

Revenue (189⁸) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS. SERIES.

G.O., No. 1766

DATED 23rd April

[Despatch Abstract.]

Communicating to the Board of Revenue letter from the President Dist. Board, Tirunelveli regarding the repair and maintenance of the road from Srivairkuntam - Kayalpattanam road.

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Revenue (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 2592

Reads also B.O. no 5757 mis dated 20-11-97
(C no 10217)

From

The Local Muni. Dept.

Order Mis. No. 1766 of 23.4.98

The President's letter will be communicated
to the Board of Rev.

No. 585 Lhis.

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28th March 1898.

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To the Board of Rev (S.O.)
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SUBJECT

Road.

Communicating to the
Revenue Dept., letter
from the President, Distt.
Board, Tennevelly, regarding
the Sivakumtham - Kayal-
patnam —.

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From

The Secretary to the Commissioner
of Salt, Abkari and

Separate Revenue

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Mis No. 5151

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SUBJECT.

To the Local & Municipal Dept.

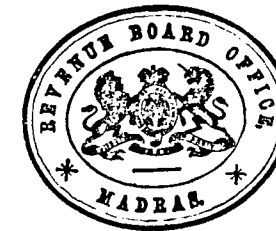
Submitting to Government
report of the Deputy Commissioner
Southern Division on the bad state
of the ^{Nallur} Sreevaikuntam- Kayalpatnam
road in the Tinnevely District and
requesting that steps may be taken
to direct the District Board -----
Tinnevly to put the road in proper
condition.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue.)

Dated 20th November 1897. 189

His No. 5151

Read the following letter from the Deputy Commissioner Southern Division, No. 5055 dated 23rd October 1897.

"I have the honor to submit the following for the information and orders of the Board.

2. On 5th August 1896, the Assistant Commissioner, Tinnevely Sub-Division addressed the President, District Board, Tinnevely, inviting his attention to the bad state of the Sreevaikuntan- Kavalpatnam road and requesting him to attend to its repairs and arrange for a suitable allotment for its future upkeep.

3. In reply, the President Taluk Board, Tuticorin to whom the Assistant Commissioner's letter was forwarded by the District Board President stated that the road being more useful to the Salt Department should be repaired by that Department and that roads of more general interest required his attention (vide his letter enclosed). Thereupon the Assistant Commissioner brought the whole matter to my notice and recommended that its repairs should be immediately taken in hand either by the District Board or by the Department on the ground that about 5 lacs of maunds of salt, the average sales in a year in the Kavalpatnam and Arumaganeri factories, are being carried over this road in addition to a very large quantity of jaggery. He also stated that the argument of the Taluk Board President

that the road should be repaired by the Salt Department does not stand to reason in consideration of the fact that of -- about Rs 6000/ collected in the shape of tolls at the Nallur Toll gate, nearly 7/8ths of the amount are derived from salt ~~cart~~ carts passing along the road between the Nallur Toll gate and the salt factories and the remaining 1/8th from the carts bound to and from ^{Trichandur} ~~Trichandur~~ side.

4. I thereupon called upon the Assistant Commissioner to state the amount spent in repairs to the road during --- recent years, the approximate number of salt carts that pass through the Toll gate every year and the extent of jaggery and other traffic which the road is stated to have as well as the dimensions of the road proposed to be repaired which the Assistant Commissioner had omitted to furnish in the first instance.

5. That officer informs me in reply that no information is ~~available~~ available as to the number of carts that go to the factories for salt and to Trichandur respectively, that the total amount of tolls collected during the years 1894-95, 1895-96 and 1896-97 were Rs 6050, 6505 and 6450 respectively, that the Assistant Engineer Mr. Pogson agrees with him in his view that 7/8 ths of these amounts should properly be set down as the income from salt carts, that the same officer has informed him that repairs to the amount of only Rs 2344-10-9 were -- executed during the past seven years by his Department, that nothing has been done towards the repairs this year, though -- Rs 670 and 2135 have been allotted for the maintenance and -- special repairs respectively and that the sum of Rs 2000/ sanctioned last year was allowed to lapse as the contractor turned out insolvent. I request that the Local Fund Authorities may be addressed and the necessary steps taken to have the -- repairs immediately attended to. The Assistant Commissioner -- estimates the amount of repairs necessary at Rs 6000/.

6. I beg to draw the attention of the Board to the very curt and discourteous tenor of Mr. Rice's letter. That officer is evidently not acquainted with the history of the road or aware, apparently, that the road from Nallur, was formerly kept

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kept in repair by the Salt Department and handed over by us to the Local Fund Board in 1883 Vide Board's Proceedings -- No. 915 dated 9th April 1883. This road which the Acting -- Sub Collector refers to inferentially as "unimportant and not of general interest" was in those days considered so -- important that there was a project for running a light ---- tramway along it. I am not aware that its importance has -- diminished, in fact it is the other way round from a salt point of view, as, since that date two new salt factories have been opened and the original pans largely extended.

I find on looking up the old records of the Assistant Commissioner's office that within a short time of our ---- handing over the road it had been allowed to fall into a --- neglected state and as Assistant Commissioner brought the matter to the notice of the President at the end of 1883.

7. I have no knowledge of the policy of Local Fund Boards in allotting funds to different roads in the district and am therefore not aware whether it is generally considered a -- just and proper thing to heavily mulct traffic by one road maintained in a disgraceful condition so that passengers by other roads may have therein better condition, but it seems to me that in the present case this course has been ^{pursued} ~~furnish~~ ed to an unjustifiable extent under these circumstances.

8. A plan showing the Nallur Toll gate, Kayalpatham and Arumuganeri factories and the roads leading to Kayalpatham and Trichandur is enclosed!

RESOLUTION.

Submitted to Government with the request that the --- ~~District Board~~ ^{District Board} Department of Public Works may be directed in the Local and Municipal Department to promptly utilize the allotments -- which appear to have been provided, or otherwise to put and keep the road in proper condition.

(TRUE COPY & EXTRACT)

A. B. Srinivasan
AG. Assistant Secretary.

19/4/17
To.

The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with 3 enclosures.

No. 10,217.

From

Dated

189.

FOR ORDERS.

Orders are requested on two points:-

(1) The first point is as to the repair and maintenance of the road from Kallur⁶ Arumuganeri referred to in the current as Srivaikuntam-Kayalpatnam road. This is reported to be in a bad state and in spite of the efforts made by the Salt Department the Local Fund Board has done nothing to repair it. The Board of Revenue suggests that orders may issue to the District Board, Tinnevely, in the Local and Municipal Department, from the papers printed in G.O.No. 827 d/26-4-83 (flagged S), it will be observed that the road is a main road leading down to the port of Kayalpatnam. That though carts returning from the port take loads of salt, the road would be required for traffic to the port if the Salt Factory did not exist, and that it was transferred to the Local Board at its special request. Maintenance could appear to be on the taluk board. fect.

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It is noted that a toll-gate had been established at the village of Nallur and that a sum of Rs. 6,000 a year on an average is collected from carts passing on the road.

(2) The second point is the complaint of the Dy. Commissioner of Salt and Abkari Revenue in para 6 of his letter on page 2 of the current, that Mr. Rice's letter to the Assistant Commissioner (flagged 1) is curt and discourteous. The Board of Rev has not noticed the point.

K.O.

3/12/97

This is a matter in which it is desirable to have in the first instance the remarks of the L. & C. Dept. If the facts are as stated in the Dy. Commr's letter of the 23rd Oct. the Loc. Board has certainly not done its duty by the road.

By 10/17

20 L.M. no.

The road from Nallur to Arumuganeri

FOR ORDERS.

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2,000-4-2-98.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper:—

From the President, District Board, Tinnevely, dated 8th March 1898
D.B. Refence A on C. No. 1112 of 1897.

Referring to Govt. endorsement No 1315, dated 16th December 1897, I have the honour to state that the Srivaikuntam-Kayalpatnam road, referred to in the Deputy Commissioner's letter, consists of portion of road No. 14 Palamcottah-Trichendurg road and a branch road from Nallur to Kayalpatnam. The first mentioned road is under the control of the District Board and the latter under the Tuticorin Taluk Board. The main road and the Kayalpatnam branch were seriously damaged by the floods of December 1895, for the repairs of which special estimates were sanctioned in 1896-97. The work connected with the former was executed during the year, while that of the latter was not, owing to difficulties in procuring contractors. A contractor was, however, secured late in the year but the work could not be undertaken in as much as in November 1896 the bund of a channel carrying a portion of the cart track leading to the quarry from which alone road materials had to be obtained for this road breached and the contractor had to wait until the bund was repaired by the Imperial D.P.W. Then difficulties arose in securing carts to cart materials as they were all secured by the licensees of the salt factories. The late President, District Board and the Local Fund Engineer together attempted to induce the salt licensees to lend their bandies but after a few days they were taken away again.

The work was then postponed to the current year 1897-98. The same difficulty again arose. One contractor failed and a second was procured to take up the work at rates 5 p.c. higher than the estimate. The work is now fast progressing and is nearing completion.

2. The Engineer states that with the grant already sanctioned the road will be restored to very fair order but to put it into perfect order a further grant of Rs 3000 or Rs 4000 will have to be made.

The Tuticorin Taluk Board under whose control the road is will be requested to consider the necessity for a further allotment.
3. The endorsement of Government with enclosures returned.

Order No. 585 L.Mis., dated 28th March 1898

The President's letter read above will be communicated to the Revenue Department.

(True Extract)

Sg. Roberts
for Ag. Secretary to Government.

To
The Revenue Department with current No. 3282 L returned.

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To Secy

Please see the letter from the President of the St. Board Timmally in which the immunities which have led to the bad state of the Simaikunnam - Kappalpetnam road are set forth. It is reported that steps are being taken to put the road in proper order and it is submitted that it would be sufficient to communicate the President's letter to the Board of Revenue for information.

2. Please see a draft order on the ^{docket sheet} back of C no 2592.

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16/4/98

Sg. Roberts
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