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Revenue DEPARTMENT

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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

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

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 869-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

Ramasamudrum 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.

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 21st February 1877

Read the following

No 93.

From

W. S. Whiteside Esquire

Collector of North Arcot.

To

A. E. Stokes Esquire

As Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Madras.

Sir,

In the enclosure No 2 of
their Proceedings dated 29th December
last No 3326, the Board of Revenue
have sanctioned Rs 5000 for the
(No 1) Road from Punganur to
Ramasamudram

Cost. of (1877) Ryabaras.

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated February, 28th.

Recd.

G O 4 25th February 1877, No. 384 A.

Recd.

PAVING BELIEF, No. 603 A.

Madras, and Bangalore Roads.
In the District. Considering the Board's
estimate on Mr. Clerk's supplemental estimate for
the road to the post, directing that they be
expended by an officer of the Department Public
Works, and the revised estimate called for by
the Board be submitted, and calling for a report
as to whether work has been going on along the
whole length of the two roads, or on only 2
miles of one and 3 of the other.

Ramasamudrum and Rs 6500
for the (No 6) Road from Punganur
to the Bangalore Trunk Road at
the junction with the Lakkana-
palli Road. 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 Rs 7000 for
the Ramasamudrum Road and
Rs 9100 for the Lakkana-
Palli Road. Copies of his letter
No.

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 Rs 4800 and
two miles of the latter Rs 5611.
Both

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 intrusted Mr. Clerk to push on the works vigorously without interruption in anticipation of sanction.

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

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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 2^d January last. Not.

North Arcot
Collector's office
Chittoor 10th February 1877

I have &c.
W. S. Whiteside
Collector.

The roads were estimated to cost Rs 500 per mile, and the supplemental estimate, if the document can be given and his name, puts the cost at Rs 200 per mile. The works are already

already done has cost Rs 2805 per
mile on the Luthkhanapalli road,
and Rs 1600 per mile on the
Ramarajendram 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 quanti-
ties and rates and there is nothing
to give assurance that the pre-
sent estimate of Rs 1200 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 value and
cost

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 not with-
standing.

(True Copy and Extract)

Sd/- H. E. Stokes
Secretary

To The Collector of North Arcot
(True Copy)

W. D. W. W.
Secretary

To The Additional Secretary to Govt.
with 2 origl. Enclosures to be returned.

The
P. D. B.

No.

From

Revenue 13th

Dated

Feb 21st

1877.

FOR ORDERS.

The Govt. not long ago,
sanctioned the expenditure
of 37000 Rs. on road works
in the Bangalore Taluk
as State Relief works,
from famine funds.
Of the estimates then
sanctioned there two
amounting to Rs. 5000
+ 6500 for repairing
2 roads 10 miles + 13
miles long respectively.
The average cost per
mile was then estimated
at 500 Rs. per mile.
As for unbridged &
unmetalled roads we
know too low.
With this we now found
a letter from Mr. Clerk
the Survey Officer in
charging these works
asking for supplemental
grants of 7000 + 9100

Referring certain remarks
on Collector's letter re
proceeding sanction for the
additional expenditure of
Rs. 7000 for the same work.
From Rs. 21,000 + 9100
for the same work.

Sanctioned 21st Feb 1877
Recd 22nd
Sent 21st
in 2nd 1877

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7.2.77
Proceeding for
Rs. 13000 of Rs. 10000

for finishing the road.
 has raised the much
 amount to 1200 Rs.
 it is not at all
 excessive - but which
 if matters with time
 of about 10000 Rs.
 for all the other work
 in the Tami Nadu, & if
 all the estimates for
 these works can be
 raised by supplemental
 estimates to 2 1/2 times
 the originally
 sanctioned the gift
 to Pungam from
 Tami Nadu funds will be
 not far short of a
 lakh of rupees instead
 of 20000.

The Rs. 120000 are
 very much to the point.
 It is suggested that
 it be no kind of state
 whether the work has been
 in progress all along
 and road is not
 for opening of road
 5 miles out of the 23

Hear that Mr. W. is the
 only one out of Pungam
 than the work
 Committee of Pungam (the
 funds) and it does
 nothing at all
 26/2/77

It may be well
 to enquire by a
 separate proceeding
 into the condition of
 Langooday & what
 is being done there
 M

an amount of 1200 Rs.
 work however may be half
 done - if well done
 long for 1200 Rs. a
 mile, including labour,
 the work will be cheap -
 even if the engineering
 has been so far as the
 (running) of the roads
 goes.
 24/2/77 I am
 yours as ever

M

I think the reports are
 unsatisfactory - I would
 call for report immediately
 by competent officer of
 amount of work done on the
 road & what remains to
 be done. Surely an officer from this
 can do this in 5 days -
 I would also call on
 Whitehead to go to the district
 reported to by Sir W. M. & report
 from personal observation

to photo
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FOR ORDERS

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h. o 28 Feb 1877

The Govt. consider the
Board's criticisms on
W. Clark's supplemental
estimate for the
Lakkonapalli and
Rameswaram roads
are much to the point,
and before sanctioning
any further expenditure
on these works ~~there~~
direct that they be
inspected by an Officer
of the D.P.W. & the revised
estimates called for
of the Board be submitted

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Clark's letter to the
the Board, or from the
supplemental estimate
whether work has been
going on along the whole
length of the 2 roads
of which ~~the~~ 2 miles of one
& 3 miles of the other
have been completed,
or whether the whole

outturn for the expenditure
incurred, namely 102,110,
is the above 5 miles of
road. This point
is to be reported on -

28/2/77 J.H.S.

Ind Capt to the Board of Officers & Men
The Finance Dept
The Bd of Ref

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28/2/77