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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
29th November 1876.

No. 579. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th November 1876, No. 2,967 :—

Read the following letter from C. E. PLUNKETT, Esq., Deputy Collector, in charge of the Salt Department, to F. R. H. SHARP, Esq., Acting Collector of Nellore, dated 6th November 1876, No. 272 :—

WITH reference to paragraph 2 of your endorsement, dated 7th ultimo, No. 2,789, to copy of G. O., Revenue Department, of 26th September 1876, No. 1,344, communicated with Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 8,420, dated 3rd ultimo, I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter* received from the Ongole Range Officer, Mr. Sub-Engineer Ottmann, regarding the work on the Koppolu and Biramgunta Road and the postponement of the grant of the funds required to complete it.

* No. 553, dated 3rd November 1876.

2. The work on this road was begun originally in 1864-65; a small outlay was incurred on it in that year and in the three following years, or up to 1867-68, in making tunnels and embanking one or two bad bits. Then there was a break, and no more work was done for four years, or up to 1871-72. With the following year (1872-73) work was started a second time, and with frequent stoppages from want of funds it has been dragging its slow length along year by year since, for five years now, and still it is proposed in the orders quoted at the beginning of this letter to again postpone its completion to yet another year. The whole length is not quite five-and-a-quarter miles, and, considering that it is now thirteen years since the first bit of work was undertaken on it by the Public Works Department, we have not been making more than three furlongs of road per year, and, if even these three furlongs were fully completed and laid out year by year fit for traffic, it might be thought some good had been effected, but no; after so many years and so much expenditure a fourth of the road is still not open to traffic, and when I went to Biramgunta six weeks ago I passed by the line wistfully longing for its completion and the time when I could get my bandies from Koppolu to Biramgunta freely without having the wheels sinking into black cotton mud of more or less depth, aided by several men to push the bandies on.

3. With all deference to the Range Officer's opinion in the last paragraph of his accompanying letter that "the work if postponed will not suffer," I cannot help thinking that it must do so, if not from a professional point of view by deterioration, at all events financially it must. These frequent postponements and prolongment of the work over a series of so many years must enhance cost. Material collected years ago is yet not made use of, and so is thrown about by almost every gang of dealers, who come to the depôt for salt; the stones are taken by them for fire-places, and thus all over the Biramgunta plain for several hundred yards on either side of the line of road stones gathered originally as road jelly will be found scattered. This must be so much material wasted or lost, and I think it will be admitted by every one that it will be true economy to complete the work, and that any postponement is much to be deprecated.

P.S.—I do not mean by what I have written above to reflect upon the conduct of the work by the Officers of the Public Works Department. They are, I believe, quite as anxious as myself to have the road completed, but, if constantly interrupted

in their progress by the want of assignment of the necessary funds, it is obvious they cannot prevent the delay that I have described, or the consequent loss and enhancement of cost that must, I think, be the inevitable result.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From S. W. H. OTTMANN, Esq., Sub-Engineer, in charge of Northern Range, to C. E. PLUNKETT, Esq., Deputy Collector, in charge of Salt, Nellore, dated Santanutalapaud, 3rd November 1876, No. 553.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter above recorded with its enclosure (herewith returned). I have received instructions from the District Engineer to stop the road work under notice, completing only such work in hand that will suffer from stoppage. It will certainly be desirable to finish the work as it has been in hand so many years already. The earth work is done; the metal and gravel put on; and rain awaited to water and roll the surface. For the masonry works the material is ready, and only three remain to be built, and, but for the unfavorable season, the line should certainly have been completed ere this. As there is so little to be done, it is a pity indeed to postpone completion.

2. The line as you know runs through the borders of a swamp, soil very bad and unstable, and I have had great difficulty in making the embankment hold together. Already its upkeep has told on the estimate, so that, if completed, the line can be placed under maintenance and present difficulty and changes obviated.

3. The work if postponed will not suffer, as I shall take care to provide for unfinished items and somewhat for upkeep till next year.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. E. PLUNKETT,
Deputy Collector.

No. 3,210.

SUBMITTED to the Board of Revenue with reference to their Proceedings, Nos. 2,245 and 8,420, of 1st September and 2nd October 1876. No further comment is necessary, but the Acting Collector requests that the Board will be good enough to move Government to order the completion of this long-delayed road as a relief work in connection with the East Coast Canal. The work could be easily supervised by the officers to be engaged on the extension of the canal as the works are in close proximity.

NELLORE, 18th November 1876.

(Signed) F. R. H. SHARP,
Acting Collector.

To the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G. O., Revenue Department, dated 26th September 1876, No. 1,344, with the Board's recommendation that the Collector's proposal be accepted and this line of communication completed from relief funds.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 580. ORDER THEREON, 29th November 1876, No. 1,856.

Miscellaneous.

THE Collector's proposal is a good one, and will accordingly be carried out.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Collector of Nellore.
„ the Financial Department.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 25 November 1876

Rec'd 29th ditto

Read the following

No. 172.

Enclosure one.

From, The Dy Collector
in Charge of the Salt Deptt
Tellicherry

To, F. R. A. Sharples Esqr.
Ag Collector of Tellicherry

Sir,

With reference to paragraph 2
of your endorsement, dated 7th ultimo
No 2789. to copy of Government order,
Revenue department, of 26th Septr 1876 No.
1344, Communicated with Board's
Proceedings Miscellaneous No. 8420.
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† No 553, of 3 Octr/76.

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(Signed) C.E. Plunkett
Dy Collector

Nellore Dt. 6th
office Nellore
6th November 1876

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Sgnd/ E.E. Plunkett
Lall Dy Collector

D.P.W.

From The Officer in Charge, Northern Range
To, The Dy Collector in Charge Salt & Kellore
Station Tantamalapaud
Dated 3d November 1876.
c/No 553 Enclosure One) Board Proceedings
Reference Dy Collectors c/No 128
Subject
Beerumgunta Road.

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I have &c

(s/) W. H. Cuthbert
Sublgt in Charge N. Range

/True copy/
/signed/ Col Hunkett
Dy Collector

(True copies)

No 3240.

Submitted to the Board of Revenue, with reference to their Proceedings Nos 2245 & 8420 of 1st Sept & 2 Oct 1876.

No further Comment is necessary But the Ag Collector requests that the Board will be good enough to move Government to order the Completion of this long delayed Road as a relief work in connection with the East Coast Canal. The work could be easily supervised by the officers to be engaged on the Extension of the Canal, as the works are in close proximity

Nellore
Collectors office
18 Nov 1876

/signed/ A Sharp
Ag Collector

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras.

Submitted to Government with reference to G.O. dated 26 Sept 1876 No 1344 with the Board's recommendation that the Collector's proposal be accepted and this line of Communication Completed from relief funds.

/True copy/ illegible

W Thomas
Acting Secretary

To, The Secretary to Government Rd

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C026 Sept/76 No 284-86

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No 5199

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 25
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No 1856. 29 November 1876

Submitting for orders a letter from the Collr of Tellicherry, with Ds recommendation regarding the limits of the Koppolent Peermuntu Road, & suggesting the expediency of completing from Reduced funds.

With Ords

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The Collector's proposal is a good one, and will accordingly be carried out

29th Novr. 1876.

C. 27: Nov/76 R. 28-11-76

No 1 Board's Proc. dt 29-11-76 Sanction to Collector's Estimate for Rs 1400 &c
No 2 Ditto Ditto dt 29-11-76 Sanction to Collector's Estimate for Rs 1400 &c
3 Ditto Ditto dt 29-11-76 Sanction to Collector's Estimate for Rs 1400 &c