

Superintending Engineer
 7th Coimbatore 10th July 1863

From
 Lieut. Colonel G. H. Walker R.E.
 Superintending Engineer
 7th Division

To,
 Colonel H. B. Birdwood
 Secretary to Govt. D.P.W.
 Madras.

Sir, In reply to Government order No. 215
 of 29th June I have the honor to state that the
 history of the Tharamully Bridge is reported
 in the late District Engineer's reply to objections
 of the Deputy Chief Engineer. S.C. - No. 5816 of
 11th October 1861 as follows. —

"In January 1860, Mr. Webb late
 Assistant Quarter Master in the D.P.W. then
 in charge of Collegal Range sought the
 permission of the late District Engineer
 to rebuild the abutments which were
 nearly washed away by heavy floods
 owing to the defective nature of the
 foundation of the abutments and for
 completing the same bridge, pointing
 out that there was much traffic
 along this road — Mr. Webb reported
 that the Gullah to be spanned by the
 bridge was subject to heavy and sudden
 floods and that several people had
 been drowned in attempting to cross
 it during floods and that traffic was
 impeded during the rainy season."

2. Upon Mr. Webb's report the
 late

"late District Engineer on the 16th January
1860 required Mr. Webb to prepare and
submit an Estimate at once to fulfil
the requirements pointed out by Mr. Webb."
Mr. Webb submitted an Estimate
amounting to Rs. 180 which appears to
have been modified in the District
Engineer's Office and altered to Rupees
200—

"On the 2nd February 1860 the District
Engineer called upon Mr. Webb for a
section of the Mullah showing the high-
est flood that was ever known, and
directed Mr. Webb in the meantime
to prepare materials for completing
the bridge at once but not to begin the
work until further orders."

"The section was furnished
by Mr. Webb on the 9th February 1860."

"On the 16th March 1860 the
late District Engineer communicated
his formal sanction under the
Authority conveyed in Extract Minutes
Consultation No. 1294 dated 6th July 1858,
authorizing Mr. Webb to proceed with
the work at once and directed Mr.
Webb to have it completed before the
end of April 1860."

"This work entered in the
Return of new works or improvements
up to 200 Rs. sanctioned by the District
Engineer and Executive Engineer
during the month of February 1860, sub-
mitted to Central Office."

"The amount expended by
Mr. Webb up to the end of April 1860 was
Rupees 201-15-10 for which a bill submitted
to Chief Engineer with late District
Engineer's

"Engineer's letter No. 124 dated 31st July 1860
was passed on the 27th September 1860
Audit Department No. 3624—

"Mr. M. Donough, who relieved
Mr. Webb of the Charge of the Range,
reported that the expenditure on this
bridge up to the end of August 1860,
was Rupees 242.2.7—

"That the work done against
that amount had been—

"I The building of the foundation
of abutment & piers contents 80
Cubic yards of Rough Stone in
Chunam—

"II The Collection of bricks and
Chunam to the extent noted in
margin— He also stated
that about 100 Rupees more
would be required to complete
the work— To secure what
had already been done Mr. M. Donough
appears to have spent Rs. 9.9.3 up to the
end of January 1861—

"In his C. form for February 1861
Mr. M. Donough provided a sum of
Rupees 50 for expenditure on the bridge—
This sum was disallowed
in this office by me on the ground
that the work did not appear to
have been sanctioned in the year
1860/61. Hence Mr. M. Donough
stopped the work and incurred
no further expenditure. Subsequent
expenditure of Rupees 1-14— has
taken place—

"12 The work is now at a stand
still as I have no one fit to conduct
the work in the Range and no one
to

"to detach from any other locality to do the work."

"he observed that the sanction of the Chief Engineer has not been obtained for the estimate providing for the expenditure exhibited in this Bill in the A. B. C. list of repairs for any months. With regard to the expenditure no information is now obtainable as Mr. Webb left no records and the Range Office affords none."

"The above explanation was submitted to the late Deputy Chief Engineer prior to his sanction being obtained as already reported."

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt. Servant
M. W. L. S. Smith
Superintending Engineer
7th Division

Public Works Dept

No 94
Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 20th July 1863.
Read the following
from the Superintending
Engineer 7th Division.

States in reply to G.O. No
215 dated 29 June 1863 that the
history of the Tharampully Bridge
is reported in the late District
Engineers' reply to objections of the
Deputy Chief Engineer S.C. 1105816
of 11th October 1861

(Forwarded 10 July 1863
1849.)

On a perusal of the
letter from the District
Engineer Coimbatore, a copy
of which is embodied in
that from the Superintending
Engineer 7th Division, re-
corded above, the Govern-
ment observe from para 8
that a Bill for Rs 201-15-10
for the work referred to
therein

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therein was passed by the Audit Office on the 27th September 1860.

2. In para 9 of that letter it is stated that the expenditures on the work up to the end of August 1860 amounted to Rupees 212-27. In addition to this ^{amount} two other sums viz Rs 49-9-3 & 1-14- are reported (paras 10 & 11) to have been laid out by Mr Mc Donough, making in all Rupees 293. 9-10.

3. From the list of incomplete works submitted on the 8th June 1863 it would be seen that Rs 104-12- only had been expended and that Rs 80-4- are required to complete the work.

4. In the authority of the Deputy Chief Engineer submitted by the Superintending Engineer on the 24th June 1863 ^{it is observed} that the amount of the

Estimate

Estimate for the work under notice is given as Rupees 185 while Rupees 200 are shown in the District Engineers letter to have been sanctioned.

5. The Government are at a loss to reconcile these discrepancies and they accordingly request that full explanation may be furnished regarding them by the Supy Engineer 7th Division.

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To
The Superintending Engineer
7th Division
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Prof L. B. D. M.

Recd 20th Aug 1863

Respectfully
- signed with esteem.

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