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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
***24th April* 1867.**

No. 315. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Calling Board's attention to the provision made in the current year's Imperial Budget for the improvement of communications in the Rumpah country, in Godavery District. } (Here enter 15th April 1867, No. 1,148.)

No. 316. ORDER THEREON, 24th April 1867, No. 910.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Under Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 299. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th April 1867, No. 2,158 :—

Read again letter from the Collector of the Godavery District, dated 22nd January 1867, No. 14, recorded in Board's Proceedings, 13th February 1867, No. 871.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of the Godavery District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Bandarlunka, Amalapur Talook, 4th March 1867, No. 41.

1. In reply to the Board's Proceedings, No. 871, of the 13th ultimo, I have the honour to state that the estimate for "Improving communications in Rumpah country," amounting to Rupees 15,400, was sanctioned by Government in their Order No. 1,442, dated 5th June 1863. The works have been executed from Rajahmundry to Korkonda, and from thence to Gokaveram; also some tracks have been opened in Rumpah. These works are now being carried out, by the Revenue authorities, from the grant of Rupees 5,000 provided in the Imperial Budget of the present year Item No. 112, and sanctioned in the Government Order, dated 16th February 1866, No. 422, for Rumpah roads.

2. As Mr. Wigram wishes to execute the work as fast as possible before the setting in of the rains, from which time the Rumpah country will be feverish and unhealthy during the rest of the year, and when it will be impossible to procure coolies, I request that early sanction may be obtained for the grant of the sum of Rupees 1,500, applied for by Mr. Wigram from the Budget grant of 1867-68. The opening of these communications is of importance as this only will make the country accessible.

The foregoing letter will be submitted to Government, with the Board's request that a grant of Rupees 1,500 may be made from the "Reserve" of the Imperial Budget, for the Rumpah works referred to by the Collector.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th February 1867, No. 871.

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Godavery District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd January 1867, No. 14.

I have the honour to forward copy of a letter from Mr. Wigram, the Acting Head Assistant Collector, soliciting permission to draw and keep for expenditure the sum of Rupees 1,500, being probable unexpended balance on 31st March of the allotment for this year on account of works in the Rumpah country, to enable him to proceed with the necessary work as fast as possible. I therefore request that the Board will be pleased to obtain sanction, if possible, for the same, for the reasons therein stated, in which I concur.

From the Acting Head Assistant Collector, to the Collector of the Godavery District, dated Peddapore, 18th January 1867, No. 3.

1. In reply to your Memorandum, No. 7, dated 16th January 1867, I have the honour, herewith, to return the Superintending Engineer's Circular Memorandum duly filled in.

2. I have estimated the probable expenditure, up to the 31st March 1867, at 3,500 Rupees. Of this sum about 800 Rupees only have been expended up to date, but I am pushing on the work as fast as possible.

3. The remaining 1,500 Rupees will lapse at the end of the current official year, unless sanction is obtained from Government, for drawing the amount now and placing it in deposit, and I request that, under the peculiar circumstances of the case, you will request sanction for this course.

4. When I arrived in this district, at the commencement of May, I found that my predecessor had deferred commencing the work, as the Sub-Engineer in charge of the Range was unable to afford him professional assistance. Then followed the rains, and the feverish season in the hills, and it is only this month that I have been able to commence operations; you will be aware that the work in the Rumpah country cannot be performed except with the help of the Munsubdars, and it is impossible to obtain coolies until all the cultivation is over.

5. I am now in communication with the Sub-Magistrate of Kottapally, with the view of obtaining a supply of labour in the hills for the next four months; but if my work is suddenly stopped in April, which is generally allowed to be the safest month for a European to enter the country, I greatly fear that no real progress can be made.

6. I propose, at the end of this month, going myself to Gokavaram, and settling the work to be done, and in April, when the Jummahbundy is completed, I shall proceed as far as Rumpah and report progress.

7. I request you will be good enough to write immediately to Government on this subject, as the Superintending Engineer will, no doubt, wish to divert the surplus allotment for this year to other channels.

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1. The Collector should have specified the works referred to by Mr. Wigram, and should have stated from what provision in the Budget of the present year they were being carried out. Mr. Fraser will now be good enough to supply this omission.

2. The Board are unable to sanction, or to recommend to Government, any deviation from the Budget Rules prescribed by the Government of India; but if the works are of sufficient importance, they will not object to making an application to Government, for an allotment of funds from the Reserve of 1867-68, in order to insure against any delay in their completion.

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

10*th April* 1867. (Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

No. 300. ORDER THEREON, 15th April 1867, No. 1,148.

ACCOUNT, No. 25.

The Board's attention will be called to the provision of Rupees 2,723 which has been made in the current year's Imperial Budget for the improvement of communications in the Rumpah country.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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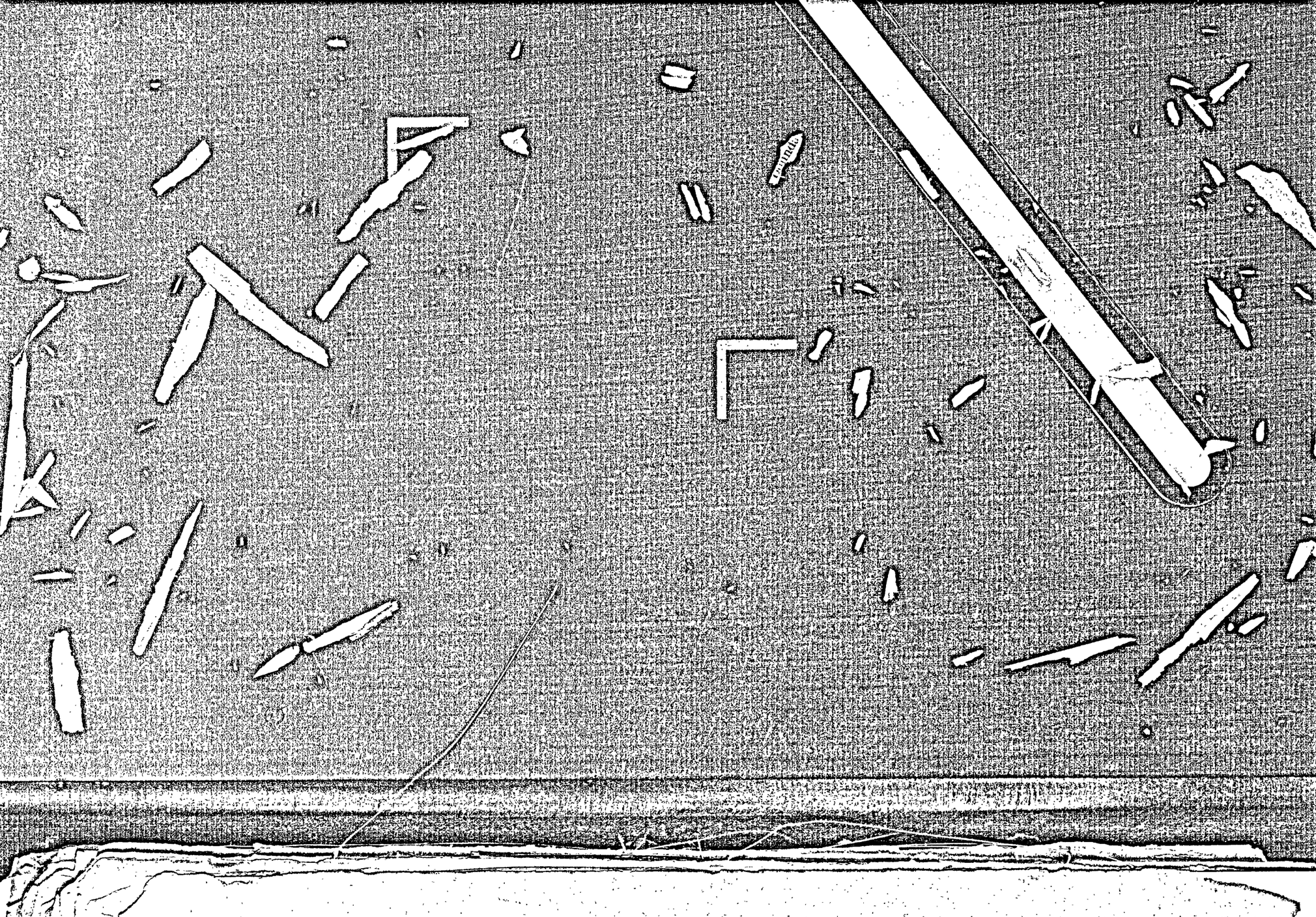
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