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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st November 1867.*

No. 3. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st October 1867, No. 6,850.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 4th September 1867, No. 306:—

1. I have the honor to submit, for the consideration and orders of the Board, an estimate, amounting to Rupees 52,500, for the construction of the district road from Guntoor to Iyaloor, received from the Superintending Engineer with his letter, * No. 110, dated 14th August 1867.

* Enclosed, and requested to be returned with its sixty-six enclosures.
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2. The estimate made no provision for metalling the heaved portion of it, and in a letter, No. 241, dated 20th ultimo, I took exception to the proposed mere levelling and draining of the present black cotton track, instead of making the road a good and proper one at once.

3. In reply (letter, No. 119, dated 26th August), the Superintending Engineer urges the difficulty of procuring cartage for the necessary metal, and the improvement to the present condition of things that his proposal will effect, and requests me to forward the estimate to the Board which I now do, with the remark that the difficulty complained of by the Superintending Engineer might probably be overcome, and that, so far as my experience goes, an unmade bandy track is at all times, wet or dry, as good as an unmetalled road of black cotton, and that to make a road over black cotton without proper metal is a source of expenditure without much facilitating communication.

From the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to the Acting Collector of the Kistna District, dated Masulipatam, 14th August 1867, No. 110.

* 16 Detailed Estimates.
13 Abstract do.
Rupees 52,500.
1 General Abstract.
15 Specification Reports.
15 Plans for masonry works.
1 Survey of road.

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1. I have the honor to forward plans and estimates, as per margin, * for constructing a road from Guntoor to Iyaloor, on the Kistna, for submission to the Revenue Board and Government.

2. The road is at present a mere track, but considerably used, as it is the nearest line from Guntoor to Masulipatam. It runs through a wealthy portion of the country, and will, in addition to being a thorough road as abovementioned, act as a good feeder to the canals.

3. The portion, however, from the Toongabudra to Iyaloor, traverses heavy black cotton soil, and the expense of metalling it would be so great that I have not provided for so doing in the estimate. Levelling the road and bridging the nullahs is all that is allowed for this portion.

4. I have provided elevating platform bridges for the Western Bank Channel, the Nizam-patam Canal, and the Commamoor Channel, as suggested by Mr. Thornhill in his report to Government.

5. In the original Budget of local works for the current year, Item 226, Rupees 4,000 has been sanctioned for this work.

From the Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, dated Masulipatam, 20th August 1867, No. 141.

I am in receipt of your letter, No. 110, dated 14th current, and its enclosures. Before submitting these to the Board and Government, I must observe, with reference to paragraph 3 of

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your letter, that if the road is to be a road at all, it had better be a complete one, and that the estimate should provide for its being so. The question of repair, it appears to me, is not one for district Officers, but for the final sanctioning authority. The expense, too, would eventually be less, if the road is made properly at first; what your proposal of merely levelling, &c., the black cotton between the Toongabudra and Iyaloor would result in, may be seen any day throughout the district. As an example, I would point out to you the Hyderabad road from Goodoor to Pamurroo over which I had anything but the pleasure of riding a few days ago: over that, after a shower of rain, I defy any wheeled traffic to go.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 3 to 68.—Plans and Estimates.

1. The Board concur with the Acting Collector that a good metalled road should be constructed, a commencement being made from either the Guntoor or Iyaloor extremity, and the work being carried out steadily to completion by annual allotments, maintenance allowances being provided for each completed section as the work progresses. The Board, therefore, request the Collector to ask the Superintending Engineer to furnish an estimate accordingly.

2. As regards the bridges, the Board are of opinion that their cost should be met by Government when rendered necessary by the formation of canals. Where a new line of road is carried across a canal, the expense of bridging must of course fall on the Road Fund.

3. The plans and estimates, received with the letter above recorded, are herewith returned for revision.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 1st November 1867, No. 2,574.

Miscellaneous.

1. Communicated to the Department Public Works.

2. It seems perfectly reasonable that where a Government canal intersects a pre-existing road, the cost of restoring the communication by the construction of a bridge should be borne by Imperial Funds.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
 „ the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 21st October 1867.

Exp. 25.

Don David F. Lawrence
of St. James, N. C. No. 390.

No. 6,850.

Returning for revision estimates for the construction of a road from Guntoor to Iyaloor in Kistna district.

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