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Local & Munl. (1895) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 900m

DATED 29th May 1895

[Despatch Abstract.]

Bridge.

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yambadi, & requesting that
detailed plans and esti-
mates for the work may
be prepared.

Chairman

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reference on NO. 111
Council Vaniyambadi dated 11 March 1895

PRESENT.

J. P. Bedford Esquire; C. S. Chanan
Official Councillors.

M. R. C. Suraappachariar Avargal, Dy. S.
" M. Gururamni Sasthri Avargal, B. A. Sub Regi

Non-official Councillors.

M. R. J. M. Sureshtham Pillai Avargal
" M. Murugappa Chettiar Avargal
" Amara Appiah Chettiar Avargal
" S. Shunmuga Chettiar Avargal
Middaikara Taimulabdin Sahib
Rasul Khan Sahib

7. Read G.O. No. 26 M. D. dated 9 January
1895 regarding the Construction of a bridge
over the Palan and the Connected papers.

Resolution:—The Council is of opinion
that a loan will be the best way of paying
the expenses of the Construction of the bridge.
The Council will be prepared to give 1200 mpa
per year (beginning from the year 1896-97)
to pay off the loan. Any Subscriptions that
come in, The Council will be thankful to
receive.

(Signed) J. P. Bedford
Chairman
J. P. Bedford
Chairman

reference on NO.

Falls short of the
Municipal Office VANIYAMBADI.

Dated 25 March 1895

From J. T. Gillespie Esquire, C.S.
Chairman, Municipal Council,

Local VANIYAMBADI
Municipal Council No. 12/84/2

To THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT,
MADRAS.
THROUGH THE COLLECTOR OF
SALEM.

Sir,
With reference to P.O. dated
9th January 1895 No. 26 in. Dis and
in continuation of my letter dated
12th December last Refon No. 1023
I have the honor to state that in spite
of many reminders to Mr. Tainulab-
din Sahib, a municipal Councillor,
who promised to collect subscriptions
from the people towards the construction
of a bridge over the Palar river he
did not give me any reply till the
14th February last on which date he
wrote to me stating that as many of

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could not send his final report.
From the conversation I held with
him at the last 4 or 5 meetings, I
learn that the levy of professional
tax in the coming year as already
sanctioned will have a tendency to
check private liberality. Being of
opinion that further delay in the
matter would only be a waste of
time I brought the subject before
the Council at its meeting held on
on the 11th instant. The Council concurred
with my opinion that the levy of professional
tax will check private liberality and is
of opinion that the only course open
to them is to raise a loan from Govern-
-ment for the purpose of building
the Palas bridge. even if any subscrip-
-tions should come in, they will not,
in all probability, amount to more
than about 4 thousands of rupees and
this

this of course falls far short of the
estimated cost of construction viz Rs 24,000.
It is unnecessary for me to explain
again that it is beyond the means
of the Council to spend such a large
sum as Rs 24,000 for a bridge.

I therefore request that the Govern-
-ment will be pleased to comply with
the request of the Council in the matter
of raising a loan. The Council will be
prepared to pay Rs 1200 every year
(beginning from 1896-97) including the
interest and I beg to point out as desired
by the Council that unless this is done, it
is impossible to do any thing in the matter
for some years to come.

A copy of the Council's resolution on
the subject accompanies.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant
J. L. Chatterjee
Chairman

Current No. 12189^m/95

From the Chairman, M.C., Vaniyambadi

Local & Municipal Department.

1895.

From 1218^m

The Chairman
Municipal Council
Vaniyambadi.

To
The Chief Secretary to
Government
Local & Municipal Department
Madras

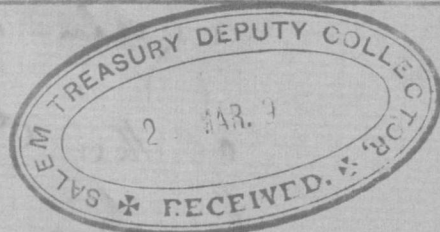
Thro' the Collector of Salem
Dated 25th
Despatched 25th
Received } March 1895

Refor No. 23
899
Enclosure: One.

Subject

Submitting final report
on the question of construct-
ing a bridge over the
Palar river at Vaniyambadi.

Despatched on 4-4-95



Exedon Saunuch No. 148/3.4.95
Sub

Forwarded.

The matter of providing
a bridge is one of urgency
having regard to the safety
of the Town. If the
Municipality will raise
a loan for this purpose
I think it is an advisable
to help them as far as
possible.

CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
3/4/95

To the Chief Secretary to Government.
Local & Municipal Deptt.
Madras

Plan & estimate may be
called for as proposed - The
P.D. should however be asked
whether 10 feet is not too narrow
for a bridge 200 ft long,
as a cart could hardly pass
across a bridge of that
width, & whether the width should
be at least 12 ft.

I confess I don't understand
the position - The town is
stated to be divided into 4
parts by branches of the river -
that is, there must be 3
branches of the river. If so,
how will one bridge help the
people? And, as the town
is stated to be in constant
danger of flooding & serious de-
struction of property & life on
account of its low level, how
will bridging the river help
the people in that respect.
The C. knows the place &
perhaps can explain

18/5/95
I expect we shall have to contribute
something from Prov. towards the
bridge.

FOR ORDERS.

In forwarding the inspection
notes of the Sanitary Commissioner
on the Vaniyambadi Municipality
dated 23rd January 1893, No. 2068, the
Collector of Salem pointed out to the
municipal council that one of the
main wants of the town is a bridge
over the Palar, that the town is
in actual danger when there is
a high flood in the river & that the
danger is yearly increasing owing
to the narrowing of the river
bed by encroachment. The council
thereupon decided in its resolution
dated 26th February 1893 (80.
dated 29th May 1893, No. 70941.) the

withd with committee papers now the office

that, as the question of constructing a bridge ^{had} ~~was~~ ^{been} once ^{been} under the consideration of the ^{District} Board, the President should be asked to supply it with the plans & estimates prepared for the purpose and that on receipt of a reply a special meeting should be held to consider the question of providing funds for its construction.

2. In submitting to Government the annual report of the municipality for 1893-94, the Collector again drew the attention of the council to the importance of taking early action in the matter, and in para. 4(1) of p. 20.7.94, N. 923 M. the council was requested to state what ^{had been} ~~was~~ the outcome of the special meeting which it had been decided to hold in order to discuss the question.

3. The Chairman then reported in reply that two sets of plans ^{had been} ~~were~~ received from the President of the District Board, that the Superintending Engineer & the District Engineer to whom they ^{had been} ~~were~~ forwarded. The opinion did not approve of the plan, that as suggested by him a new plan and estimate amounting to

District Board's Engineer, that the municipal council was considering the question of financing the project and that a further report would be submitted when a definite conclusion ^{had been} ~~was~~ arrived at in the matter. In his endorsement on this letter the Collector stated that considering the nature of the river, he was of opinion that the only bridge likely to stand was a suspension bridge and that such a bridge could probably be constructed for less than Rs. 25,000 as the span was only 100 ft. The Government while awaiting the further report promised by the municipal council, directed the Collector to obtain the opinion of the Superintending Engineer on his proposal to erect a suspension bridge (vide G.O. dt 10.10.94 N. 1422 M.).

4. The Collector in reply stated that the Superintending Engineer who ^{had been} ~~was~~ consulted in the matter, was also of opinion that

at a suspension bridge would
be the most suitable one, but as
the width of the river at the site
of the old bridge was 175 feet, he
thought, that the span of the
bridge should not be less than
200 ft and that therefore the
cost of such a bridge with a ten
feet roadway would be about
Rs. 24,000. This letter was com-
municated to the Chairman
with the request that he ^{would} ~~will~~
report what action the munici-
pal council proposed to take
in the matter. vide f.o. d 19.1.95
No. 26 M.

5. The Chairman now re-
ports that one of the municipal
councillors who undertook to
collect subscriptions for raising
the required funds, has written
to him saying that he ^{can} ~~could~~ not
send in his final report on the
result of the special meeting re-
ferred to in para. 1 Supra, as some
of the rich residents ^{are} ~~were~~ away,
that the imposition of the arts
tax

FOR ORDERS.

private liberality and that
fore the municipal council
opinion that the only course
to it is to take a loan from Go-
vernment, for the repayment of which
it is prepared to pay Rs. 1200
^{commencing from 1896-97.}
annum. The budget for 1895-96
closes with a balance of Rs. 1,820 20
municipal council can easily find
Rs. 1,480, which would be required to
liquidate the loan of Rs. 2,4000 with
interest at 4 1/4 percent, in 30 years,
without prejudice to the more
important needs of the town.

6. As the cost of the bridge
has only been roughly estimated
by the Superintending Engineer, it
is submitted that detailed plans
& estimates may now be called for.

V.A. C.S. 10.1-
21/5/95
It is of no use going into
other points until the plans
& estimates have been prepared
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14/5/95

Construction of a bridge on the Palani River -
Vaijnambadi

FOR ORDERS.

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Papers to be read in proceedings:—
Land DEPARTMENT.

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Again G.O., dated
Again G.O., dated
Current No.

189 , No.
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of 189 , dated from

Current No. 1218 M of 1895, dated 25.11.95 from the Chairman M. C.

Vaijnambadi

ORDER. 29.5-95 No 900 M

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Enclosures to go
900 M
29.5.95

25/5/95

The papers will be forwarded to the Public Works Department with the request that detailed plans and estimates for the proposed suspension bridge may be prepared.

2. It is observed that the Superintending Engineer's letter no 475 M ^{12.12.94} speaks ~~of~~ of a bridge with a roadway of only 10 feet. The Public Works Department will be requested to consider whether this is not too narrow for a bridge 200 feet long as carts could hardly pass one another in that width and whether the roadway should not measure at least 12 feet.

25/5/95

To
The Chairman, M.C. Vaijnambadi.
thru' the Collr. of Salem
Public Works Department
with 10 9/100 M 1422 M 7 M + 26 M in
10.10.94 8.1.95 9.1.95
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Reply to H.M.'s two queries.

(1) The plan printed opposite page 316 of the District Manual (here with submitted) explains the situation of the town. Though

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four parts by the river only two
entirely surrounded. The proposed
road communication from what is
the most important of the two to
the station.

effect of the floods of 1874 and 1875 is
mentioned on page 316 of the Annual. It will be
noted that most of the inhabitants fled across the
river (presumably by way of the old bridge) to Govinda-
rao. Without a bridge there would be no escape
for them in flood time.

The file is not quite complete as regards
these points and the encroachments on the
river. The other papers on the subject are:

J.O. no ~~2277~~ 2595 and C. no 2277 of 1894 will
be sent for if necessary.

The bridge is apparently to be at
the place marked with blue
pencil in the plan

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Anyway, apparently, a suspension
bridge can do no harm
RN

Construction of a suspension bridge over
the Palar river - Vanigambadi Municipality.

M.S.
(draft order for approval and
reply to H.M.'s queries.)

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The following is a list of the
papers in the file
P.O. no 2595 of 1894
C.O. no 2277 of 1894
The papers are in the
file of the Palar river
bridge.