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No. 64. Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Chittoor, 18th August 1873, No. 49 :—

The District Engineer informs me that he has been directed to credit to the Military Department two sums of Rupees 1,273-13-0 on account of Railway fares, and Rupees 255-5-0 on account of the working pay of two Companies of Sappers and Miners employed, after the floods of May 1872, in and about the town of Nellore.

2. These men were employed partly in repairing the roads, and partly in cleaning and removing debris in the town itself. They, however, did some little work outside the municipal limits, viz., the formation of the crossing at the fallen bridge over the nullah on the sixth mile of the Arnee Road.

3. The District Engineer considers that a sum of Rupees 200 is as much as the Local Fund Board of the Vellore Circle ought to pay, the remaining sum of Rupees 1,329-2-0 being paid by the Municipality.

4. The matter having been referred to the Local Fund Board and the Municipal Commissioners, the former have agreed to pay Rupees 200 as their share of the charge, but the latter have requested me to apply to Government to bear a portion of the charge which they have been called on to pay on the ground that much of the damage caused by the breaching of the two Government works of irrigation, viz., the Allapurom and Verupatchipurom Tanks, has been repaired at their own cost, the Sappers being employed only in clearing the debris in the cantonment and in temporarily restoring the communication on the Bangalore and Katpadi Roads within the municipal limits.

5. The District Engineer, in reply to a reference made to him by me as to what amount it would be fair to ask Government to contribute towards the charge in question, states, in his letter of the 9th instant, that his individual opinion is that, in equity, Government ought to bear the whole cost of the charges referred to, seeing that the excessive damage, which rendered the presence of the Sappers necessary, was caused directly by the breaching of the tanks.

6. I agree with Captain Pennycuick. The tanks were the property of Government, and on their bursting there ensued a serious flood, with its consequent grievous damage to property, as well as loss of life, in the town of Vellore. To repair the damage done to roads as speedily as possible, the Government, not, so far as I am aware, at the request of the Municipal Commissioners or Local Fund Board, brought the Sappers to the spot, where they worked for a few days. The work so done by them can, I consider, hardly be viewed as work the cost of which is, in equity, payable by the Municipality and Local Fund Board, seeing that it was occasioned solely by the failure of certain Government irrigation works which, circumstances prove, were not in an efficient condition.

7. Under these circumstances, I have the honour to request that Government will be pleased to sanction the payment of the charges in question from Imperial Funds.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,*
*12th September* 1873.

No. 65. ORDER THEREON, 12th September 1873, No. 1298.

The Governor in Council does not understand upon what authority the District Engineer has made any demand on the Municipal and Local Funds.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
*Chief Secretary.*

To the Collector of North Arcot.
,, Public Works Department.
,, Military Department.

Govt. of {1873} Madras.

**FINANCIAL.**

To

THE COLLECTOR OF NORTH ARCOT,

&c., &c., &c.

*Dated* September, 12*th*.

*Read.*

*Ditto.*

G.O., 12*th September* 1873, *No.* 1298.

**SEPTEMBER.**

**Nos. 64-65.**

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*Vellore.*—The Collector informed that the Government do not understand on what authority the District Engineer made any demand on the Municipal or Local Funds on account of the charges for the Sappers and Miners who were employed in and about the town after the late floods.

No 49.

North Arcot

Collectors office

Chittoor 18th August

1873

From

W. S. Whitcombe Esqre

Collector of North Arcot

To

The Honble R. A. Dalzell

Offg. Chief Secretary to Govt.

Fort Saint George

Sir,

The District Engineer informs me that he has been directed to credit to the Military Department Rupees 1273-13-" on account of Railway fares, and Rupees 255-5-" on account of the working pay of two Companies of Sappers and Miners employed after the floods of May 1872 in and about the town of Vellore.

2. These men were employed partly in repairing the roads and partly in cleaning and removing debris in the town itself. They however, did

some little work outside the Municipal limits, viz, the formation of the crossing at the fallen bridge over the Kallah on the 6" mile of the Arcot Road.

3. The District Engineer considers that a sum of Rupees 200 is as much as the Local Fund Board of the Vellore Circle ought to pay, the remaining sum of Rupees 1,329-2-" being paid by the Municipality.

4. The matter having been Reported to the Local Fund Board and the Municipal Commissioners, the former have agreed to pay Rupees 200 as their share of the charges, but the latter have respectfully prefer to apply to Government to bear a portion of the charges which they have been called on to pay on the ground that much of the damage caused by the breaching of the two Government works of Irrigation viz the Allapuram and Kupatchipuram tanks has been Repaired at their own cost, the Sappers being employed only in clearing the debris in the Cantonment and in temporarily restoring the communication on the Bangalore and Katpadi Roads within the Municipal limits.

5. The District Engineer, in reply to a Reference made to him by me as to what amount it would be fair to ask Government to contribute towards the charges in question, states, in his letter of the 6th instant, that his individual opinion is that, in equity, Government ought to bear the whole cost of the charges Reported to, seeing that the excessive damage which rendered the presence of the Sappers necessary, was caused directly by the breaching of the tanks.

6 I agree with Captain Dempsick

the banks were the property of Government and on their breaking, there ensued a serious flood with its consequent grievous damage to property, as well as loss of life, in the town of Killore. To repair the damage done to roads as speedily as possible, the Government took, so far as I am aware, at the request of the Municipal Commissioners or Local Fund Board, the steps usual in the spot, where they worked for a few days. The works so done by them can, I consider, hardly be viewed as works the cost of which is, in Equity, payable by the Municipality and Local Fund Board, seeing that it was occasioned solely by the failure of certain Government Irrigation works which, circumstances as present, were not in an efficient condition.

7 Under these circumstances

I have the honor to request that as Government will be pleased to sanction the payment of the charges in question from Imperial Funds.

I have the honor to be.
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servt.

C. Chetwynd
Collector

North Arcot
Collectors Offce
Chittoor 18th Augt
1873

The Hble R. A. Dalyell
Offg. Chief Secretary to Govt.
Fort St George

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Extraordinary. 12 Sept. 1873. No. 1298.

The Govt. Secretary has the honour to transmit to the Resident Councillor Kuantan by direction of His Excellency the Governor a copy of a letter from the Colonial Secretary Straits Settlements No. 1329 dated 8th instant.

Colonial Secretary's Office
Singapore, 12th September 1873.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith for the information of His Excellency the Governor a copy of a letter from the Resident Councillor Kuantan No. 49 dated 18th August 1873 with enclosures on the subject of the claim of Syed Abdul Rahman bin Syed Ahmad to the Island of Tioman.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant,
[illegible]
Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary to
the Chief Secretary
to Government
Straits Settlements
Singapore

Pulau Tioman
18 August 1873

No. 49

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith for the information of His Excellency the Governor a letter addressed to me by Syed Abdul Rahman bin Syed Ahmad claiming the Island of Tioman.

2. I have informed the Syed that I have no power to entertain his claim, but that I would forward his letter to the Government.

3. I have also informed him that I would forward his petition to the Government, but that I could not say what the decision of the Government would be.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant,
[illegible]
Resident Councillor Kuantan.

The Colonial Secretary
Straits Settlements
Singapore

His Excellency the Governor
From the Collector of
North Arcot
To the Chief Secretary
to Government

Pulau 18 Aug 1873
Sept 20 Rec
Penang 23rd Sept
No 49 No. 1503

Requests that in the circumstances stated the Govt will be pleased to sanction the payment of $ 1329-2 from Imperial funds to support & remain employed at this the flood of May 1872 in Pelham Town.

With reference

Govt. of {1873} Madras.

Financial

To the Coll^r of North Arcot.

Dated Sep^r 12.
Recd. Encl.

G. O. 12 Sep^r, 1873, No 298.

Nos 64. 65.

Vellore. The Coll^r informed that the Gov^t do not understand on what authority the Dt. Engrs. made any demand on the Genl. or L. Funds, on acct. of the Charges for the Sappers & Miners who were employed in & about the town after the late floods.