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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 5 — 9 — 1871.

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No. 68. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 19th August 1871, No. 450:—

With reference to G. O., No. 1,401, dated 22nd May 1871, I have the honour to inform you that after a careful examination of the Vapunthalay bridge on road No. 10 (not No. 9 as erroneously stated in my No. 128*), the Range Officer reports that the pier has not been thrust out of the perpendicular as was supposed, and that though the arch, which was uncentred by the flood of the 25th April last, two days after its completion, sunk 3 inches, it appears to have settled evenly, and there is no occasion to rebuild the arch.

* Dated 9th May 1871.

2. No attempt was made to divert the channel while the bridge was in progress, as the cost of the cutting would have been very heavy, as the cutting would have been 10 feet deep and the greater part of the excavation would have been through rock. The pillars for the centring were built of brick-in-mud, and were pointed with chunam for a height of 4 or 5 feet. Under the circumstances those engaged upon the work cannot be regarded as responsible for the injury done and which is estimated at Rupees 259-10-2, and consists chiefly in the destruction of materials and the value of labour expended upon the centring and upon the incomplete arch which fell.

No. 69. Order thereon, 5th September 1871, No. 2,263.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 4.

As the Government of India have declined to supplement the Reserve under Agricultural by the transfer of funds mentioned in G. O., No. 2,038, dated 7th August 1871, His Excellency the Governor in Council sees no prospect of being able to provide the sum promised in that order for the restoration of the Tirumungalum anicut across the Oopur in the Trichinopoly District which was injured by the recent floods.

2. The Superintending Engineer of the 6th Division will, however, proceed with the work from Repair Funds, and the Government will endeavour to supplement the grant for the Trichinopoly District as savings are made available from other districts.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. deC. SCOTT, Captain, R.E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

№ 450.

Supdg Engineer's Office 6th Div.
Tanjore, 19th August 1871

From
Captain R. F. Oakes R.E.
Supdg Engineer, Sixth Division

To
Colonel J. Carpendale R.E.
Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

Sir,

With reference to G.O. № 1101, dated 22nd May 1871, I have the honor to inform you that after a careful Examination of the Vapunthalay Bridge on Road № 10 [not № 9 as erroneously stated in my № 128*] the Range Officer reports that the Pier has not been thrust out of the perpendicular as was supposed, and that though the Arch which was uncentered by the flood of the 25th April last, two days after its Completion, sunk 3" it appears to have settled evenly and there is no occasion to rebuild the Arch.

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Public Works Department

No 2282.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 1st August 1871

Read the following

From The Secy to Govt No 1457 P.W. dated 4th August 1871

To the Govt

I have the honor to forward for the information of Government a copy of a letter from the Executive Engineer Cuddapah dated 1st August 1871 No 2038 reporting the damage done to the Bridge at Vaspunchatay in the Trichinopoly District by the floods of the 30th July.

2. The Executive Engineer proposes to repair the damage at a cost of Rs 259-10-2 and I consider the proposal reasonable.

3. The Bridge is a very important one on the Trichinopoly and Karur road and I would recommend that the sanction of Government be accorded to the proposal of the Executive Engineer.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

Secy to Govt

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From Govt No 3941.
The Secy to Govt
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To
The Secy to Govt
P.W.D.

Dated 19th August 1871
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Reports further relative to the damage done by floods, to the Bridge at Vaspunchatay in the Trichinopoly District, while it was under construction—

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The Superintending Engr

6th Division

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Trichinopoly. Reply Regarding proceeding with the work of annual repair allotment of Rs. for 1871-72 and forwarding estimate for ensuing year.