

Local & Munl. (1895) Department.

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G.O., No. 1425 M.

DATED 4th September 1895

[Despatch Abstract.]

Spoil Banks.

Communicating to the District Board, Kistna, and the Municipal Council, Bezwada, G.O., Public Works Department, declining to incur expenditure in the removal of-----between the head of the Ellore and Ryves' canals at Bezwada; referring to the Departments concerned the question of the site for certain proposed buildings; and calling for estimates for the construction of the Deputy Tahsildar's cutcherry at the station.

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8TH AUGUST 1895, No. 1957 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—again the following paper :—

G.O., dated 10th June 1895, No. 1385 W., Public Works.

Note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

In accordance with the instructions contained in G.O., No. 1385 W. of 10th June 1895, I have inspected the spoil banks which it is proposed to remove, and have discussed the question with the Superintending Engineer, the Collector and the Chairman of the Municipality of Bezwada.

2. The result of this discussion has been to make it clear that the re-distribution contemplated in paragraph 2 of the G.O. quoted cannot be carried out; the area between the spoil banks has been laid out in regular plots and roads within the area have been constructed by the Municipality. Some of the land purchased in the first instance from the Municipality by the Court of Wards has been resold to private purchasers, and it would be practically impossible to cancel these sales and re-allot the area.

3. It is therefore certain that the direct return which could be obtained for the outlay incurred in removing the spoil banks would be limited to the value of the ground on which they now stand, and this value, from the position and shape of the land, would be but small; in point of fact, the only possible purchasers would be the holders of the plots now fronting on the spoil banks; in the majority of cases the Court of Wards.

4. From the information furnished to me at Bezwada, it appears that the demand for land in the neighbourhood is at present by no means so large as was expected, and taking all the facts into consideration, I do not think that more than a very insignificant fraction of the cost of clearance would be recovered by the sale of the land.

5. The Municipality are not willing to bear any portion of the cost of this clearance, which must, if carried out at all, be carried out from Provincial Funds for the benefit of the town on sanitary or aesthetic grounds.

6. I am unable to see that such grounds exist at all, or that if they exist, they are sufficiently strong to justify an expenditure of more than Rs. 50,000. The obstruction which the banks offer to the perfation of air is not a very serious evil; the less so as there already exists gaps in them at various places. Moreover, it appears that the earth of which they are formed is in considerable demand for the manufacture of bricks and tiles; a very appreciable portion of them has already been removed for this purpose, and the consumption would become much more rapid if building operations to any large extent were undertaken in the immediate neighbourhood.

7. In point of fact, it may be said that if houses in any number are built on the area between the banks, the latter will gradually disappear; if not, their existence is of no consequence.

8. On full consideration of all the circumstances, I am decidedly of opinion that there is no sufficient reason for incurring expenditure in the removal of these banks, and that for the present at all events, the subject may be allowed to drop; in this opinion the Collector concurs.

9. In connection with this subject the question of the location of the new Deputy Tahsildar's cutcherry requires to be considered; a site for this building and for a new Sub-Judge's Court has been reserved in the area between the banks, and the Collector is of opinion that the extension of the town in this direction will depend largely upon whether these buildings be built upon this site or upon another which has been suggested, close to the existing Tahsildar's cutcherry. The choice of the site therefore becomes a matter of some importance.

10. Major Baddeley is opposed to the adoption of the Arundelpet site on account of the nature of the soil, but after inspection of the ground and examination of the levels, I do not consider that the engineering objections are very strong; the site looks bad at present, because it is undrained and after rain becomes waterlogged; but there would be no difficulty in properly draining it, and then the objections to the site would be reduced to the single one of cost; a building here would cost rather more than one on the other site on account of the cost of drainage, and because it would probably require rather deeper foundations and a higher basement than one on the other site.

11. A further addition to the cost might be caused by the necessity for the construction of a subsidiary jail which would not be required if the Deputy Tahsildar's cutcherry were built near that of the Tahsildar, but might be (the Collector is not certain on this point) if it were built at Arundelpet.

12. I do not think, however, that this question of cost should be allowed to weigh against considerations of administrative convenience, and the site may therefore be chosen with regard to these considerations alone.

13. On this question there appears to be some difference of opinion, the Collector being very strongly in favour of the Arundelpet site, while the Chairman of the Municipality is in favour of that near the Taluk cutcherry; the matter is not one for this department, or on which I am prepared to express an opinion.

14. The construction of two other public buildings has been proposed, namely a Municipal hospital, a site for which has been reserved somewhat higher up than that for the Deputy Tahsildar's cutcherry, and a church which it is proposed to construct at the nose formed by the junction of the two banks. The latter of these certainly, and the former probably, would require the removal of a portion of the bank in the immediate neighbourhood, but in each case such removal may be dealt with separately as part of the cost of construction of the building. The Sanitary Commissioner should, I think, be consulted as to the proposed site for the hospital.

15. The whole of Arundelpet is, at present, entirely unfit for the construction of dwelling houses on account of the absence of surface drainage, and the Municipality must be prepared for some expenditure, which need not be very heavy in this direction, an expenditure to which it need not object as it has received good prices for the land.

(Signed) J. PENNYCUICK, Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

ORDER—dated 8th August 1895, No. 1957 W., Public Works.

Under the circumstances stated by the Chief Engineer, the Government is not prepared to incur expenditure in the removal of the spoil banks in question. Should it be necessary to remove any portion of them in connection with the construction of public buildings, the cost of such removal will be included in the estimates for the buildings.

2. The question of the site for the Deputy Tahsildar's cutcherry, Sub-Magistrate's Court and Municipal hospital will be considered in the departments concerned.

3. In the meantime the Superintending Engineer, II Circle, will submit as soon as possible alternative estimates for the construction of the first-named building on the two sites proposed, noting clearly the additional expenditure which will be required if the construction of a subsidiary jail is necessary.

(True Extract.)

Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, II Circle.
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