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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 1019 Press Mis—

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Dated 15th April 1869

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 15th April 1869.

No. 312. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department :—

Sanctioning estimate of Rupees 53,150 for re-metalling the Southern Trunk Road from Trichinopoly to Madura, in the Trichinopoly District. } (Here enter 6th April 1869, No. 1,113.)

No. 313. ORDER THEREON, 15th April 1869, No. 1,019.

Miscellaneous. COMMUNICATED to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. WELLESLEY,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 1,113.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Docket 1869 Trichinopoly

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated April 19th.

Read.

Ans.

G. O., 19th April 1869, No. 1,019.

APRIL.

Nos. 312-313.

Trunk road from Trichinopoly to Madura.—Order sanctioning the re-estimate for re-metalling it; communicated to Board of Revenue.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 6th April 1869.

No. 138. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Atticadai, 11th March 1869, No. 1,314 :—

1. I have the honour to re-submit the estimate of Rupees 53,150 for re-metalling the Trunk Road from Trichinopoly to Madura, which was returned with G. O. No. 83. Early sanction is requested to this estimate, as Rupees 15,000 are provided for the work in the Budget of 1869-70.

1 Estimate, Rupees 53,150.
1 Letter, No. 1,245, 22nd February, and enclosure.

No. 326.

2. I take the opportunity to inform you that the decision lately arrived at by Government, relative to the roads which are to be regarded as local, will be very detrimental to the District of Trichinopoly, unless Government will make grants from Imperial Funds for all new roads, and for the completion of those which have already been commenced.

3. In the Budget of 1869-70, allotments as per margin have been made from District Funds for roads which have already been commenced (for No. 329 is only a continuation of No. 328 to Road No. 6) but under the recent orders of Government, as almost the whole sum available from Local Funds will be absorbed in providing for the maintenance of existing roads, and the small balance will be required to complete other roads which are in a more advanced stage of progress than those noted in the margin.

No. 327,	Rupees	7,000
,, 328,	,,	9,000
,, 329,	,,	4,000
,, 330,	,,	8,000
,, 331,	,,	8,000

4. All these roads must be stopped on the 31st March unless funds from Imperial grants are provided for them, and as there will be considerable direct loss to Government if all these works are suddenly stopped in the very middle of the working season, I have the honour to request permission to carry on the works uninterruptedly, in anticipation of the provision of funds for them in 1869-70, and, pending a reply, I purpose to allow the works to be proceeded with.

5. As I have entered somewhat minutely into this matter in a letter I have lately addressed to the Collector, I have the honour to enclose a copy of the letter, from which Government will learn exactly how matters stand.

No. 1,245, 22nd February.

From the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Collector of Trichinopoly, dated Camp at Madanattoor, 22nd February 1869, No. 1,245.

1. With reference to your docket No. 19, dated 4th instant, I have the honour to inform you that the sum of Rupees 14,800, adverted to in paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings, No. 330,* dated 20th November, were allotted for the roads noted in the margin, and that they will be expended in 1868-69, no further sums have been assigned during the year.

No. 8,	Trichinopoly	to Salem, via	Toriore,	Rupees	5,000
,, 6,	do.	to Wodiarpolliem,	...	,,	3,000
,, 4,	do.	to Dindigul	...	,,	6,800

* Returned.

2. I observe that, in the Imperial Budget of 1869-70, sums have been provided as per margin, but (District Fund) is entered opposite to each road, the Government probably not being aware that Local Funds were not available for these works under the recent burdens thrown upon the Local Funds owing to the transfer of a large number of roads from the head of Imperial to that of Local.

No. 9.	from Perambalore to Arealore	... Rupees	9,000
,, 10.	from Perambalore to Kuttapuram ...	,,	8,000
,, 7.	from Museri to Cunnanore and Toriore	,,	8,000
,, 15.	from Kulitalai to Manaparai ...	,,	7,000
,, 25.	from Arealore to Kunnanur as far as Arealapalaor to join Road No. 6 ...	,,	4,000

3. As the maintenance of all the roads but three has been thrown upon the Local Funds, Government should, I think, be informed of the result of the arrangement sanctioned by them, namely, that only about Rs. 10,000 will be available annually for new roads, and this at a time when the balances of estimates for roads in progress amount to Rs. 1,10,825*. and when so large an outlay as Rupees 78,510† is required to place three of the Imperial roads† lately transferred to Local in good order.

Trunk Road No. VIII.
No 2, from Trichinopoly to Salem.
,, 4, from do. to Madura.
Trunk Road No. IX. provided for in No. 8 Division.

* Letter 794 of 31st October 1868.

† Nos 3, 4, and 6.

4. If funds are not provided in 1869-70 for the roads now in progress from Trichinopoly to the Salem frontier, viâ Toriore, from Museri to Toriore, viâ Cunnanore, from Venganoor to Arealore, viâ Perambalore, the amounts already expended on those roads will be in a great measure thrown away, and the opening up of the country, which those lines traverse, will be postponed indefinitely; a great part of the two latter roads particularly passes through black cotton soil, and even if the formation of the roads is resumed some years hence, but little benefit will be derived from the expenditure already made: for the roads, if used in their present unfinished state, will get cut up, and the black cotton soil will become mixed with the surface material and the latter will be lost, and when work is resumed the surface material will have to be entirely renewed.

5. Under the recent settlement, the land-tax has been so much reduced that it is almost hopeless to expect to find irrigation projects which will be remunerative, and the cultivation of dry crops in many parts of the district would appear to be more remunerative than that of wet crops; of the former three or more crops are often grown on the same ground, and however bad the season may be, some return is obtained as one or more of the crops is sure to reach maturity, while if a rice crop fails all is lost, to say nothing of the sum lost in ploughing and otherwise preparing the ground.

6. If Trichinopoly is ever to recover and its revenue to become elastic, this must be effected by opening the district up by means of roads, so as to admit of the possibility of the dry grains reaching a market. Under these circumstances and taking into consideration, the fact that the demand upon Imperial funds in 1869-70 is only Rupees 77,567, and under present arrangements is not likely to exceed that amount, I think that Government would, if the matter were properly laid before them, recognise the necessity of providing from Imperial Funds at least for the following roads:—

	Trichinopoly		Rs.
New Works Road	... ...	...	13,000
Maintenance	... ...	...	33,130
	Tanjore.		
Maintenance	... ...	...	27,437
		Total ...	77,567

			Rs
No 3	From Trichinopoly to Caroor	... ...	41,450
,, 4	do. to Dindigul	...	33,440
,, 6.	do. to Trunk Road IX	...	3,620
Estimate submitted on 31st October, No 794.			

* Rupees 6,570.

1st.—For putting in order Roads 3, 4, and 6, which have recently been transferred from Imperial to Local. Government will surely recognise the justice of handing over the Imperial roads in good order, and also of completing No. 8,* from Trichinopoly to Salem, viâ Toriore, which has been hitherto provided for from Imperial Funds.

2nd.—For completing or constructing all the Railway Feeders, viz.:—

From Manaparai to Kulitalai	... ...	... Rupees	24,790 in progress.
From Museri to Toriore, viâ Cunnanore	... ...	,,	27,567 do.
From Tercoveremboor to Vennaur Head	...	,,	24,528 ,,
From Chinnalattoor to Valiaputty	... ...	,,	17,600

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7. If Government would take upon themselves to provide for the above works from Imperial Funds, and would provide the amounts entered in column 6 of the enclosed statement in 1869-70, the Rupees 15,848, which it is probable will be available in 1869-70 from Local Funds for New Works, might be laid out on the roads from Perambalore to Arealoor and to Venganoor respectively; but if Government will not provide for these roads, early intimation should be afforded on the subject, for the roads in progress will have to be stopped on the 31st March, just in the middle of the working season, and this, besides entailing considerable loss on Government, will render it necessary to supply some funds to meet outstanding demands for work already executed.

8. The scheme for roads forwarded with my letter No. 1,694, dated 29th February 1868, showed that a sum of Rupees 3,97,685 was required to provide for the more important lines of communication in the district, to this must now be added Rupees 78,510 for Roads 3, 4, and 6. The probable expenditure on the works up to 31st March will be Rupees 61,163, leaving Rupees 4,15,032* to complete the scheme, and of this sum, under my present proposal, Rupees 1,79,565† would have to be provided from Imperial Funds and Rupees 2,35,467‡ from Local Funds, and to meet the latter only about Rupees 10,000 would be available annually, and even this would be gradually reduced as the roads became completed and maintenance had to provided for them.

Rs.	
3,97,685	
78,510	
4,76,195	
61,163	
* 4,15,032	

† Column 5 of Statement.

Rs.	
‡ 4,15,032	
1,79,565	
2,35,467	

9. The subject is one which, therefore, requires an early decision, and I write to you instead of directly to Government regarding it, as Government would probably require your opinion as well as that of the Board before passing orders on my letter, and as the official year is drawing to a close, I would urge the immediate submission of this letter, with your comments upon it, to the Revenue Board. If my proposals are approved and sanctioned, the balance available for New Works in 1869-70 should be allotted to roads Nos. 9 and 10, instead of as proposed in the Budget (Local) recently submitted by you.

No. 139. ORDER THEREON, 6th April 1869, No. 1,113.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 20.

1. The Government sanction the estimate of Rupees 53,150 for remetalling the Southern Trunk Road from Trichinopoly to Madura, which forms item No. 326 of the Budget for 1869-70.

2. The demands for money to complete and maintain Imperial Roads being greatly in excess of the means at the disposal of the Government, no funds can possibly be spared for any Local Roads.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Accountant General.
,, Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Comm. to the Revenue Board.

Revenue Dept.
No. 1088.

Govt. of {1869} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

6TH DIVISION.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated April, 6th.

Read. 8th. " - Inst.

G. O., 6th April, 1869, No. 1,113.

APRIL.

Nos. 138-139

No 1019 - 15 Apl. 69

Southern Trunk Road.—Estimate of Rupees 53,150 for remetalling the Southern Trunk Road from Trichinopoly to Madura in the Trichinopoly District, sanctioned with remarks.

Write Order