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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
3rd September 1867.*

No. 45. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Revenue Department :—

Passing orders on the proposal of the Superin-
tending Engineer of the 6th Division for the
appropriation, from Local Funds, of a sum of
Rupees 12,960, to the widening of the bridge
over the Upper Anicut in the Trichinopoly
District. (Here enter 20th August 1867, No. 2,013.)

No. 46. ORDER THEREON, 3rd September 1867, No. 2,697.

LOCAL FUNDS, No. 6.
Civil Works.

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 6th Division.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
23rd August 1867.*

No. 530. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Tritrapundy, 16th August 1867, No. 770 :—

1. I have the honor, in reply to G. O. No. 2,364, dated 5th instant, to call your attention to my letter No. 465, of the 23rd July 1866, in which I pointed out that the re-building of the face walls

and parapets of the bridges over the Upper Anicut would cost Rupees 6,960, while the cost of widening the bridge by two feet would amount to only Rupees 13,860.*

* Reduced to Rs. 12,960 in estimate forwarded to Government in September 1866, G. O. No. 3,235, of 15th October 1866.

† Foundations already laid in connection with the Cavery dam.

I further pointed out that probably at no distant date it would be necessary to widen this bridge, and to build a bridge† across the Cavery to connect the villages on the north bank of the Cavery with the Railway Station at Ellamanore, this being the only point west of Trichinopoly at which the north bank of the river can be connected with the Railway at a comparatively trifling outlay, the Railway feeders further west being comparatively useless as Railway feeders, owing to the fact of the Augunda Cavery being unbridged.

2. When the bridge can be widened, so as to admit of bandies passing over it, at a cost of Rupees 12,960, and Rupees 6,960 is required to render the bridge safe when providing a foot-way only, and half the latter amount will be thrown away when the bridge is widened, as it will be necessary to remove the western parapet, I think it would be well to carry out the larger estimate at once.

3. I cannot agree with the Acting Collector that the closing of the bridge altogether would cause no appreciable inconvenience, for when at the Upper Anicut I have remarked with surprise how constantly people passed to and fro, and I should estimate the number roughly at not less than 300 passengers daily; I do not think there is any occasion to close the bridge even as it is, for if foot-passengers will only use the bridge without attempting to rest upon or against the parapets there is no danger in crossing the bridge, which in itself is sound enough, the parapets and portions of the face wall only being in a dangerous condition, and a light fence being placed where the parapet has fallen. It might perhaps be well to prohibit the passage

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of cattle over the bridge, as cattle are apt to rub themselves against the parapets, and under pressure of this nature portions of the parapet, which are in a dangerous condition, might give way.

4. The Acting Collector appears to take exception to the estimate for the repair of the bridge having been forwarded to the Collector of Tanjore for approval, instead of to himself.

5. The Upper Anicut has always been regarded as a work belonging to Tanjore, and hence all estimates, &c., connected with it have been forwarded to the Collector of Tanjore for approval. There is no doubt, however, that as a means of communication the inhabitants of Trichinopoly are more interested in the bridge

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than those of Tanjore, and the Local Funds of the former district, I think, might with great advantage be appropriated for widening the bridge as provided in the estimate of Rupees 12,960, the more so as it has been ruled that Railway feeders are to be provided for from Local Funds, and I regard the bridge as a portion of a

Vide G. O. No. 2,512, 9th August 1866. Railway feeder, which will be of limited use until the Cavery is also spanned by a bridge.

Referred to the Revenue Department, with reference to the Orders in that Department, No. 1,753, of the 31st July 1867.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
20th August 1867.

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

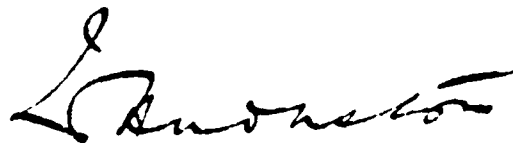
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ORDER THEREON, 28th August 1867, No. 2,013.

Local Funds, No. 13.
Civil Works.

The Board of Revenue will call upon the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly to report on the suggested necessity of bridging the Cavery in connection with the Railway feeders, and to send up a sketch Map shewing the line of rail and the stations, the existing bridges, the Upper Anicut and the Cavery dam, and the existing and proposed lines of Railway feeders. It is observed that to widen the bridge over the Upper Anicut is estimated to cost Rupees 12,960, and that a bridge at the Cavery dam would cost only Rupees 52,000, as the foundations are already laid.

(True Extract.)



Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
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Passing orders on the
proposal of the Supg Engr of
the 6th Division for the approp-
-riation from Local funds
of a sum of Rs 12960 to the
widening of the bridge
over the Upper Anicut in
the Trichinopoly District.

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