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Government of Madras.

Financial **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
8th August 1873.

Read the following papers :—

No. 50. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th July 1873, No. 1193.

Read the following letter from H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, South Arcot, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 7th May 1873, No. 146 :—

In the notice of the usual monthly meeting of the Virdachellum Circle Board, advertised for the 21st ultimo, a proposal of Mr. Lister, who, during my absence on leave, filled the post of President, was entered for discussion to the effect "that Government may be moved to place the whole of the accounts, reports, &c., at the disposal of the Board to enable a thorough inquiry to be held into the way in which contracts were given and work done from the commencement of the Vellaur Bridge to its completion."

2. On this notice appearing in the District Gazette the Officiating District Engineer addressed Mr. Lister, in a letter, dated 9th April, No. 9 (copy enclosed), in which he observed that, although he had not the slightest objection to all accounts and papers connected with the bridge being subjected to scrutiny, he considered that, as the bridge had been built under his supervision, the proposal as it stood was a reflection on himself, and he further submitted that, as a thorough investigation of the causes of the failure of the bridge had been made by a professional Committee appointed by Government, and as the matter had been finally disposed of under the Order of Government, dated 15th October 1872, No. 2427, Public Works Department, the local Board were bound to assign some good reason for wishing to reopen the subject after a lapse of upwards of five months.

3. This letter was read at the meeting of the Virdachellum Board on the 21st April, when the following resolution, drafted by the Vice-President, Mr. Lister, but, in his absence, proposed by Viswanadha Reddy, was put to the meeting and carried :—

"5. Proposed by Viswanadha Reddy, and seconded by Kistnasawmy Odiyar, that the following Resolution be passed. The same was then put and carried by four votes to one.

"As five paragraphs of the Committee's report are devoted to showing, not only that Mr. Norfor could not possibly exercise any real supervision over the work for many months, but that he would have been the last person to be blamed if every arch had fallen in the instant the centerings were removed, no decision the Board may arrive at could possibly reflect upon Mr. Norfor, and the Board are surprised that the Vice-President's proposal should have been liable to such misconception.

"With regard to the second objection, the Board do not propose to travel over the same ground as the Government Committee, but to take up the inquiry at the point where the Committee left it.

"Mr. Logan stated in his Memorandum that some of the brickwork exposed was so bad that he was able 'to pull out by hand' the bricks from what called chunam was in reality little more than sand.

"The Board wish to find out, if they can, the way in which work was done from the commencement to the end of the work; to see if the price paid for chunam was so small that it might reasonably be expected to be disproportionately mixed with sand. They want to discover what supervision there was, for the Committee have stopped at stating what supervision there was not, and so the Board, deprecating the idea of casting any reflection upon Mr. Norfor or anybody else, request the President to move Government that all papers connected with the work, all contracts, all Overseers' and Range Officers' reports and cheque books, every paper that can throw

any light on the subject, may be placed at their disposal to enable them to arrive, if possible, at some conclusion as to how the brickwork was so monstrously bad that bricks could be pulled out by the hand.

"The Vellaur Bridge has been built and has gone, and the Board, as one of the largest employers of labour in the district, wish to learn all they can from its history, and, even if the inquiry results in nothing, the Board will not regret the trouble which they consider it their duty to undertake."

4. In due course (I having resumed charge of the district on the 21st April) this resolution was forwarded to me by the Vice-President with a request that I would comply with the requisition of the Virdachellum Board (*vide* Mr. Lister's letter, dated 23rd April, No. 64).

5. On the 28th April, I received a letter from the District Engineer, No. 21, intimating that he had received a copy of the above resolution from the Vice-President; and, whilst professing his entire willingness to the accounts being again scrutinized, he deprecated the action taken by the local Board as calculated to lower him in public estimation.

6. On the same day I addressed the following letter to the Vice-President:—

"Before taking action on the resolution of the Virdachellum Circle Board, to which your letter dated 23rd instant, No. 64, gave cover, I wish to be distinctly informed what object the Board hope to attain, or what discovery they expect to make, by reopening an inquiry on a subject which has already been thoroughly investigated by a professional Committee, and which has been finally disposed of by an Order of Government.

"2. It is stated in the resolution that the Circle Board propose to take up the inquiry at the point where the Government Committee left it. This is tantamount to saying that the Committee who have been publicly thanked by Government 'for their lucid exposition of such facts connected with the bridge as could throw light on the cause of its fall,' and whose general conclusions 'that the cause of failure was defect of design and not of *materials* or *workmanship*,' were accepted, held an imperfect inquiry, which, in the interests of the public service, should be supplemented by another investigation to be conducted by the members of the Virdachellum Circle Board.

"3. Unless the local Board are in possession of information which was not furnished to the Government Committee, and which, from the nature of it, furnishes strong grounds for a fresh inquiry, I am not prepared to recommend the subject being reopened, and on this point I request you will report fully.

"4. I have also to request that you will state whether this resolution of the Board really emanated, as it purports to do, from Viswanadha Reddiar, or whether he was made the mouthpiece of some other member of the Board by whom the resolution was drafted. I am advised that Viswanadha Reddy does not know a word of English."

Mr. Lister's reply is as follows:—

"In reply to your letter, No. 123, of the 28th ultimo, which only reached me to-day, I have the honour to report that I am not in a position to state anything beyond what is in the resolution in support of the view held by the Local Fund Board.

"Viswanadha Reddiar was not '*made the mouthpiece*' of anybody. The resolution emanated from me in accordance with the notice published on page 101 of the District Gazette.

"As I was obliged to meet you, in Cuddalore, on the 21st ultimo, I was unable to be present at the meeting at Porto Novo, and the proposal I should have made was left with the Clerk in English *and Tamil* to be shown at the meeting. I rather expected the question would have lain over to the next meeting, but Viswanadha Reddiar, who knows Tamil, chose to propose my draft resolution prepared in accordance with a duly published notice, and the Board chose to carry it by a majority of four to one.

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"I cannot doubt for a moment that Government will accede to the wish of the Board and let them have all the papers connected with a bridge for which they contributed Rupees 21,986, and sorry though I am that the resolution will not have your support, it must, I presume, be submitted to the Board of Revenue for orders in accordance with Rule 77."

7. I adhere to the opinion expressed in my letter to the Vice-President that, unless the local Board are in possession of information which was not submitted to the Committee appointed by Government, and which from its nature furnishes strong grounds for a fresh inquiry, the reopening of this question is much to be deprecated. I do not see what object can possibly be attained by such a course, and raking up the matter again months after it had been finally disposed of by Government is not calculated to promote harmony between the local Board and the professional Department entrusted with the execution of the public works of the district. With these remarks I leave the matter in the hands of the Board of Revenue for such action as may seem expedient.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From A. L. LISTER, Esq., Vice-President, Virdachellum Circle, to H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board, South Arcot, dated Porto Novo, 23rd April 1873, No. 64.

WITH reference to the enclosed copy of resolution, No. 5, passed by the Local Fund Board at their meeting of the 21st April 1873, I have the honour to request you to comply with the requisition of the Board therein made.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) H. E. SULLIVAN,
President, Local Fund Boards.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From R. E. NORFOR, Esq., Officiating District Engineer, South Arcot, to A. L. LISTER, Esq., Vice-President of the Local Fund Board, Virdachellum Circle, dated Cuddalore, 9th April 1873, No. 9.

I OBSERVE from the notification of the meeting to be held at Virdachellum on the 21st instant, under the head "Business," a proposal emanating from yourself that Government be moved to place the whole of the accounts, reports, &c., at the disposal of the Board to enable a thorough inquiry to be held into the way in which contracts were given, and work done, from the commencement of the Muttaloor Bridge to its completion.

2. I need hardly here inform you that this bridge was built under my supervision. I have not the least objection to the accounts and reports in connexion with this work being placed at the disposal of the Local Fund Board, but I consider that your proposal, as it stands, is a reflection on myself. A Committee of professional gentlemen were appointed by Government to inquire into the cause of the failure of this work, and the result of the investigation was communicated to you so far back as the 30th October 1872. I consider, therefore, that it is due to me that you should assign some good reason for now reopening the question of the failure of the bridge.

3. The bridge was not executed on contract but under departmental agency, materials, such as bricks, chunam, &c., being supplied by petty contractors.

4. The accounts in themselves will not show the nature of the materials used or workmanship employed, whether good or bad, and, since the Committee who were appointed to inquire into the cause of the failure of the bridge have reported at length on the matter, the opinion of unprofessional men would be valueless.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) H. E. SULLIVAN,
President, Local Fund Board.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Virdachellum Local Fund Board, acting apparently under the advice of their Vice-President, Mr. Lister, wish to reopen the inquiry into the causes of the collapse of the Vellaur Bridge.

3. No special cause for a new inquiry is alleged, but the proceedings of the Local Fund Board are calculated to cast suspicion on every one who was connected with the work.

4. A full inquiry has been conducted by competent Engineers under the orders of Government, and the Board consider the proposal to make a fresh inquiry injudicious, if not improper. The Virdachellum Local Fund Board have no *locus standi* because the collapse of the bridge occurred before they were in existence, and the money still due on account of the work when they were constituted was paid by Government.—(G.O., dated 22nd March 1873, No. 386). It is before the Board, moreover, that the Virdachellum Board have refused to aid the Cuddalore Board in reconstructing the bridge.

5. The Board notice with disapprobation the part that has been taken by Mr. Lister in this matter. Even if his colleagues had desired to undertake the investigation spontaneously it would have been his duty to discourage the idea as unseemly, but he appears to have been the active mover in getting the resolution discussed and passed.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 51. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th July 1873, No. 1203.

Read the following letter from H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, South Arcot District, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Punrooty, 18th June 1873, No. 193 :—

I HAVE the honour to ask the attention of the Board of Revenue to my letter, dated 7th ultimo, No. 146, and, in continuance thereof, to submit the following papers for consideration and orders in connexion with the subject brought to notice in the communication above noted :—

(1.) Copy of petition presented by Ramachendra Iyer, supplier of materials, &c., for the Vellaur Bridge at Muttaloor, dated 19th ultimo.

(2.) Copy of my letter, dated Tindevanum, 20th May, No. 477, to the Sub-Collector, calling on him to report on the above petition.

(3.) Copy of Sub-Collector's reply, dated 7th June, No. 284.

(4.) Translations of three petitions presented to me by well sinkers and a head cooly who were employed on the bridge.

2. Ramachendra Iyer having appeared before me in person, and having pressed for a formal inquiry into his complaint of the forcible abstraction of his accounts, I had no alternative but to refer the case for inquiry to the Assistant Magistrate, Mr. Kough, before whom it is now pending. I should have waited the result of this trial before again addressing the Board on the subject but that

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8th August 1873.

Mr. Lister is urgent that his letter of the 7th instant, No. 284, should be submitted to Government in connexion with the resolution of the Local Fund Board, Virdachellum Circle, forwarded with my letter, dated 7th ultimo, No. 146.

3. I will only say that I deeply regret the line of action Mr. Lister has chosen to adopt. By his own showing he has, without authority or sanction, been engaged in a one-sided inquiry into a matter which has already been disposed of by Government behind the backs of those whom he seeks to inculpate. I trust the Government may be moved to dispose of the matter with as little delay as possible. If a fresh investigation into the causes of the failure of the Vellaur Bridge is considered necessary let a Commission be formally appointed for the purpose; but this sort of " private inquiry " which has been going on ought to be put a stop to. It is creating a great deal of bad feeling in the district, and is, I think, derogatory to the position held by Mr. Lister.

4. In conclusion, I would observe, with reference to paragraph 5 of the Sub-Collector's letter, that I have been residing in the tract of country lying between the Jawaddies and the Coleroon for the last twelve months, and that the " loud and widespread rumours " alluded to have not reached me.

5. A copy of this letter has been furnished to Mr. Lister.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Copy of Petition presented by Ramachendrá Iyer.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Copy of letter from Collector to Sub-Collector, dated 20th May 1873, No. 477.

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ENCLOSURES Nos. 4 to 6.—Translations of Petitions.

SUBMITTED to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 4th instant, No. 1193.

2. The additional information now before the Board confirms them in their disapproval of Mr. Lister's proceedings in entering upon such inquiries with regard to a case already settled by Government without first seeking their instructions.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 52. From H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Korinjupadi, 31st July 1873, No. 48.

Adverting to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th and 5th instant, Nos. 1193 and 1203, respectively, which have been submitted for the orders of Government, I would, unless the matter has already been disposed of,

respectfully request that early instructions may be issued with reference to the accounts of Ramachendra Iyer, the supplier of materials for the Vellaur Bridge, which are now in the custody of Mr. Lister.

2. The complaint of forcible abstraction of the accounts, which was referred to the Assistant Magistrate for inquiry, was dismissed by that officer on the ground that there was not sufficient evidence to disprove the plea of the defendant that Ramachendra Iyer had given them voluntarily, and Mr. Lister having in obedience to a summons produced them before the Court, they were at the close of the trial remitted to his custody. On the 8th instant, I wrote and asked him what he proposed to do with the accounts, and on the 14th he replied to me that he proposed to await the orders of the Board of Revenue. Copies of my letter and his reply are enclosed.

3. I was yesterday at Virdachellum, when Ramachendra Iyer presented a petition begging that his accounts might be restored to him. Mr. Lister went away from Virdachellum on leave on the 19th instant, and, on inquiry, I learned that the accounts were secured under his key and seal. I am, therefore, powerless to meet the petitioner's wishes. It is very hard on him, as there is some money due to him on account of the bridge by the Public Works Department which he is unable to draw without production of the accounts.

4. Mr. Lister is, I believe, now at Ootacamund, and, unless the Government consider he is justified in detaining them, I would request that he may be directed to take early steps for restoring these accounts to their legitimate owner.

From H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to A. L. LISTER, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of South Arcot, dated Vanoor, 8th July 1873, No. 719.

As I observe from the Assistant Magistrate's Calendar in Case No. 28 of 1873 that the accounts belonging to Ramachendra Iyer, and produced by you at the trial, were remitted to your custody by the Court, I have the honour to request that you will inform me what course you propose to take in regard to them.

From A. L. LISTER, Esq., Sub-Collector of South Arcot, to H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, dated Virdachellum, 14th July 1873, No. 391.

In reply to your letter, No. 719, of the 8th instant, I have the honour to state that, as the matter has been referred by you to the Board of Revenue, I propose, with your concurrence, to await their orders.

No. 53.

ORDER THEREON, 8th August 1873, No. 1126.

The Governor in Council declines to comply with the application of the Virdachellum Local Fund Board for the accounts connected with a Government work which was almost completed before the Board came into existence.

2. The part taken by Mr. Lister in this matter is only explicable on the supposition that he has good reason to believe that serious fraud and peculation were practised in connexion with the work, and on this point the Government consider that further investigation should be made.

3. The papers will be transferred for disposal to the Department of Public Works.

(True Extract.)

Offg. Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department, with six enclosures.
,, Board of Revenue.
,, President of the Local Fund Board, Virdachellum Circle.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of [1873] Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, &c., &c., &c.

Dated August, 8th.

Read.

G. O., 8th August 1873, No. 1126.

AUGUST.

Nos. 50—53.

Virdachellum Circle.—The Local Fund Board's application for the accounts, &c., connected with the Vellaur Bridge, which was almost completed before the Board came into existence, not complied with, and the Vice-President's action in the matter commented on.

No. 1,203.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 5th July 1873.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

J Gnle
Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department,
with six original enclosures to be returned.
Copy to the President of the Local Fund Boards, South Arcot.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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PROCEEDINGS, 5TH JULY 1873, No. 1,203.

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No 1232

J G Pickering Esq 5/7
Received 14 July 73.

JULY.
No. 1,203.

Vellaur Bridge—in South Arcot District—Letter from President of Local Fund Boards forwarding certain papers in connection with proposal of Virdachellum Local Fund Board to reopen inquiry into cause of collapse of —, submitted to Government.

South Arcot
No 719

Collector's Office
Camp Cuddalore
8th July 1873.

From H. E. Sullivan Esquire
Asst Collector of South Arcot

To A. L. Lister Esquire
Asst Collector

Sir As I observe from the Assistant Magistrate's Calendar in Case No 28 1873 that the Accounts belonging to Ramachendra Iyer and produced by you at the trial were remitted to your Custody by the Court, I have the honor to request that you will inform me what Course you propose to take in regard to them.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt humble
(Signed) H E Sullivan
Asst Collr

(True Copy)
D Hanmore
Clerk

No 391 14th July 73

Sir Collector

To Collector

In reply to your letter No 719 of the 8th instant I beg to state that the matter has been referred by you to the Board of Revenue, I propose to act in accordance therewith.

I have &c

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Encl. 1 to
Agt Collr
Camp Korrinjpadé
No. 48
dated 31st July 1873
Forwarding Abstract
of Expenditure
on account of
Repairs to Bridges
Execution of Works
&c &c &c
for the month of
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Agt Collr
No. 48.
Encl. 3 to 52

SOUTH ARCOT.

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

No. 48

Camp Korrinjpadé
31st July 1873.

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From

H. E. Sullivan Esquire
Agt Collector of South Arcot.

To

The Honble. W. Hudleston
Chief Secretary to Govt.
Fort St George

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

A Srinivasa
Acting Collector

Financial Department.

No. 1231 & 1232.

From Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 4th & 5th July 1873.

FOR ORDERS.

I think the request of the J. T. [illegible]
should be negatived - The Collector
has not a J. T. work and therefore
has no concern in the [illegible]
As regards Mr. Lister, in his capacity
of Asst Collr the case is somewhat
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SOUTH ARCOT.
No. 1399

From The Collector of South Arcot.

To The Chief Secy to Govt &c &c &c

Dated 31st July 1873.

Received 5th Aug 1873.

Enclosure 2 in Letter

No. 48

Subject.

Requesting that a
Judge may inquire
into the charges
made against
Mr. Lister &
to that end
that the Collector
of Arcot may
be directed
to forward
certain papers
&c &c &c

No. 426

Dated 30th July 1873.

there remains to be enquired into.
If he is going to, he ought to be
removed. I do not think
put can a stop to any one heard
to his assertions and I would
direct him. in conjunction with
Mr Norfor. to conduct the work
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was little to be able to convict
when the Bricks was being built -

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the immediate cause of the de
- struction of the Bridge - & that to
there may have been serious faults
& peculations.

J. D.S.

The enquiry to go on, if ordered, should be
be in the D.W. & the Bd.

I agree with Sir. —
I agree as to the course proposed & said
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a justification for the request of the Ex. Board
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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated
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From Collr of South Arcot & 31 July 1873. No 48
Order thereon. & 6th Augt 1873.
No 1126.

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To
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Govt. of {187 } Madras.

To Financial

The Public Works Dept.

Dated 8 Aug: } 187 3, No. 1126
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Nos. 50, 51, 52 & 53

Vridachellumbrele. The Local Fund Board's application for the accounts connected with the Vellaur Bridge, which was almost completed before the Board came into existence, not complied with the Vice-President's decision on the matter, communicated on