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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
2nd June 1864.*

No. 37. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue  
Department:—

Referring, for consideration and orders, the Plans and Esti-  
mates for four bridges on the road from Palamcottah to } (Here enter 25th May 1864, No. 892.)  
Sreevellopootor, Tinnevely District.

No. 38. ORDER THEREON, 2nd June 1864, No. 1,604.

The Government approve of the Plans of the bridges proposed to be constructed on the road  
from Palamcottah to Sreevellopootor from surplus Pagoda Funds.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, with eight enclosures.  
„ Revenue Department.  
„ Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

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No. 1,797.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 23rd March 1864.

Read the following letters :—

From the Collector of Tinnevely, dated Trichendoor, 5th February 1864, No. 47.

With reference to the Board's Official Memorandum of the 27th ultimo, No. 100, I have the honor to state that on the receipt of the Board's Proceedings of the 23rd June 1863, I furnished the Superintending Engineer with a list of works to be executed from the surplus Devastanum funds in deposit, and requested him to send me approximate Estimates of the probable cost of the above works, but up to this time I have not received the same from him. I have this day requested him to expedite the transmission of the Estimates, which when received, will be forwarded to the Board.

From the same Officer, dated Trichendoor, 17th February 1864, No. 70.

1. Adverting to my letters of the 5th and 6th instant, Nos. 47 and 50 respectively, I have the honor to forward for the information of the Board, copy of a communication from Captain Moberly dated the 11th instant, No. 1,883, in which he observes that with the large amount of work on his hands, he cannot say when the plans for the Deputy Collector's Cutcherry at Tuticorin, and for the works to be executed from the surplus Devastanum fund in deposit, will be prepared.

2. The Superintending Engineer further states that I requested him to prepare an Estimate from the Devastanum fund for seventy-two miles of road, which I beg to state is not the case.

3. On the 3rd August 1863, I merely called upon him to furnish me with an approximate Estimate for the construction of a Chuttrum at Sholapuram on Road No. 2, and four bridges across the several streams which intersect the above road between Caruvanelloor and Vanniempatty, the distance between these two places being about fifteen miles.

4. The approximate Estimate for these works can be easily prepared by a Range Officer in a few days, as was done by Major Paxton when requested by me to frame approximate Estimates for the several large and important Salt works to be included in the Salt Works Budget for 1864-65.

5. Captain Moberly after a delay of 3½ months, furnished me with a rough plan for one of the above works, viz., the Chuttrum at Sholapuram; but as it was not drawn up according to the standard plan sanctioned by the Board, I returned it to him with a request that the sanctioned plan may be adopted in framing the approximate Estimate.

6. As regards the buildings required for the several Departments of public service at Tuticorin, I beg to refer the Board to my letter of the 6th instant, No. 50, and I request that orders may be sent to Captain Moberly direct from Government to prepare the necessary Estimates for these buildings which are greatly needed, as it is useless for me to address him again on the subject.

7. The Board will see the difficulty I experience in obtaining information from Captain Moberly, and my correspondence with him on every subject has been needlessly increased since he took charge of the Division, while from Major Paxton, late Acting District Engineer and now Executive Engineer, I have at all times met with the most ready and willing aid.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Captain F. J. MOBERLY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely, dated Ramnad, 11th February 1864, No. 1,883.

1. Referring to your Nos. 30 and 31, I have the honor to observe that you have already loaded my Department with requisitions for Estimates from General Funds at the best of the working season, and appear to think that I can in a few days prepare an Estimate from Devastanum funds for seventy-two miles of road, or a large building to serve for five different Departments.

2. These are special projects for which the Government have not provided in the present organization of the Department, and in undertaking them at all, I only contemplated their being planned at leisure moments.

3. I sent a plan for a Chuttrum which you returned after two months' delay. I have since sent for a plan of the Chuttrums which you prefer to my design, but have not yet received them; it would have saved time at least if you had originally informed me that you had made up your mind as to the proper form of Chuttrum.

4. I regret the delay, but with the large amount of work on my hands, I cannot say when the plans will be ready.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. SILVER, Collector.

1. The Collector will please to forward to the Board a list of the works he proposes to execute from the Devastanum surplus fund, with a Sketch Map to show the locality of each, and a Statement of the proportion of the available funds he would propose to allot for each.

2. He will at the same time state exactly the full amount of funds available, and explain whether the sum of Rupees 73,764 shown in his letter dated 10th June 1863, No. 229, as the amount of surplus Tripany funds in deposit, is exclusive, or inclusive of the "Porpichay" and "Khetwary," amounting to Rupees 61,123, as stated in his letter of 1st April 1863, No. 136.

3. On receipt of this information, the Board will apply to Government for sanction to execute the approved works, and for orders to the Superintending Engineer to prepare the detailed Estimates for specific sanction.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary.

To J. Silver, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly.

Ed. J. Wright.

Calling for a list of works proposed to be executed from the Devastanum surplus funds with certain other information.

No. 1,797.

Dated 23rd March 1864.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

No.

Rev. 1237/64

1864. Department.

During the absence of J. Silver, Esq., the Collector of Tinnevelly, the duties of the office were performed by W. Hudleston, Esq., Secretary.

No. 2,429.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 22nd April 1864.

Read the following letters:—

From the Collector of Tinnevelly, dated Trichendoor, 9th March 1864, No. 94.

1. Adverting to my letter of the 17th ultimo, No. 70, I have the honor to state for the information of the Board that in my letter to Captain Moberly dated 3rd August last, I particularly mentioned the amount available from the surplus Devastanum Fund, and requested him to frame an approximate estimate for the works proposed by me, to be executed from the above fund; but he has now forwarded estimates for constructing a long line of road with several works on it, in addition to those proposed by me, amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 1,70,000, or Rupees 96,235-1-1, in excess of the amount available. I have therefore returned the estimates to him with a request, that a revised estimate may be prepared within the amount available, for constructing the works proposed by me.

2. Copy of my letter to Captain Moberly dated 3rd August last, is forwarded for the information of the Board.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly, to Captain F. J. MOBERLY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, dated Tenkasy, 3rd August 1863, No. 210.

1. In their Proceedings of 23rd June last, No. 3,775, the Board of Revenue observe that the surplus Devastanum Funds now in deposit, amounting to Rupees 73,764-14-11, should be devoted to the execution of some specific work or works, for the general convenience and benefit of the people, and request me to suggest some particular work on which this sum should be laid out, and obtain from you an approximate estimate of the probable cost.

2. Road No. 2 from Palamcottah to Streevilliputtur via Sankerninarcoil, is in a wretched state, and becomes almost impassable during the rainy season, owing chiefly to the several streams which intercept it not having been bridged; I am therefore of opinion that the surplus funds should be laid out in the construction of bridges over the rivers named in the annexed list.

3. At present travellers are put to great inconvenience for want of accommodation at Sholapuram, between Sankerninarcoil and Streevilliputtur, on the same line of road, and the construction of a Chuttrum for travellers of all castes, is highly necessary.

4. I have therefore the honor to request that you will be good enough to order the road to be inspected, and prepare an approximate estimate for constructing the several works mentioned in the list, and forward the same to me for transmission to the Board of Revenue.

List of Works proposed to be executed from the Surplus Devastanum Funds in deposit.

Road from Palamcottah to Streevilliputtur via Sankerninarcoil.

Limits of Streevilliputtur Taluk.

1. Bridge across the river at Vanniempetty.
2. Bridge across the river at Sholapuram.
3. Chuttrum at Sholapuram.

Limits of Sankerninarcoil Taluk.

4. Bridge across the river at Solascry.
5. Bridge across the river at Carnivanalloor.

(Signed) J. SILVER, Collector.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) J. SILVER, Collector.

From the same Officer, dated 29th March 1864, No. 123.

5th February 1864, No. 47.  
15th do. No. 70.  
9th March, No. 94.

1. Referring to my letters noted in the margin, I have the honor to forward copy of a communication from Captain Moberly, together with its enclosures, for the consideration and orders of the Board.

2. The works that I requested the Superintending Engineer to prepare approximate estimates for, are clearly specified in the list that I originally furnished to Captain Moberly, and a copy of which I forwarded to the Board with my letter of the 9th instant, and the estimates for them amount only to Rupees 58,600. Captain Moberly now states that he understood from the list, that an entire road from Palamecottah to Streevilliputtoo was required, but the list does not imply it. The works to be estimated for are numbered, and the item referred to by Captain Moberly was merely entered to show that the bridges, &c., are on the line of road from Palamecottah to Streevilliputtoo.

3. Copy of my letter to Captain Moberly, dated the 9th instant, is also forwarded for the information of the Board.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely, to Captain F. J. MOBERLY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, dated Trichendoor, 9th March 1864, No. 85.

1. In acknowledging your letter of the 4th instant, No. 2,012, I have the honor to observe that the surplus Devastanum Funds now in deposit amount to Rupees 73,764-14-11 as stated in paragraph 1 of my letter to you of the 3rd August last, No. 210.

2. I requested you to frame an approximate estimate for the construction of a Chultrum at Sholapuram on Road No. 2, and four bridges across the several streams noted in the margin, and which intersect the above road, but you have prepared estimates for the construction of the road itself with the several tunnels and road dams in addition to the above works amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 1,70,000, or Rupees 96,235-1-1 in excess of the amount available.

3. In the heading of the abstract estimate it is stated that the road leads from Tinnevely to Streevilliputtoo via Sankerniarcoil and Rajapalliem, but Rajapalliem is not on Road No. 2. It is on Road No. 1 from Streevilliputtoo to Tenkasy.

4. I therefore request that you will be good enough to furnish me with a revised estimate for constructing the five works referred to in my letter of the 3rd August last, and for such of the additional works now estimated by you as are urgently required, if they can be done within the amount available Rupees 73,764-14-11 for transmission to the Board of Revenue.

5. The plans and estimates which accompanied your letter under reply are returned.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From Captain F. J. MOBERLY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely, dated Palamecottah, 21st March 1864.

1. In reply to your No. 85 of the 9th instant, I have the honor to observe that in paragraph 4 of your No. 210 of August 3rd, 1863, you called for "An approximate estimate for constructing the several works mentioned in the list" which you enclosed, the first item in which is,

Road from Palamecottah to Streevilliputtoo, via Sankerniarcoil.

2. It is true that Rajapalliem is not on the line at present traversed by carts, but being an important Town in its neighbourhood, I considered that it would be well to carry the road so far round as to include it.

3. The estimate now allows as far as I can see, for all that is required for the construction of a road, and is, as I believe in accordance with the orders of Government, complete; there is not the slightest difficulty in selecting from it the items which you may consider most advantageous to execute first; but I must decline to revise the estimate and to draw it out piece-meal to suit the funds.

4. Doubtless some money can be procured each year for continuing a work which we all consider highly important for the improvement of the District, and it will in my opinion be more convenient to leave the estimate as it stands in accordance with the practice of the department, and to apply for its sanction as a whole; expending each year such funds as are available on such works as the authorities may consider most important; for myself I should prefer beginning the road at one end, and working it steadily through.

5. By this system we shall keep our superintendence better in hand while the work is in progress, and have a continuous road to maintain after it is completed, instead of having work going on for years in a dozen spots separated possibly in the rains by heavy mud or similar difficulties.

6. In undertaking only the masonry works we confine ourselves to a few months in the year; and particularly if, as in this case, the works are bridges, liable to frequent interruptions by storms in the hills during both monsoons.

7. With these remarks however I leave the matter to yourself and the Board of Revenue, and shall be prepared to execute the work in whichever way you may after consideration decide.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) J. SILVER, Collector.

1. The Board await Mr. Silver's reply to their Proceedings dated 23rd March 1864, No. 1,797. Captain Moberly appears to have taken the heading of the list which was subjoined to Mr. Silver's letter of 3rd August 1863, No. 210, as one of the items in the list of works for which estimates were required.

2. The cost of the separate works can easily be extracted from the Superintending Engineer's estimate for the larger work, and the Board gather that Rupees 58,600 will cover the expense of the works proposed by the Collector, which amount is well within the amount of funds available in deposit.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,  
Sub-Secretary.

To J. Silver, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
25th May 1864.

Read the following:—

No. 283. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th May 1864, No. 2,807.

Read again Board's Proceedings dated 23rd June 1863, No. 3,775.

Do. 23rd March 1864, No. 1,797.

Do. 22nd April " No. 2,429.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of Tinnevely, dated 15th April 1864, No. 150.

1. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd March 1864, No. 1,797, I have the honor to refer the Board to my letter of the 29th ultimo, and to those quoted therein.

2. As regards paragraph 2 of the above Proceedings, I beg to state that the full amount of surplus Devasthanam Funds now available is Rupees 74,265-14-11, and this sum includes the Perpetual and Kyatwary amounting to Rupees 61,123, shown in my letter of 1st April 1863, No. 136.

1. Ordered that the above papers be submitted for the orders of Government, with reference to paragraph 2 of Government Order dated 12th May 1863, No. 833, Revenue Department, directing that the accumulated surplus Pagoda Funds in Tinnevely shall be devoted to some local work of general utility, and that the Collector should suggest what would be suitable.

2. Mr. Silver proposes that the following works shall be executed on the road from Palamcottah to Strivellipootoor via Synkerninar Covil:—

1. Bridge across the river at Vaniemputty.
2. Do. do. at Sholapuram.
3. Chuttrum at do.
4. Bridge across the river at Solasury.
5. Do. do. at Carnivanalloor.

3. In sending his proposals to the Superintending Engineer for an approximate estimate of cost, Mr. Silver placed the name of the road at the head of the list in such manner as to lead Captain Moberly to suppose that the cost of constructing a thoroughly good road throughout the whole distance was also required, and he accordingly prepared an estimate for the aggregate amount of Rupees 1,70,000, which is more than double the amount of the available funds.

4. It is however, the total cost of the works proposed by the Collector will be only Rupees 33,600 as shown below:—

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| 1. Bridge,  | Rupees | 5,750  |
| 2. Do.      | "      | 12,400 |
| 3. Chuttrum | "      | 12,100 |
| 4. Bridge   | "      | 15,700 |
| 5. Do.      | "      | 12,650 |

5. The amount of funds available for the works is Rupees 74,265, being Rupees 15,665 in excess of the sum required, and the Board therefore recommend that sanction be given for carrying out these works together with such others as may be deemed by the Collector and Superintending Engineer most necessary on the same line of road, and can be executed within the available amount of funds.

6. It occurs to the Board that the addition of an enclosure for bandies with a well and a small building for a shop in the neighbourhood of the proposed Chuttrum, and the excavation of a small tank for the use of the travellers would be most useful additions, unless they already exist at the spot, which from paragraph 3 of Mr. Silver's letter to Captain Moberly dated 3rd August 1863, the Board presume is not the case.

*Given in the Board of Revenue  
23rd June 1864  
No. 3,775*  
 1864. Department.

No. 2,429.

22nd April 1864.

2,429.

Stating that the Board have Mr. Silver's reply to their Proceedings of 23rd March 1864, requesting a list of works proposed to be executed from the Devasthanam surplus funds.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
25th May 1861.*

No. 284. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th May 1861.  
Read the following letter from J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely, to W. HUDLESTON,  
Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tinnevely, 5th May 1861, No. 171.  
SIR,

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd ultimo, No. 2,429, I have the honor to refer the Board to my letter of the 15th idem, No. 150, which contains the information called for by the Board in their Proceedings of the 23rd March last, No. 1,797.

2. The cost of the works proposed by me to be constructed on Road No. 2, from Tinnevely to Streevellipootoor, amounts to Rupees 58,600 as gathered from the Estimate of the Superintending Engineer, and the amount still available from the surplus Devasthanam funds, viz., Rupees 15,664-14-11, should, in my opinion, be laid out in constructing such portions of the road as urgently required to be made, and I beg to request that the early sanction of Government may be obtained for the same.

Submitted to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 10th May 1861, No. 2,807.

No. 285. ORDER THEREON, 25th May 1861, No. 892.

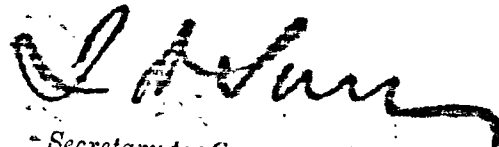
1. These papers relate to the disposal of the surplus Devasthanam Fund available in the Tinnevely District, and amounting to Rupees 74,264-14-11.

2. The Board support the Collector's proposition to spend Rupees 58,600 in the construction of four bridges and one Choultry on the road from Palamecottah to Streevellipootoor; and the remainder Rupees 15,664-14-11 in making portions of the same road.

3. The Government approve these proposals, and resolve to refer the Plans and Estimates for the bridges to the Public Works Department, for consideration and orders.

4. As to the Choultry the Government are of opinion that the Estimate for it amounting to Rupees 12,100 is large. The Board of Revenue will be requested to call upon the Collector to report if there are other Choultrys on the line of road alluded to, and if a smaller one will not be sufficient. They will also consider if the cost cannot be reduced by changing the plan.

(True Extract.)

  
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue,  
the Public Works Department.

*with 17/5/61*

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

