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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th January 1867.

No. 424. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Approving of the works proposed to be carried out for the improvement of Trunk Road between Chicacole and Berhampore, in Ganjam District, and allotting funds for the same in anticipation of the sanction of the Government of India. } (Here enter 10th January 1867, No. 79.)

No. 425. ORDER THEREON, 19th January 1867, No. 201.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Collector of Ganjam, through the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 79.

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6. For this shortcoming, I beg to explain that there is always a scarcity of bricklayers at Berhampore, and that now there are in progress the Church and Government School; the Convicts are being employed on the Jail, but the charge for their work is not debited against the allotment, nor is the cost of the wood which is procured from the Forest Department. We have been disappointed in getting it down, as the Conservancy Officers failed to carry it to the river before the last freshes, so that we cannot execute any carpentry work either; the masonry will be pushed on.

7. I beg permission, therefore, to use these sums (Rupees 9,000 in all) on the Trunk Road, where they are badly wanted, and where the pauper population can be more easily employed over a long line. They will not, with the improved prospects, move to any distance in search of work.

No. 165. ORDER THEREON, 10th January 1867, No. 79.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 39.

1. The Government approve of the works which it is proposed to carry out for the improvement of Trunk Road No. 6 between Chicacole and Berhampore in the Ganjam District, at an estimated cost of Rupees 19,810. They regret to learn that the allotment of Rupees 12,593 for the Berhampore Jail cannot be fully appropriated to that building during the current official year, but they are willing to accept the explanations which are urged of the difficulty experienced in prosecuting the work more vigorously, and they resolve in anticipation of the sanction of the Government of India, to authorize the diversion of Rupees 6,000 from that allotment to the improvement of the Trunk Road. As the unexpended balance of Rupees 3,000 of the famine grant cannot be appropriated to other than famine purposes, His Lordship in Council is unable, under the circumstances stated by the Collector, to authorize its expenditure on the Trunk line in addition to the funds which have now been granted for it.

2. The Governor in Council suggests, for the consideration of the Collector, whether the sum referred to or a portion of it might not be advantageously reserved with a view to assisting eventually in affording lodging to the numerous orphans of the famine, adopted by the several religious bodies in the district.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Accountant General.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 10th January 1867.

No. 164. Read the following letter from the Collector of Ganjam, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Cunchelly, 10th December 1866, No. 3,451 :—

1. At the request of the Superintending Engineer, Colonel Moberly, I forward, for the sanction of Government, the enclosed estimate providing for the expenditure of Rupees 9,000 on portions of Trunk Road No. 6, between Nowpada and Itchapore.

2. There can be no hesitation as to the expediency of this outlay in the interests of general traffic, and more especially in view to the establishment of postal service by a mail cart, for which object a local company has already been formed; but it is necessary that I should explain that the sum I proposed to place at the Superintending Engineer's disposal (Rupees 3,000, being the unappropriated balance of a grant of 15,000 Rupees for the employment of the poor during the famine) is no longer required for the special object, and on the grounds for which it was originally granted. In proposing to place it at Colonel Moberly's disposal, I supposed that it would be expended in the neighbourhood of Berhampore, where alone there remained sufficient pauperism to justify such expenditure as an assistance; but the rapid progress of harvest operations, and the fall of prices, will soon render it unnecessary to provide special employment even in that locality, and as the Superintending Engineer proposes to expend the money in a quarter where there is no distress, it will be proper to regard the transfer, if sanctioned, as a transfer of famine funds to other than famine purposes.

From the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp, Rajam, 5th December 1866, No. 202.

1. In reply to G. O., No. 3,393 of 24th October 1866, I have the honor to report that, in the Ganjam District, the line of the Trunk Road has been more than once changed, as you will see from the way in which it is broken up in the grants for maintenance allowance in the Budget. It has not been well made any where, and if the traffic increases, as it has done during the past ten years, will require considerable expenditure for metaling, &c. Between Itchapore and the Mahendra river, this necessity has already become obvious, and His Excellency the Governor, during his visit to this district, permitted the transfer for its reconstruction of funds sanctioned for the tanks in Berhampore, which, however, I was obliged to give up on the reduction of my allotment.

Enclosure 5.

2. In No. 2 Range several parts of the road have never been made; passing over hard sand it was supposed that more perfect construction would not be needed; these places are now very heavy and difficult to pass over, and will be serious impediments to the working of a mail cart.

3. Across the Nowpada swamp, the causeway has not been raised high enough, and has been badly breached near the three small tunnels, which have no wings to connect them with the earthwork.

4. To complete these works on the Trunk Road in this district I now enclose an estimate, and beg early sanction for its execution.

5. As reported in my No. 171 of 3rd November 1866, I was obliged to stop the further progress of work, though permitted by His Lordship the Governor; but the Collector now proposes to supplement my allotment by a transfer of Rupees 3,000 from his famine grant, and in spite of every endeavour to make good progress, I am satisfied that Captain Darrah cannot execute work to the amount allotted for the Berhampore Jail. He proposes to give up Rupees 6,000.

Commenced to the Collr of Ganjam, thro' the Secr. Board of Revenue

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