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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 558 — Press ~~Mis.~~

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 7th March 1867.

No. 111. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Cochin, 12th February 1867, No. 226:—

1. In G. O. of the Revenue Department, No. 2,986 of 3rd November 1866, a sum of Rupees 3,700 was allotted from District Road Funds to meet half the probable cost of repairing the Ellatoor bridge on the coast-road between Calicut and Quilandy; and in G. O. No. 30 of the 7th January 1867, a similar allotment of Rupees 6,055 was made from the same funds towards half the cost of three other bridges on that road, between Cannanore and Tellicherry, as an advance to be recovered from Imperial Funds next year.

2. As matters now stand, therefore, I shall have to enter in my list of demands, on the Imperial Reserve of 1867-68, a sum of Rupees 15,810 for repair of four bridges on the coast road; but I am under the impression that these charges should properly be defrayed from the toll and ferry collections on Imperial roads, which are credited to Local Funds, but the proceeds of which should not be diverted to other than Imperial lines. This the Collector has hitherto failed to perceive, although it has frequently been pointed out to him by me, and by the Board of Revenue in paragraph 2 of their Proceedings No. 8,792, of 12th December 1866, and paragraph 3 of No. 9,066 of 21st idem. The Government also appear to have indicated to him the same course, by their call for returns of all toll collections on Imperial roads, in paragraph 3 of G. O. No. 1,944, of 3rd August 1866, Revenue Department.

3. In Coimbatore District, the first use made of the proceeds of all tolls on Imperial roads is to double the annual maintenance allotment granted them from Imperial Funds; and if this were done in Malabar, as I have pointed out to the Collector, I should be at no loss for funds wherewith to meet calls for repair of bridges on the coast road, and extra metaling for such a line as Trunk Road No. IV. leading from Coorg to the coast. I have accordingly the honor to request that the Collector be instructed to keep a separate account of all collections on Imperial roads, and to shew the following additional maintenance allowances in his revised Local Fund Budget as a first charge against them, viz.:—

	RS.
Trunk Road from Cannanore to Coorg frontier, thirty-four miles, at Rupees 110 a mile	3,740
Branch road from do. to Tellicherry, sixteen do. do.	1,760
Coast road from Beypoor to Baliapatam, seventy miles, at Rupees 110 a mile	7,700
Total Rupees ...	13,200

P. S.—I take this opportunity of requesting that the Revenue Board be instructed to supply me with a sufficient number of copies of any orders that they may pass on the subject of District Roads, the work of which is being carried out by the agency of this department. I applied to the above effect to the Board some time back, but my request was denied, on what grounds I know not. Collectors appear only to have one copy of such orders to spare me. Another is required for my Manager, and others for from one to four Range Officers, according as the order may affect one range or more in a district.

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Referred to the Revenue Department.

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

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
18th February 1867.

No. 112. ORDER THEREON, 7th March 1867, No. 558.

Local Funds, No. 3.
Account.

Forwarded to the Revenue Board for report, after communication with the Collector of Malabar.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

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Fort St. George, 18th February 1867

Chas. A. Orr, Col. R.E. Secretary to Govt P.W.D.

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