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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 10th October 1867.

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From the Deputy Collector in charge of Salt, Madras, to the Acting Collector of Madras, dated 27th August 1867, No. 193.

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Salt Superintendent's Cutcherry at Vallur...	150
Do. do at Ennore, Pulidiwak, Voyalur, and Kattur, at Rupees 150	600
	750

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* [illegible] Proceedings, dated [illegible] April 1867, No. [illegible], paragraph [illegible].

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* Item No. 4, Budget of 1867-68.

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	11,020
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Repair of Attipat channel...	100
	11,120
Amount sanctioned by Government of India	11,118
Difference...	2

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Number.	Description of Work.	Amount.	Provision in Budget for 1867-68.	Remarks.
		RS. A. P.		
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2	Sixteen wooden bridges for the Northern Pans, at 50 Rupees each	800 0 0	Do.	Do.
3	Gravelling the road from Cheyur to Chitpakam.	7,470 0 0	Do.	Do. Collector's letter, No. 220, of the 6th August.
4	Road or Bridge across the back-water at Voyalur.	2,000 0 0	Do.	Do. Collector's letter, No. ——, of the —— September.
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No. 217. ORDER THEREON, 10th October 1867, No. 2,383.

Separate Revenue, No. 10.
Salt.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed). F. H. WILKINSON,
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To the Board of Revenue.
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,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" the Acting Collector of Madras.

Ed. J. Wright.

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No 2625.

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