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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 269. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th October 1867, No. 7,051 :—

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 20th August 1867, No. 1,941, Revenue Department.

ABSTRACT.—Referring to the Board for report a letter from the Postmaster General, regarding the improvement of the road from Caroor *via* Dindigul to Madura.

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1. The Board observe that no provision has been made in the Road Fund Budget for the line between Dindigul and Caroor.

2. The road is a "Railway feeder," in so far as its terminus is a Railway Station, but on the other hand the Government mails to Madura and Tinnevelly, the capitals of those districts, are conveyed along it, and in this sense it is a line of Imperial consequence.

3. The area of the Madura District is so extensive, and the mileage of roads required for purely local purposes is so great, that the Road Fund will certainly be inadequate to meet all the calls on it, if roads hitherto regarded as Imperial are thrown upon it.

4. In their Proceedings, dated 26th August 1867, No. 5,509, the Board gave it as their opinion that the road from Ramnad to Madura was Imperial, and in Government Order, dated 10th September 1867, No. 2,126, they were called upon to give their reasons for this view. They came to this conclusion because the line has always been so regarded, and it is a Salt line of great importance.

5. The other Salt lines in the district are from Tondi to Cottamputty on Trunk Line No. 4 (from Trichinopoly to Palamcottah) and from Sayelgoody to Madura.

6. The Board propose that these three lines, and the Trunk Road No. 4, be now declared to be the Imperial lines of the district, and if this be acceded to, they will be in a position to have the road from Dindigul to Caroor put into thoroughly good order as a first class cart road, fully equal to all local requirements. They presume that the Postmaster General does not expect a metalled road suited for the conveyance of mails in spring carts at a high rate of speed. A road adapted for such purposes is beyond the means as well as the scope of the Road Fund, which aims only at good roads for ordinary traffic, possible in all weathers.

7. The arrangement suggested by the Board will relieve the Government treasury of all but 260 miles of road. The district is about 8,000 square miles in extent; has a population of 1,800,000; and yields an annual revenue of thirty lacs. At a very moderate computation it will need a thousand miles of district road, so that the Board's proposal reduces the obligations of the State to the lowest degree. Hitherto *all* the roads have devolved on the State, and they have generally been so much neglected that the expense of bringing them into proper order will fall very heavily on the Road Fund.

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Trunk Road No. IV, about	57
Tondy to Cottamputty	70
Madura to Rampad	68
Do. to Sayelgoody	65
	260

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th November 1867.

8. Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Proceedings be submitted for the consideration and orders of Government, with reference to Government Order, dated 20th August 1867, No. 1,941.

No. 270. ORDER THEREON, 15th November 1867, No. 2,703.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Department Public Works, with reference to the endorsement of that Department, dated 14th Augut 1867, on the letter from the Postmaster General of 10th idem.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Postmaster General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Commund the P.W.D. & Rept.
& the Secy. of that dept. & the
Supdg. on the Letter from the
P.M. Genl. of 10th Inst. &
& 15th Noar. for
the Board's Opinion
for the Govt. whether officers of the Engr
Dept. should be employed
in the Construction of
Telegraph Lines &c.

Copies to the P.W. Dept. Dated 15th
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& the Postmaster General

I would not be in favor, because
if an Officer appointed in this
Dept. should eventually be in
a different line they will
be under the necessity of applying
Gratuities. In cases such as the
present I should be better pleased if the
Board should be prepared on the
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 30th October 1867.

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No 7,051.

Submitting to Government Board's remarks on the subject of the road between Dindigul and Caroor in Madura district, and suggesting that the lines from Ramnad to Madura from Tondi to Pottamputty and from Sayelgoody to Madura together with trunk Road No 4 be declared Imperial lines of district.

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