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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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15th September 1865.

No. 361. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. C. ANDERSON, R. E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 30th August 1865, No. 431.

SIR,

1. In Order of the 1st December 1857, No. 576, sanction was granted for the construction of a temporary Viaduct across the Kuddlehoondy estuary, at an estimated cost of Rupees 10,190.

2. In Order of the 18th June 1858, No. 331, a revised estimate for Rupees 11,183-8-0 was sanctioned, cancelling the original one for Rupees 10,190.

3. In a further Order dated the 28th September 1859, No. 539, sanction was granted for an additional sum of Rupees 35,995-9-0, making the total amount to Rupees 47,179-1-0.

4. In sending up the second revised estimate, the then Chief Engineer stated that—

“It must be borne in mind that although this bridge is termed a temporary structure, it will, in all probability, prove as durable as a great many of the permanent works upon the Line.”

5. I now learn from the Agent and Manager that the expenditure on the bridge “on Construction, Store, and Letter No. 586, dated 15th August 1865. “Workshop, and a proportion of the cost of superintendence, is Rupees 54,497.”

6. This sum, it will be observed, is nearly five and a half times the amount which the Government were first asked to sanction for a temporary structure, and that the last revised estimate was recommended and sanctioned on the supposition that it would prove a “durable” work.

7. The bridge was first opened for traffic on the 12th March 1861, and is still in use. But in April 1863, Colonel O’Connell obtained the authority of Government for the Agent to make a

requisition to the Directors of the Madras Railway Company for an iron girder bridge to replace the present timber one; and in July 1864, sanction was granted for an estimated outlay of Rupees 2,64,421 for the bridge.

8. Under the rules in force for the maintenance of way, the cost of all repairs and renewals after the expiration of two years is chargeable to Revenue.

9. In Order of the 5th November 1863, His Excellency the Governor in Council was of opinion, “that on those

No. 585. “portions of the Line on which the whole “expense of “maintenance of the way and works” has been borne by “Capital” for “two years from the date of their being opened for traffic, repairs and even reconstruction of bridges should come under the head of “Maintenance of way,” and be “charged to Revenue in every case where the Line has originally been properly constructed. Even in the case of wooden bridges, “he did” not think that the whole “cost of renewal should be charged to “Capital,” though in such a case a portion “might be so charged.”

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10. Agreeably to the rules laid down by the Secretary of State for India in his Despatch to the Government of India, dated 9th March 1864, No. 17, paragraph 8, works intended only to be temporary ought to be charged to Capital. But it will be observed that the character of the work alluded to was entirely changed, and that its cost has far exceeded the amount originally contemplated.

11. Under these circumstances, as well as from the fact that Revenue has had the use of the bridge for several years, I am of opinion, in reference to paragraph 12 of the abovementioned Despatch, that Revenue should be debited with a sum of Rupees 30,000 as its share of the cost of the new iron bridge, receiving credit for any sum which may be realized by the sale of the timber bridge in the proportion of the amount which it has been debited with, basing the calculation on the original cost of the timber bridge.

12. I beg to be favored with the orders of Government in the matter.

No. 362.

ORDER THEREON, 15th September 1865, No. 2,721.

RAILWAY, No. 45.

1. Under the opinion above given by the Consulting Engineer for Railways, the Governor in Council approves of the proposed division between Capital and Revenue of the cost of the iron screw pile bridge which is being erected across the estuary of the Kuddelhoondy river in Malabar, on the South-West Line of Railway, in lieu of the original timber structure. Of the entire cost a sum of Rupees 30,000 will therefore be charged to the Revenue Account, and the balance to Capital.

2. The sale proceeds of the old bridge will be dealt with as proposed by Colonel Anderson.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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From the Consulting Engineer
for Railways.
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The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

To The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George

Dated 30th August 1865
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Screw pile bridge
which is being erected
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of the Puddlahoondy
river in Malabar
between Capital & Rev.
approved.

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