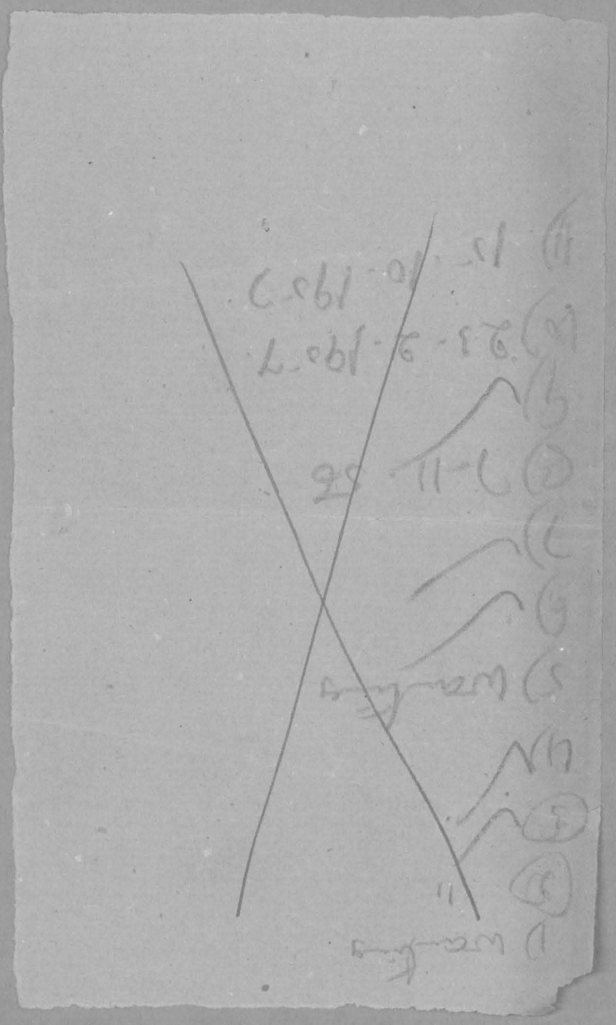


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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
22nd March 1873.

Read the following papers:—

No. 146. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th February 1873, No. 288.

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2. The bridge was originally estimated to cost Rupees 53,930, but, in September 1871, the Executive Engineer submitted a supplemental estimate for Rupees 5,652. This was forwarded by the late Colonel Boileau, who was then Superintending Engineer, to Government, who returned it with instructions that it should be submitted through the Local Fund Board. On the 6th November, the very day that the bridge was carried away, Captain Vertue, who had succeeded Colonel Boileau, forwarded it to the President, Mr. Garstin, who replied on the 16th idem that, as the bridge was no longer in existence, it was unnecessary to provide funds for its completion. But it appears that, owing to the lateness of the season when the supplemental estimate was submitted to the Superintending Engineer, that officer directed the work to be pushed on in anticipation of sanction, and at the time of the collapse an expenditure of Rupees 2,327-6-9 had been incurred, as per enclosed statement furnished by the District Engineer.

3. This amount, it will be seen, represents the value of labour and materials supplied by the Contractor, who cannot, of course, be held responsible for the disaster which subsequently occurred, and whose claim must be adjusted. In forwarding it to the Vice-President, Virdachellum Circle, with a letter dated November 13th, 1872, No. 186, a copy of which is enclosed, I pointed this out and requested that, at the next meeting of the Circle Board, the necessary funds might be provided. I enclose copy of his reply, dated 27th ultimo, No. 16, giving cover to a resolution passed by the Local Board on the subject, and also a copy of his letter, No. 13, of the same date, to which reference is made.

4. It will be seen that the Local Board are of opinion that the charge should be met from Provincial Funds on the ground that the work was commenced before the Local Fund Act came into operation, and that they have already contributed Rupees 21,986 towards a project which a professional Committee has pronounced to have been doomed to destruction from the commencement, owing to defective design.

5. In asking this concession, I do not think that the Local Board are making an unreasonable demand. In the first year of their existence they were called on to provide funds to a large amount for a project on which they had not been consulted, and which, owing to an error in the design which escaped the notice of the professional advisers of Government, resulted in a disastrous failure within a month of the bridge being open for traffic. Under these circumstances, it is, I think, but fair that this unexpected claim, incurred without the

sanction or knowledge of the Local Board and put forward after the bridge has disappeared, should be met from Provincial Funds if available.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Virdachellum Local Fund Board ask that a bill for Rupees 2,327-6-9 expended on the Vellaur Bridge before its collapse may be paid from Provincial Funds.

3. Under all the circumstances of the case, this request seems to be reasonable.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

Referred to the Department of Public Works for remarks.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
6*th March* 1873.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 66.

No. 147. MEMORANDUM.

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FORT ST. GEORGE,
11*th March* 1873.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer, P. W. D.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George.

No. 147-A. ORDER THEREON, 22nd March 1873, No. 386.

As being a very exceptional case, the charge in question will be borne by Government. The amount, viz., Rupees 2,327-6-9, will be provided in the Department of Public Works from savings under "Provincial."

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue, with ten enclosures returned.
" Public Works Department.
" Accountant-General.

Rnd. J. Wright.

Govt. of Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
&c., &c., &c.

Read 22nd March, 22nd.

Encl.

G. O., 22nd March 1873, No. 386.

MARCH
Nos. 146–147-A.

Directing that the charge of Rupees 2,327-6-9 expended on the Vellaur Bridge, in the Vridachellum Circle, before its collapse, be borne by Government as an exceptional case.

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No. 288.

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5. In asking this concession, I do not think that the Local Board are making an unreasonable demand. In the first year of their existence they were called on to provide funds to a large amount for a project on which they had not been consulted, and which, owing to an error in the design which escaped the notice of the professional advisers of Government, resulted in a disastrous failure within a month of the bridge being open for traffic. Under these circumstances, it is I think but fair that this unexpected claim, incurred without the sanction or knowledge of the Local Board and put forward after the bridge has disappeared, should be met from Provincial Funds if available.

with original papers

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Virdachellam Local Fund Board ask that a bill for Rupees 2,327-6-9 expended on the Vellaur bridge before its collapse may be paid from Provincial Funds.

3. Under all the circumstances of the case, this request seems to be reasonable.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

J Grote
Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department,
with ten enclosures.

Copy to the President of the Local Fund Boards,
South Arcot District.

From: Board of Revenue
28 Feby 1873.

From Chief Engineer - P.W.D.
11 March 1873

From: Proceedings.

Re Vellaur bridge
S. Arcot Pros. Collector
enclosing an Estt. for
Rupees 2 "Repet proviso"
from blame from the
Civil Engineer to P.W.
Officer. Ch. P.D. 15 Oct 72
Prior to the above
date Rs. 2356. 6. 9. had
been expended on the
work out of Supplies:
Detailed estimate for
Rs. 5862. 8. had been submitted by
the Last Engr. to Govt.

with original papers.

Proceedings, 28th February 1873, No. 288.

Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

No. 1489. 21st March 1873.

Received 7th March 1873.

FEBRUARY.
No. 288.

Vellaur Bridge—at Muttaloor in South Arcot District, which was washed away in November 1871.—Request of President of Local Fund Boards that expenditure of Rupees 2,327-6-9, incurred on — before its collapse, may be met from Provincial Funds, submitted for favourable consideration of Government.

Read

Submitted for the orders of Government.

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in Sept. 71. Instructions were issued from the L.F.D. Board to proceed with the repairs of the bridge failed -

The Bd. pointed out that Govt. were liable for this Expenditure as work Bd. failed under such circumstances - Bd. was communicated before the L.F. Act came into operation Govt. Govt. have already contributed Rs. 21,950.

Col. Walker sees no reason for altering

for the Bd. from the Liability for Expenditure. Govt. had instructed Bd. to proceed - & Bd. has acted as it resulted.

The Govt. & the Bd. of Rev. recommend that Govt. be relieved from it.

The case is exceptional that the Exemption of Govt. creates a precedent - I submit that it might be conceded

I would vie the answer

I.O.L

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Lt Colonel RE
Chief Engineer PW Deptt

Fort St George
11th March 1873

To The Financial Department with original papers.

Finl. 1873 Dept.
From
The Ch: Engineer: P.W.D.
B. & C.
Dated 11th March 1873
Recd 12th "
No 479

It appears that it is not clear how the failure of the Vellaur [?] Bridge, S. Arcot Dist. can justify the incidence of the charge, & that if at the time of the disaster, the work was in progress from local funds, those funds should pay the bill of R. 2327-6-9.

Will an Order

22nd March 1873 No 386.

Read No 418 1479. This being a very exceptional case, the charge in question will be borne by Govt. — The amount viz R. 2327-6-9 will be provided in the D.P.W. from savings under "Provincial".

[illegible initials]

Board of Revenue with 10 Enclos. &c.
Public Works Dept.
Accountant General.

C 12/3/73
Re 14/3/73