

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	420	Press Mis.
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
31st March 1870.*

No. 244. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th February 1870, No. 897:—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 14th January 1870, No. 21.

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the sanction of the Board, a revised estimate showing an increase of Rupees 5,600, incurred over the sanctioned estimate* for the road from Ireoor to Irrity (D. R., No. 9).

* Rupees 35,300, sanctioned in Government Order, dated 1st March 1867, No. 631.

A letter, dated 7th December 1869, No. 874, from the Superintending Engineer, explaining the cause of the increase is also forwarded.

2. The principal causes of the increase are—

1st.—Increased charge on account of superintendence and sundries.

2nd.—Extra earth-work having been found necessary during the progress of the work.

3rd.—To provision having to be made for the expenditure incurred in tracing the road—an item which was not included in the former estimate.

3. The first and third items call for no remark. As regards the second item I am in no means convinced that the raising the height of the embankments was absolutely necessary. The former embankments were doubtless low and liable to be covered during exceptionally heavy monsoons, but I think that it is not necessary that our local roads should at first be made passable in all weathers. With the embankments at the height formerly proposed, the road would only have been impassable for a very few days in the year, and that at a time when local traffic is almost suspended. The stoppage therefore would not have caused inconvenience. As, however, the money has been expended, the sanction of the Board will I trust be granted to this item being included in the revised estimate. The increase (Rupees 5,600) has to be provided for out of the reserve of 1870-71, as I have no funds at my disposal for its payment during the current year.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Endersement of the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, No. 93.

From the Assistant Engineer, Malabar, to the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, dated Cannanore, 7th December 1869, No. 874.

I HAVE the honour to forward herewith a Comparative Statement, showing the cause of increase on the Ireoor and Irrity road.

2. From this you will perceive that Rupees 2,406 is due to the rules in force when the original estimate was prepared, as at that time all expenditure on account of superintendence was charged to the head "Petty Establishment," the amount for superintendence and sundries was therefore much too low.

3. I have been hoping that every season would be more healthy than those previous, and that I would therefore be able to get the work done cheaper; in this, however, I have been disappointed, the clearing for upland cultivation, which has been made to such a very large extent along the line of road during the last three years, having apparently made the country much more unhealthy than it used to be.

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4. I have also found from the floods of this year that some of the embankments are not high enough, and have therefore had to allow for raising them to keep them passable in such a flood as there was this season. In a flood like that of 1865 there are a few places which would still be impassable, but as that flood was a very unusual one, I have not thought it worthwhile to raise the road sufficiently to clear it, as it would only be closed for two or three days at the most.

Cory to Collector of Malabar, with original Comparative Statement, showing an excess of Rupees 5,600 on the estimate of Rupees 35,300, sanctioned in Government Order, No. 631, of 1st March 1867, with request that the sanction of Government may be obtained for the excess in question which is due in nearly equal shares to insufficient allotment for superintendence and sundries, and to additional work performed to the satisfaction of the undersigned, who further notes that but for great unhealthiness along the line, it might have been opened at the cost originally estimated, or with five per cent. over it. Provision for the excess will have to be made from the reserve of 1870-71.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Estimate.

THE revised estimate will be submitted for the sanction of Government, with reference to Government Order, 22nd February 1867, No. 437.

2. It does not appear from the estimate what portion of the increase is to be ascribed to the raising of the embankments to a higher level than was first proposed. The Board are accordingly not in a position to judge whether this measure was desirable or not.

No. 245.

ORDER THEREON, 31st March 1870, No. 420.

Local Funds, No. 11.
Civil Works.

THE excess of Rupees 5,600 over the sanctioned estimate for constructing the road from Ireoor to Irrity is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Accountant-General.

Ed. F. B. Bantleman.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 31st March 1870.

Read the following. *Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.*

Submitting for sanction revised estimate showing increase of Rs. 5600 over sanctioned estimate for road from Erroor to Irity in Malabar District

M. 5th Feb. 1870, No. 897.

The excess of Rs. 5600 over the sanctioned estimate for constructing the road from Erroor to Irity is sanctioned

M. 5th Feb. 1870

*P. of Rev.
P. M. 5th Feb.
Accepted*

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Signature

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE

By Mr. Secy.

For Mr. Secy.

Recd.

G. O. No. 110 of 1870, No. 420.

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Nos. 244-245.

Road from Erroor to Irity in Malabar District. The excess expenditure incurred in its construction, sanctioned.