATED to the Financial Department, with reference to the Order in that Department, No. 1,808, dated 2nd July 1877.

(True Extract.)

E. A. Smith Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, South Arcot.

„ Financial Department, with copy of Note by the Hon. W. Hudleston. ✓

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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Final (1877) Report.
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PUBLIC WORKS.

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,
SOUTH ARCOOT.
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No. 1508*

Dated July 24/77.

Encl.

Recd. 2nd August 1877.

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G. O. 24th July 1877, No. 429 W.

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Nos. 325-326.

*W. C. C. C.
Chief Secretary*

*H. S. S. S.
4th August 1877*

*W. C. C. C.
Revenue Department
with G.O. No. 1508*

Bridge over the Kandakudi Backwater and
Pombakum Causeway, South Arcot District.
Letter from the District Engineer reporting
that the former was temporarily repaired
and opened for traffic on the 11th June last,
and that the latter may be abandoned,
communicated to the Financial Department.

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Communicated to the Board
of Revenue. Probably the requisite funds
for the works referred to can be provided
out of the Revenue Imperial Budget
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