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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
26th April 1877.*

**Famine Relief.**

No. 662-C. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th April 1877, No. 1,739:—

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated Kangundy, 5th April 1877, No. 229.

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith an estimate, amounting to Rs. 12,400, prepared by Overseer Ratnavelu Mudaliar in charge of the relief-works at Gudiatam, for constructing a road from Koppam to Kangundy. The latter locality is the seat of the Zemindar, and the want of this communication has long been felt by the people in the neighbourhood. This road will connect the cusbah town of the Zemindari with the railway station. It is a line that the Local Fund Board have long had under contemplation, but could not spare money for, and its construction will keep the distressed people in that part of the district employed for a length of time.

2. The Kangundy Division is very wild and jungly, and the soil is extremely rocky and hard. The total estimated length of the road, though under 8 miles, is therefore calculated to cost Rs. 12,400. The Board will, however, observe that the estimate includes the construction of road-dams and other items of importance which must necessarily involve considerable expenditure.

3. I am aware that the Board are averse to the formation of new roads, but I am constrained to recommend the construction of this road in question, inasmuch as no other means of employment is available for the poor in the Zemindari. The Government cannot undertake to repair at their cost the tanks and other sources of irrigation in the estate and the collection of gravel along the road from Koppam to Venkatagherykotah (which is the only road now in existence in the Zemindari), and which is now in progress, will not afford sufficient labor to the people now at work for many weeks longer.

4. Under these circumstances, I would strongly urge the necessity of forming the important road in question, and request the early orders of the Board to put the work in hand.

THE estimate is submitted for the sanction of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,  
Secretary.

No. 662-D.

ORDER THEREON, 26th April 1877, No. 1,571-B.

Miscellaneous.

THE estimate is sanctioned, though the Government observe it is not signed by the District Engineer. It should be

submitted to him for his approval and signature and for revision if necessary.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.  
" the Public Works Department.  
" the Financial Department.  
Etd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Board of  
Revenue

Dated 18<sup>th</sup> April 1877

By R. No. 3708 Read the following n. 229

From W. S. Whiteside Esquire  
Collector of North Arcot

To H. E. Stokes Esquire  
Secretary to the  
Board of Revenue  
Madras.

Sir,  
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Wm. Scott  
Collector's Office  
Camp Congoundy  
5<sup>th</sup> April 1879

I have &c  
(sd) W. Whitelide  
Collector

The estimate is submitted for  
the sanction of Government.  
(True Copy & Extract)

W. Scott  
Secretary

To act? See? to Gov? R. D.  
with enclosures

W. Scott

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