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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department
5th December 1867.

Read the following :—

No. 98. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th October 1867,
No. 6,425.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Salem, to the Secretary to the
Board of Revenue, dated 27th August 1867, No. 234.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Proceedings,
under date the 17th instant, No. 5,333, calling for information on certain points
relative to the Supplemental District Road Fund Budget for 1867-68.

Paragraph 6
Balur and Iyodiaputaum road.

2. The excess of 500 Rupees over
the estimate for this work was entered
by me believing that such extra allot-
ment would be within the estimate. I had not the estimate at hand to refer to.

3. The information called for in regard to this road has already been submit-
ted in my letter to Board of the 6th

Paragraph 9.
Dharampury and Pennagera road.

instant, No. 209. As therein stated, the
sum entered in the original and supple-
mental Budgets is the amount proposed to be spent during this year, and provision
will be made in the next Budget for the completion of the work.

Paragraph 11.
Road from Salem to the Railway Station.

4. At the extreme limit of the
Municipality on this road there is a toll
gate; the proceeds for the last six months
at this gate has been 746 Rupees.

5. I did not provide for the other Imperial lines referred to in the Govern-
ment Order of the 28th May 1867, No. 1,207, simply because I was of opinion that
the Local Fund Budget would not admit of my doing so at present, the ordinary
local roads having undoubtedly a prior claim on this Fund. I will make provision
for them in my future Budgets.

6. The general supervision of the Local Fund Works is conducted by the
Officers of the Public Works and Revenue

Paragraph 13.

Departments. There is no separate estab-
lishment maintained for the purpose. The Statement of Petty Establishment sub-
mitted with the Budget refers to petty Pygusts, Maistries, &c., and the estimates for
the different works include the charges on account of this petty establishment.

Paragraph 14.

7. No. provision is made for any
portion of the lines referred to in para-
graph 14, either in the original or in the supplemental Budget.

8. The following lines should be considered as Imperial roads, besides the
three referred to by the Board in paragraph 14 :—

Salem and Cuddalore *via* Ahtoor and Talanassel.

Salem and Vaniembady *via* Mungavady, Haroor, Ootengiry, and Tripattoor.
Oosoor and Melur, in the Mysore country.

9. As soon as I receive from the Board the copy of the Trigonometrical
Map, applied for in my letter, dated 22nd August, No. 225, I will supply the infor-
mation called for in paragraph 15.

1. With reference to paragraph 5 of the foregoing letter, the Collector is
requested to state whether the undermentioned maintenance grants, included in the
Public Works Budget, and not provided for in the current year's Supplemental

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District Road Fund Budget, and which the Collector promises to provide for in his future Budgets, are all of a description fairly chargeable to the Road Fund:—

Item No. 3.	Repairs of Yerkad and Salem Cattle Ghaut on the Shervaroy Hills	rs. 1,140
" 4.	Do. of 4 ¹ / ₄ th miles of road from Yerkad to Nagalore	410
" 5.	Do. of 12 do. from Taylor's Saddle to Shervaroy Hills Railway Station, with the branch line to Nagalore, commonly called Hunter's Ghaut	1,140
" 9.	Do. of 16 do. between Dharampury and Morapore	1,140
" 10.	Do. and renewals of 11 ¹ / ₄ th miles of road to Ahtoor ghaut	811
" 11.	Do. of certain petty roads	2,000
2.	Of the three roads enumerated in paragraph 8 of the Collector's letter, which are considered by him as Imperial, the Board approve of the first road as falling under that category. The remaining two works should, however, be classed as District lines, chargeable to the Road Fund; but in the case of the third road, the Board are of opinion that Government should bridge and finish it thoroughly from Imperial Funds, and that the Road Fund should then keep it in repair.	

No. 99. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th November 1867, No. 7,664.

Read the following letters:—

From the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department of Public Works, dated Salem, 28th October 1867, No. 160.

- 2 Plans.
- 1 Specification.
- 1 Abstract Estimate.
- 1 Survey.
- 1 Letter from Collector.

1. I have the honor to forward, for the sanction of Government, an estimate of Rupees 10,900, accompanied by plan and specification, for a bridge across the Pennar, in the Salem District,

on the road from Oosoor to the Melur Railway Station.

2. I entered this estimate in the Budget of the 5th Division for 1868-69, but in Government Order, No. 3,289, of 23rd October 1867, just received, it has been decided that the completion of the road, including bridges, shall be provided for from Local Funds.

3. I have inspected the intended site of the bridge more than once, and have seen the bridge built several years ago lower down the same river on Trunk Road No. 1, and I have no doubt of the water-way provided being sufficient.

4. The Collector, in his letter returning the estimate, attributes the small amount of traffic on the road to the want of this bridge, and the incomplete state of the road in the Salem District. The river, in its present state, is certainly a great obstacle to traffic during the monsoon; but the state of the road has nothing to do with it. I inspected the road in August, and found it in very good order.

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From the Collector of Salem, to the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, dated 23rd October 1867, No. 157.

1. Since writing my letter to you of 11th instant, No. 146, I have thought it proper to make inquiries as to the cause of the small amount of traffic on the Melur road, and I find that the sole reason is the incomplete state of the road within the limits of this district, and the want of a bridge particularly over the Pennar river. You will be kind enough to consider the opinion expressed in the above letter as cancelled, and allow the amount for the bridge to remain in the Budget.

2. The plans and estimates forwarded by you are herewith returned, countersigned.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 2 to 6.—Plans and Estimates.

Referred to the Revenue Department, with reference to the Order quoted by the Superintending Engineer.

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

31st October 1867.

Referred to the Board of Revenue.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government, R. D.

31st October 1867.

From the Collector of Salem, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd October 1867, No. 270.

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings of the 8th instant, No. 6,425, I have the honor to state that all the roads referred to, with the exception of the two Government roads to the Shervaroys, (via Ahtoor and Salem,) are local roads, and may, therefore, be fairly charged to Local Funds.

2. The Oosoor and Melur road requires to be put in thorough order, and to be bridged at the Pennar. I find from inquiry that the cause of there being so little traffic on this road at present, is in consequence of its incomplete state within the Salem limits. Beyond our boundary on the Mysore side this road presents a striking contrast, being in so much better condition.

The Board observe that in their Proceedings, under date 8th October 1867, No. 6,425, paragraph 2, they expressed their opinion that the road from Melur to Oosoor should be thoroughly completed from Imperial Funds before being transferred to the Road Fund.

No. 100. ORDER THEREON, 5th December 1867, No. 2,903.

Miscellaneous.

The Board are requested to state the grounds on which they consider that the Oosoor and Melur railway feeder should, within the limits of the Salem District, be bridged and thoroughly completed from Imperial Funds before being transferred to the list of District roads.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 8th October
1867, No. 6,425, and with plans and estimates.

Copy to the Collector of Salem.
" to the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Division.

Exd. J. Wright.

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The Bd. are requested
to state the grounds on which they
consider that the Assam & N. E. India
Railway project shall be within the limits
of the Assam Dist. to be bridged & thoroughly
completed from Imperial funds before
being transferred to the list of Dist. Road. 1/11/67
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