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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 25th February 1867.

No. 345. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st February 1867.

Read the following letter from the Collector of South Canara, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 7th February 1867, No. 24 :—

1. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Proceedings of the Board, dated the 5th November last, No. 8,020, I have the honor to submit a Supplemental Budget, as therein directed, for the employment of the receipts expected under "District Road Fund," from the collections of the Road Cess in the year 1867-68.

2. A Memorandum of these receipts is also herewith forwarded. The amount available for expenditure, it will be observed, is very considerably in excess of the outlay proposed, but looking to the shortness of the working season in this district, and to the great difficulty experienced in procuring labor in the interior, as also to the paucity of really efficient Superintendents, I am of opinion that no more can with propriety be expended. I am well aware of the desire of Government that these Local Funds should be availed of to the fullest possible extent, but anxious as I am to give full effect to these orders, and to push on as vigorously as possible the opening of the minor communications with the main roads, still the Board must be aware there is a limit to expenditure being made wisely and profitably, and it seems to me better that a limited number of works should be carried out fully and efficiently than a larger number in an indifferent way.

3. The estimate now forwarded has been prepared in consultation with the Superintending Engineer of the Division, Colonel Walker, who is of opinion with myself that the existing communications, and those more recently commenced, should be made thoroughly practicable for bandies, and that the opening of new lines should be next attended to. The present estimate has been, therefore, prepared with a view to this course being adopted.

4. I regret that I am unable still to submit detailed estimates just now, but Colonel Walker promises to prepare them during the current official year, and I hope to be able to forward them to the Board shortly, so that the several works proposed may be undertaken in proper time during the ensuing official year.

5. Colonel Walker seems to be of opinion that the Public Works officers can carry out the proposed operations cheaper and better than the Revenue officers, and looking to the lengthened experience that officer has had in this district, I am not prepared to question his opinion. I am, however, still inclined to think that some of the minor works, where much of professional skill is not necessary, might be entrusted to this department, and with this object, I have entered a sum of Rupees 10,000 to be laid out through the agency of the Revenue Department, the details of which will be laid separately before the Board, when the necessary information has been gathered on the subject.

6. I am aware that Government are, as a rule, averse to any expense being incurred, unless the estimates are prepared and sanctioned by them, but in an exceptional case like the present, and should the temporary relaxation of this rule be conceded, I would venture to ask authority for commencing the lines marginally* indicated, and carry out operations connected with them during the present fair season, or until the commencement of the ensuing monsoon.

	Rs.
* Road from Pootoor by Vittal to Munjeshwar	3,000
Beltangady and Moodbidry road ...	3,000
Moodbidry and Buntwal road	1,000
	7,000

Any unexpended portion may be added to the allotments of the following year. I shall carefully note the progress made, and lose no time in addressing the Board at the close of the present official year.

The Board will defer disposing of the Supplemental Estimate of Expenditure from Local Funds in 1867-68 until the necessary plans and estimates, the details of the proposed outlay of Rupees 10,000 by the Revenue Department, and a sketch map of the district are submitted. Meantime, in order that full advantage may be taken of the present fair season, the sanction of Government will be requested to the immediate commencement of (expenditure of Rupees 7,000 on) the lines named by the Collector in paragraph 6 of his letter above, as a special case. These works are roughly estimated at 17,500 Rupees, and the expenditure proposed this year is 7,000 Rupees.

No. 346. ORDER THEREON, 25th February 1867, No. 458.

Local Funds, No. 9.
Civil Works.

Sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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