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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

20th January 1881, No. 106.

Local Funds—Works.

Read the following paper :—

No. 71. *Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th December 1880, No. 1904.*

Read the following papers :—

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, dated 25th November 1880, No. 2210, communicating G.O. of the Public Works Department, dated 2nd November 1880, No. 2504 W., sanctioning estimate of Rs. 1,140 for repairs and protective works to the Kandadu Lattice Bridge.

From H. W. BLISS, Esq., Commissioner of Salt Revenue, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 4th December 1880, No. 8156.

With reference to the correspondence marginally noted regarding the bad state of repair of the Kandadu Bridge, I have the honor to report that I hear from the Assistant Commissioner of Salt Revenue, South Arcot District, that in consequence of the recent floods the bridge has been pronounced unsafe and cart traffic over it stopped by order of the Local Fund Engineer, and, as I long ago predicted would be the case if nothing was done, the Mercanam Salt Factory has now been cut off from the interior, large tracts of which it supplies with salt. I therefore request that the Board will move Government to issue orders for the immediate repair of the bridge, and for its reconstruction at an early date. If the Local Fund Board cannot afford to carry out the latter work without assistance, I would suggest that they should borrow money to do so, recouping themselves by the levy of a toll on the traffic. Pending the temporary repair and reopening of the bridge for cart traffic, which I trust will be possible as soon as the floods have subsided, the demand for salt for the interior will be met from the Kandadu and Chunampet platforms of the factory, which are on the inland side of the river which is crossed by the bridge. But this cannot be the case for more than a few months. The repair of the bridge is therefore a matter of great urgency.

The Board observe that in their Order, dated 3rd February 1879, No. 268, Revenue Department, the Government decided that the cost of reconstructing the Kandadu Lattice Bridge, near Mercanam in South Arcot, should be debited to Local Funds and Salt Imperial in equal shares, the cost of repairs would be debitable in the same proportion. In their Order, dated 19th May 1879, No. 963, Financial Department, the Government lay down the following principle for the settlement of liability for charges connected with roads required for salt traffic, viz., that if the road is required solely in connection with the salt works, depôts, the charges should be debited to Imperial; but that if a road is required and maintained for the salt traffic

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of the country then it should be considered in the same position as a road required by any other traffic. The bridge now in question is situated on one of the general communications of the country and has never been classed as a salt road (*vide* papers recorded in G.O., dated 3rd February 1879); the cost of reconstruction and repairs is therefore debitable to Local Funds. From Mr. Bliss' letter recorded above it appears that the bridge has now been closed to traffic, and that serious inconvenience will be experienced if the necessary repairs are not carried out at once. The question of the treatment of this bridge has now been under discussion for some time, and several estimates for its construction and repair appear to have been framed from time to time. The last order on the subject is G.O., dated 6th April 1880, No. 885 W., to which a reply was furnished in Board's Proceedings, dated 12th July 1880, showing that the extension of the canal does not affect the question of the necessity for maintaining the bridge. Apparently no temporary expedients have been adopted, and it may be necessary to call for a fresh estimate, but the Board would urge that something should be done without further delay. There are ample funds at the disposal of the Local Fund Boards, and they can recoup themselves by the levy of a toll. The current year's budget contained a provision of Rs. 15,000 for the reconstruction of the bridge, but the allotment has recently been transferred to other works; a large balance is, however, available.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary.

No. 72.

ORDER THEREON, 20th January 1881, No. 106.

The Government concur in the decision that the work is chargeable to Local Funds. The Board will instruct the President to cause an estimate for the reconstruction of the bridge to be prepared at once on the general scheme indicated in Proceedings, dated 3rd February 1879, No. 768, Revenue Department. The estimate should be submitted for sanction with the least possible delay.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Revenue Department.
" Accountant-General.
Copy to the Public Works Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of (1881) **INDIA.**
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To THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
&c., &c.,

Dated January, 20th.

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G.O., 20th January 1881, No.

JANUARY.
Nos. 71-72.

Local Funds—Works.—The Board requested to instruct the President, Boards, South Arcot, to cause an reconstruction of the bridge across backwater on the road from T. Mercanam to be prepared at once on scheme indicated in G.O., No. Revenue Department. The decision work is chargeable to Local Funds.

Revenue Department.
No 904
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 13th December 1880.

Read Proceedings of the Madras Government
Financial Department, dated 25 November 1880, No.
2210 Communicating G.O. of the P. W. Dep^t dated
2^d November 1880, No 2504, W. sanctioning estimate
of Rs 1140 for repairs and protective works to the
Kandadu Lattice Bridge.

Read also the following
No 8156
From A. N. Pillai Esq.
Commissioner of Salt Revenue
To C. A. Walton Esq.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir. With reference to the correspondence men-
tioned in G.O. dated June 6-1878. No 847-P.W. originally noted regarding the bad
state of repair of the Kandadu
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" " April 6th 1880. " 885-P.W. Bridge, I have the honor to
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are on the inland side of the river which is
crossed by the Bridge. But this cannot be the
case for more than a few months. The repair of
the Bridge is therefore a matter of great urgency.
I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
H. N. Bliss
Commr. of Salt Rev.
Madras. Dated Decr 1st 1880

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(True Copy & Extract)

Chief
Secretary

The Chief Secretary to Government
Financial Department

No. 949.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 12th July 1880.

Read the following letters :—

From H. W. BLISS, Esq., Commissioner of Salt Revenue, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 20th April 1880. No. 2,367.

In reply to the Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 4,133, dated April 16th, 1880, I have the honor to report that, in my opinion and so far as this department is concerned, the opening of the Buckingham Canal to Mercanum will in no way affect the question of the advisability of maintaining the bridge across the Kandadu Backwater on the road from Tindivanam to Mercanum. The canal will afford a means of transit for the Mercanum salt in a direction parallel to the coast. The bridge is required to render possible its transit, in a direction at right angles to the coast, into the South Arcot District and the southern portions of the Salem District, which mainly depend on this factory for their supply thereof.

From A. CRUICKSHANK, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, South Arcot, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 29th June 1880, No. 59.

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 4,133, dated 16th April last, I have the honor to state that the Board of the circle are of opinion that a bridge will be necessary at Mercanum even after the opening of the canal from the Palar to the Mercanum Backwater. Copies of the resolution of the Board on the subject passed at a meeting held on the 26th instant and also of the Sub-Collector's letter, No. 117, dated the 3rd instant, are herewith sent.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From C. A. BIRD, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to A. CRUICKSHANK, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board, South Arcot, dated Tindivanam, 3rd June 1880, No. 417.

In reference to paragraph 2 of the G.O., No. 885-W, of the 6th April, regarding which you in your foot-note, No. 219, of the 29th April last, called for a report, I have the honor to inform you that the Deputy Tahsildar of Mercanum is of opinion that a bridge over the backwater at Kantatu will be absolutely necessary even when the canal is completed the whole way from Madras to that point.

I called on him to give details of the traffic, which he has done. He reports that the salt manufactured at Mercanum and Sunampat is considered to be of a superior quality and that people come from Trichinopoly, Salem, and South Arcot Districts for salt during nine months of the year to Mercanum and three months of the year to Sunampat; that it is not necessary for them to pass over the bridge to visit the latter place if they come direct as they would if empty, but as a rule they come laden with commodities to sell at Pondicherry and then return for salt; that there is also traffic between the villages lying to the west of the bridge and Pondi, for which the bridge is used. He estimates the daily traffic at 100 bandies and 200 people throughout the year, which, I think, may be considered a fairly correct average, and therefore I am of opinion that the continuance of the bridge is necessary.

(True Copy.)

(Signed)

A. CRUICKSHANK,
President.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Extract from Proceedings of Local Fund Board.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G.O., dated 6th April 1880, No. 885-W.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed)

C. A. GALTON,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department,
with extract from Proceedings of Local Fund Board to be returned.

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

" " Commissioner of Salt Revenue.

" " Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Edw. A. S. Rodgers

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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dated 13th December 1880, No 1904.

Order thereon, 20th July 1881.

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PROCEEDINGS, 12TH JULY 1880, No. 949.

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No. 949.

Bridge—across the Kandadu Backwater on
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