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Local & Munl. (1896) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1899M

DATED 10-11-96.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Bridge

Considering that the scheme for the construction of a — over the Palar at Vaniyambadi must be abandoned, and directing that the grant and lo[illegible] which have been drawn by the Munl council should be refunded without delay; and calling upon the Chief Engineer and Mr. Hannay to explain their omission to notice certain defects in the original design and estimate for the suspension bridge.

BACK PAPERS.

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1896.

Public Works Department.

Local & Municipal Dept.
PR. CURRENT No. 1922 M

No. 1911 W
Dated 1st July 1896.
Despatched
Received 3 JUL. 96

SUBJECT.

Communicating Supdg. Engineer's report upon the levying of tional charges for Establishment, Tools & Plant for the construction of the Suspension bridge over the Palar ~~river~~ at Vaniyambadi.

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To lie over pending receipt of the Council's reply to G.O. No. 862 M dated 21st May 1896.

[P. W. 50 / 2000—30-4-96.]

W. R. 3/7

8/7. 1897

Statement showing the portion of the Estimate of Rs 23,800, on which the usual charges for Establishment and Tools and plant should be levied -

1 -	Total amount of Estimate for masonry and other works, exclusive of iron and steel works in connection with the bridge	Rs 13,820
2 -	Cartage for iron and steel works from Tirupatur Railway station to site of the bridge	" 390
3 -	Erection charges of do do	" 2000
4 -	Granite stone uprights for side railings on approaches	" 72
5 -	Fixing charges of iron rails for railings	" 18
	Total	Rs 16,300

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
CURR 1922 M

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

From the Supdg. Engineer IV Circle No. 286/W d/ 17th June 1896

With reference to G.O. No. 1709 W dated 9th June 1896, I have the honor to report that the usual charges for Establishment and Tools and Plant should be levied on ₨ 16,300 of the estimate of ₨ 23,800 for the construction of a suspension bridge on the Palar River in Vaniembady vide statement hereto attached.

2. But I would take this opportunity to observe that, if a bridge is to be constructed at the locality in question, it should not be a flimsy structure, in respect to its iron work, like that at Kullar. Experience gained

(40—4,000—2-11-95.)

there, clearly shows, that to prevent the constant undulatory movement under passing loads, the sides should be stiffened by lattice girders. The suspension rods, bolts and nuts are also too light and the result is considerable expenditure in repairs and renewals. With a view to lessen the latter, passing traffic has been restricted to a walking pace.

3. To provide a proper substantial suspension bridge, the estimated provision for iron work, Rs 6,700, may safely be multiplied by 3, or say Rs 20,000 will be required, bringing the total of the estimate to Rs 37,100.

Order thereon No. 1911W, dt 1st July 1896.

Communicated to the Local and Municipal Department with reference to para 4 of G.O. No. 308 M, L & M, dated 21st February 1896 and memo No. [x] 579 L & M. dated 23rd May 1896.

[x] Engr 862 Wk / 21-5-96

2. The points referred to in paras 2 and 3 of the Supdg: Engineer's letter can be considered after it has been decided what description of bridge shall be erected.

(True Extract)

Under Secretary to Govt:
P.W.D.

To
The Local and Municipal Dept
" Supdg: Engineer IV Circle.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council Vaniyambadi dated 30th June 1896.

PRESENT.

M.R.Ry T. V. Gopalasawmy Aiyar avargal B.A.
Chairman.

Official Councillors.

M.R.Ry O. Sundara Rao Garu Deputy Tahsildar
" M. Gurusawmi Sastriar avargal B.A.
Sub Registrar.

Non-Official Councillors.

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" Hanumantha Rao avargal.
" Jayakarna Lala avargal.
" Venkatappa Nayadu Garu.
" Bala Guruvappa Chettiyar avargal
Patel Ahmad Qasim Sahib
Haji Madar Sahib
Niwasal Jaffar Sahib

1. Read G. O. No 862 M. Mis, dated 21st May 1896 requesting the Council to reconsider the question of Constructing a bridge over the Palar river.

Resolution:- The Council is in favour of

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council Vaniyambadi dated 30th June 1896.

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1. Read G.O. No 862 L. M.s, dated 21st May 1896 requesting the Council to reconsider the question of Constructing a bridge over the Palar river.

Resolution:- The Council is in favour of a 12 feet suspension bridge as on a 10 ft bridge two carriages can not cross each other and it earnestly prays that Government will be pleased to give a free grant of the additional cost of Rs 10000. If the Government be not pleased to bear this additional cost in full the Council must rest content with a 10 feet bridge as the municipality is too poor to bear the extra cost.

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(Signed) A. Gopalasawmy aiyar
Chairman

(True Extract)

Gopalasawmy
Chairman

1/1958 M of 96

Reference on No. 484

MUNICIPAL OFFICE VANIYAMBADI.

Dated July 1896.

From M. R. Ry. A. V. Gopalasawmy aiyaravargal B.A. ~~Esquire~~,

Chairman, Municipal Council,
VANIYAMBADI.

Local & Municipal Dept
CURRENT No. 1958 M

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY ~~TO GOVERNMENT~~
LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT,
MADRAS.

THROUGH THE COLLECTOR OF
SALEM.

Sir,

With reference to G. O. dated 21st May 1896, No 862 M. Mis, I have the honor to report that the three proposals contained in the said order were fully discussed by the Council at its meeting held on the 30th June 1896 and I submit herewith a copy of the resolution of the Council.

2. The Council has now given up the idea of having a masonry bridge at a cost of Rs 8000 and although it came to the conclusion that a suspension bridge will be most suitable, it is in favour of having one

one of 12 feet width. The road which is now separated by the river and which will be connected if the bridge be built is the most important road in the town; it is the Railway Station road and has heavy traffic both day and night. A ten feet bridge will not be sufficient to allow two carriages cross each other and the Council is of opinion that a 12 feet — Suspension bridge is most suitable and absolutely necessary. As the Council does not think it desirable to raise a loan again to meet this extra cost as the loan of Rs 13,800 already raised is likely to — cripple and prevent the Council from — carrying out any important works of public utility for a period of 30 years more, the Council earnestly prays that Government will be pleased to give a free grant of the additional cost of Rs 10,000 and direct that the Construction of a 12 feet bridge be started

without

without delay. If the Government be not pleased to view the request of the Council favourably and bear the — additional cost in full, I am desired to represent to Government that the Council must rest satisfied with great reluctance with a 10 feet bridge.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servant

Chairman

(Local and Municipal Department)

4-7-96

No. 8425 M
6-7-96

R.

SALEM COLLECTORATE
4 JUL 96
RECEIVED

~~From,~~

The Chairman
Municipal Council
Vaniyambady

forwarded
A Moore
4.7.96

To,

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Local & Municipal Department,
Madras.

Through the Collector of
Salem

Dated 1st } July 96.
Despatched 3rd } July 96.
6 JUL 96

Refer No. 484/Eng.

Enclosure (1)

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please make a copy.

Subject

Submitting a copy of the Council's resolution dated 30th June 96 resolving to have a suspension bridge of 12 feet width, and praying to give a free grant of a additional cost of Rs 10,000.

Reg. the constn of a ... over the Palar

(Local & Municipal Department)

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 1982 M
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1918/Cm

~~From,~~

The Chairman,
Municipal Council.
Vaniyambady

Endt. 1918/Cm

forwarded
K H Mooney
Collr
6.7.96

To, The Chief Secretary
to Government.
Local & Municipal Department
Madras.

Through the Collector of
Salem

Dated 5th } July 96.
Despatched 5th } July 96.
8 JUL 96

Refer No. 190/Eng.

Enclosure (one)

Subject

Reporting that the towns people do not come forward to pay any subscription towards the construction of the suspension bridge over the Palar and requesting that Government will ~~be~~ pleased to bear the full cost of the bridge ~~suspension~~.

14/7.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council Vaniyambadi dated 30 June 1896.

PRESENT.

M.R.Ry T. V. Gopalasawmy aiyar avargal B.A.
Chairman

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Read also the Deputy Tahsildars letter No. 244 dated 27th May last forwarding the yadast received by him from M. Jainulabdin Sahib — stating that the townspeople do not come forward to pay any Subscription towards the Cost of Construction of the proposed bridge over the Palar.

Resolution—

Resolution:– The council requests that the Government will be pleased to bear the full Cost of Supervision

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(Signed) T. V. Gopalasawmy aiyar
Chairman

(True Extract)

Chairman

1/1982

Reference on No. 190/Eng

MUNICIPAL OFFICE, VANIYAMBADI.

Dated 5th July 1896.

From M. R. Ry. T. V. Gopalasawmy aiyar avargal B.A. ~~Esquire~~,

Chairman, Municipal Council,

VANIYAMBADI.

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 1982 M

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT,
MADRAS.

THROUGH THE COLLECTOR OF
SALEM.

Sir,

With reference to para 3 of G. O. No. 308 M, dated 21st February 1896, I have the honor to report that a prominent Mohamadan Gentleman (M. Jainulabdin Sahib by name) promised to collect subscription from the people towards the construction of the proposed bridge. He has been dealing with the subject for the last nearly two years and several public meetings seem to have been held.

As stated in para 3 of my report Ref on No 196/Eng dated 11th March 1896, all possible arrangements were made to hold a public meeting in order to arrive at a definite conclusion on the subject and the said gentleman sent his final report on

862 M
21-5-96

on the 12th May last stating that the towns-people do not come forward to pay any subscription.

2. The subject was considered by the Council at its meeting held on the 30th June 1896 and a copy of the resolution passed thereon is herewith submitted. The Council is unable to know what the cost of supervision payable to the Public Works Department ~~would~~ will be. Having due regard to the financial circumstances of the municipality, the Council requests that Government will be pleased to bear the full cost of supervision

3. I am of opinion that the charge is one falling on the municipality and the request of the Council that the Government should bear the cost of supervision does not seem to me to be reasonable.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obdt. Servant
Gopalaswami
Chairman

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Again G.O., No.308 M., dated 21st February 1896, and No.862 M., dated 21st May 1896. & **Current No.s** 1922, 1958 and 1982 M. of 96.

From

H.M.

FOR ORDERS.

In the first of the Government orders read above, the plan and estimate for Rs.23,800, prepared by the Public Works Department, for the construction of a suspension bridge ten feet wide over the Palar river at Vaniyambadi, were sanctioned, and the Government promised to contribute a sum of Rs.10,000 from Provincial funds and to advance the balance (Rs.13,800) as a loan, at 4¼ per cent interest repayable in thirty years. The Chairman of the Vaniyambadi Munl. Council was also asked to report whether any of the subscriptions promised for the work were forthcoming to cover the contribution which will have to be paid to the Public Works Department for the supervision of the work, and the Public Works Department was requested to state whether it can execute the work at an early date and whether the

+ Vide the chairman's letter No. 700 M / 29.5.95

the full amount of the contribution for supervision etc. (24½ per cent) will be required.

2. On this, the Council stated that, in the existing state of the Municipal finances, and in view of the urgent need for sanitary and other improvements in the town, the construction of a suspension bridge, which was likely to cost Rs.29,000 in all, could ~~can~~not be undertaken. It therefore requested ~~for~~ a reconsideration of G.O., No.308 M., dated 21st February 1896, and suggested the construction of a masonry bridge, which was estimated by the Chairman to cost Rupees 8,000; ~~but~~ no detailed plans and estimates for this scheme were ~~not~~ received, nor was the desirability of adopting it confirmed by ~~the~~ professional opinion. The Government was, however, of opinion that it would be a great advantage to increase the width of the suspension bridge, the construction of which was sanctioned in the G.O. above referred to, to 12 feet and undertook to increase the Provincial contribution promised on account of the bridge by one-half of the extra cost which this measure would involve (Rs.10,000), and the Council, which was informed that the original proposal to construct a suspension bridge ten feet wide, commended itself to Government, was asked to consider and report which of the three schemes it wished to adopt.

3. The Municipal Council has upon reconsideration come to the conclusion

Gur.

No. 5

Read G.O. 1911 dt 1.7.96

Order 5/:

With reference to para 2 of above order the P.W.D. will be requested to obtain the C.E.'s opinion on the Supdg Engr's proposal. The question of the nature & cost of the iron work must be settled before it can be decided what sort of bridge is to be put up

(from order 5)

G.O. No 862 M.
21.5.96

This is really too outrageous. The P.W.D. (Supdg. Engr. IV Circle) says it will cost so much to build the bridge. Then the same officer (or his locum tenens, I don't know which) says that ~~it will cost~~ the iron work will cost three times as much; & the Chief Engr. passes the second letter on ~~without~~ a word of comment or remark, except that this vital matter ~~can~~ ~~could~~ be considered after it has been decided what sort of bridge ~~should~~ shall be erected — How is it possible for us to determine what sort of bridge shall be erected until we know what the cost of each kind of bridge will be? This is a regular case of putting the cart before the horse — Show H.E., who is in charge of the P.W. Portfolio —

31/8/96

The Chief Engineer should certainly be called upon to give his opinion on the last proposal of the Supdg. Engineer. The question of the nature & cost of the iron work must be settled

(Cur.No.1958 M.) that a suspension bridge would be more suitable than a masonry one, ~~and~~ that, having regard to the heavy traffic on, and the importance of, the road which would be connected by the proposed bridge, a road-way of ten feet would be insufficient, and that therefore a twelve foot bridge is most suitable and absolutely necessary. As, however, the raising of a further loan for the extra cost on this account would press hard on the Municipal finances, th Council requests ~~that~~ Government ~~may~~ to be pleased to meet it entirely out of Provincial funds. It is further requested that as the promised subscriptions towards the cost of the proposed bridge are not forthcoming, the Government ma bear the entire cost of supervision et

4. The Public Works Department states (Cur. No.1922 M.) that the charg for establishment and tools and plant should be levied only on Rs.16,300 of the estimate, but points out that in o der to avoid the necessity for frequen repairs and renewals, the iron work of the bridge should be made strong substantial and that the provision fo this purpose should be increased from Rs.6,700 to Rs.20,000, thus raising th total amount of the estimate to Rupees 37,100.

5. If the original proposal of a 10 ft suspension bridge is adhe to the question of finance is sim The cost, including supervision, w Rs 27.800. Of this Govt has gi grant of Rs10.000 & a loan of

V.R.
24/7/96

would therefore be necessary to ake a further grant or loan of Rs 4000. If a loan is made the annual repayment by the Munly will be Rs 1060 or 5 per cent of its annual income. It is submitted that is about as much as the Muny can afford.

If the roadway is increased to 12 ft., or the ironwork strengthened as suggested by the Supdg Engineer, the extra cost will be Rs 10,000 & Rs 13000, respectively. Including revision in the first case it probably amount to Rs 12000 about. It is submitted that the Council cannot manage to meet this amount, & that if it is considered expedient to improve the bridge in either of these respects the cost will have to be met from l. No private subscriptions are forthcoming in the town.

WWD
28-7-96

Allowing that the proposal to make the ~~tax~~ on lands and buildings 8½ p.c. finally becomes law the increase of income to the Munly would be only Rs 1166. I do not see how the Council can meet the expense of anything but what appears to be an undesirable bridge. [illegible] for Govt. finding all the money

As requested grant is out of the question. The only thing ~~that~~ to be done ~~appears~~ seems to be to drop the ~~proposal~~ scheme altogether.

28/8/96

settled before it can be decided what sort of bridge is to be put up.

A.H.
3.9.96

C.S.

Read G.O. 1911 W. 1-7-96

~~Order~~ Refce 1057 / 10/9/96

With reference to para 2 of the ~~above~~ undermentioned order the P.W.D. will be requested to obtain the C.E.'s opinion on the Supdg Engr's proposals, as the question of the nature & cost of the iron work must be settled, before it can be decided what ~~sort of~~ description of bridge is to be ~~put up~~ erected.

(Draft orders)

WWD
4-9-96

5/9/96

To
The Public Works Department.

Despd 10/9/96

Recd 19.22
PJ Refce

Copy to Dep.
& Map & papers together
R.I.
7/9/96

Suspension Bridge over the Pálár

Vaniyambadi municipality

FOR ORDERS.

H.M.

H.E. the Governor

Skp C 31/8 | Skp C 2/9

R 319

[L. & M. 500—18-8-96.]

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Local & Munl. (1896) Department.

P.R.

CURRENT No. 2674 M

Order

From The Public Works Department

No. 1438 D

Dated 29-9-96
Received 1-10-96
Registered 2-10-96
Enclosures
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SUBJECT.

Recommending the construction of a masonry bridge instead of a suspension bridge over the Pálar.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Public Works Department.

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 2614 M

Memorandum in the Local & Munl. dept. No. 1051 dated 10 September 1896.

Note by the Chief Engineer. – No. 1437 D. 829 September 1896

I cannot see the object of a suspension bridge in such a place, a suspension bridge is usually erected when the difficulty and expense of getting in intermediate foundations would be great or over very rapid torrents. In this case a ~~flowing~~ flimsy structure having a roadway 10' wide has been designed, it is cheap no doubt but the cheapness is obtained at the cost of efficiency & durability.

2. The traffic is at present not great, but it may increase in the next 20 years, and then very great inconvenience will be caused by having

such a weak and narrow bridge.

I strongly recommend that a masonry bridge of 4 spans of 50' be constructed with a roadway 14' wide, this will cost more than the toy bridge proposed but will be cheaper in the end as it will not require constant repairs as the ~~flimsy~~ flimsy structure proposed would.

The design appears to be a copy of the Kullu bridge which cannot be considered a success.

(Sd.) D. McNeil Campbell. C.I.E.
Chief Engineer.

No. 1438 D. of 29th September 1896.

Transferred to the Local & Municipal dept. with reference to Memo in that dept. No. 1051 dt. 10th Septr. 1896.

D. McN. Campbell C.I.E.
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11 OCT. 96

To,
The Local & Munl. Dept.

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RH
26.10.96

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be cheaper.

After all the correspondence that there has been about this bridge it seems that its construction have to be abandoned for want of lar at Vaniyambadi

6.20 P
17/

Local and Municipal Department.

ted 1" July from the Public Works
Depatt.
,, 1" July ,, Chairman M.C.
Vaniyambadi.
,, 5" July ,, ,, ,,
, 29" September ,, Public Works
Department.

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After all the correspondence that there has been about this bridge it seems that its construction have to be abandoned for want of

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My first

Where is the D.P.W. no 2529 C d 16 Augt 95

~~Enclosed~~ in the forwarding Endt. of 10/1/96 at page 3 of G.O. 21/2/96

See flag E

5/11

Please see C.R.O. 2618m/95 - Flag G.

5/11

/ 10' Septr 1896.

J. W. Campbell Col. R.E.

To,

The Local & Muncl Depart

BACK PAPERS.

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11/9/

Suspension bridge over Palar at Vaniyambadi

C 14/10

Local and Municipal Department.

Current No.	1922 M. of 1896	dated	1" July	from the	Public Works Depatt.
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,, ,,	2674 M. of 1896	,,	29" September	,,	Public Works Department.

Hon & H.E. the Govr

For Orders

Please see the notes and orders on the first three letters read above and the reference thereon to the Public Works Department. With the last letter, which is in reply to this reference, the Public Works Department forwards the Chief Engineer's opinion on the proposed construction of a suspension bridge, ten feet wide, over the Palar at Vaniyambadi. He considers the design of the bridge unsuitable, its structure weak and narrow and its cheapness to have been obtained at the sacrifice of efficiency and durability. He therefore recommends that a masonry bridge of four spans of 50 feet each and a roadway of 14 feet, may be constructed and points out that, although it will be more costly than the proposed suspension bridge, it will in the end be cheaper.

P.R. 10/10/96

After all the correspondence that there has been about this bridge it seems that its construction will have to be abandoned for want of

Flag D.

It seems to me that the idea of erecting a bridge must be abandoned. The Muny cannot afford more than will suffice, when aided by the Govt. grant, to erect what the C.E. now calls a toy bridge; and I can see no reason why the Govt. grant, already a substantial one, should be increased. The grant & loan should therefore both be refunded.

This, however, doesn't completely dispose of the matter — When Mr Hannan prepared the design & estimate which the C.E. now so unreservedly condemns, the Hon Col: Campbell forwarded it (*vide* p. 3 of G.O. 308 M. / 21.2.96) without a word of comment, favourable or unfavourable. By so doing, he appears to me to have adopted the design & estimate & to have made himself responsible for them — Later on, in G.O. No 1911 W of July 1, 1896, the P.W.D. communicated to the L. & M. Dept. a letter from funds. This appears to be due to the fact that the question of financing the scheme was calculated upon an estimate for ~~the~~ a bridge prepared by the superintending Engineer, a bridge which is now, nearly a year later, condemned by the chief Engineer as being cheap & flimsy –

The Municipality could only just afford the original bridge, & if a more expensive structure is considered necessary, the additional cost will have to be met by Govt., & the P.W.D. may be asked to ~~submit~~ prepare a fresh plan & estimate. (Please see note providing^x). If however the construction of the bridge is to be abandoned altogether, it is for consideration what is to be done with the grant & loan already sanctioned & paid.

WWD
13.8.96.

We ought to have plan & estimate of the bridge recommended by the Chief Engr. before any final decision can be given.

AH 14.10.96

the Supdt. Engr., IV Circle, condemning the design & estimate in question – From internal evidence, see Flag E this Supdt. Engr. would appear not to have been Mr. Hannan.

The G.O. in question is signed by an Under Secy, but I presume the Hon. Col: Campbell is responsible for it – I drew attention to the irregularity manifest in it in my note of 31/8/96 –

Now I propose that ~~that~~ Mr. Hannan and the Hon. Col: Campbell should both be called on to explain their respective shares in this transaction, any set out herein & in my note of 31/8/96 –

^x Flag D

HS
17/10/96

H.E. the Govr.

I concur.
A.SH
20.10.96

Suspension bridge over the Palar, at Vaniyambadi

Local and Municipal Department.

Current No. 1922 M. of 1896 dated 1" July from the Public Works Deptt.
,, ,, 1958 M. of 1896 ,, 1" July ,, Chairman M.C. Vaniyambadi.
,, ,, 1982 M. of 1896 ,, 5" July ,, ,, ,,
,, ,, 2674 M. of 1896 ,, 29" Septr. ,, Public Works Department.

Order. No 1899 Municipal dated 10-11-96

Hm

DP 7/11/96

The Government considers that the scheme for the construction of a bridge over the Palar at Vaniyambadi, must be abandoned. ~~as, with the aid of a grant of Rs.10,000 from Provincial funds, the municipality cannot find more money than what is just sufficient to erect the structure, which is condemned by the Chief Engineer as being flimsy and unsuitable, and there appears to be no reason why the Government grant, which is already a substantial one, should be increased.~~

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past that the question of [illegible] scheme was calculated upon estimate for the bridge prepared by the Superintending Engineer, as see Flag E
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The Municipality could only just afford the original bridge, & if a more expensive structure is considered necessary the additional cost will have to be met by Govt. [illegible] provided by the [illegible] construction of the bridge is to be abandoned altogether, it is for consideration what is to be done with the grant & loan already [illegible] expended.

Suspension bridge over the Palar, at Vaniyambadi

Local and Municipal Department.

Current No. 1922 M. of 1896 dated 1" July from the Public Works Deptt.
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29" September 1896, the Chief Engineer now unreservedly condemns both the design and estimate. His Excellency the Governor in-Council therefore desires that ~~the officers concerned~~ ~~Mr Hannan &~~ the Chief Engineer ~~Lt. Col. Campbell~~ & Mr Hannan should be called upon in the Public Works Department to explain their omission to notice these ~~patent~~ defects at the outset.

(From Orders)

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17/10/96

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To

1 The Chairman, Municipal Council, Vaniyambadi. (para 1)
3 ,, Public Works Department. P.O.
2 ,, Accountant General (para 1) P.O.

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