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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 177,178	1446	Press Mis.
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No. 177. Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 23rd May 1872, No. 730:—

ADVERTING to G. O. of the 6th instant, No. 1,155, I have the honour to forward a comparative statement showing the differences between the amounts as estimated by Major Mullins and those submitted by this office for the maintenance of the floating plant of the district.

2. These arise principally from that officer having omitted the cost of establishment for watching, etc. from his having provided nothing for the river dredges, and from its having been found that the sum allowed by him for repairs of river steamers and dredges would be insufficient for the purpose with the boats in their present condition; only the other day we were afraid to scrape the bottom of one of our steamers for fear of going through the plates.

3. This plant is very old, and for many years nothing was allowed for repairs and maintenance, and, being chiefly of iron, of course it has become next to useless; for if this material is not most carefully conserved, even in a temperate climate, it yields very rapidly to the effects of climate. To my certain knowledge a great deal of the plant was left in an open tidal river, and never touched for years, even with a coat of paint; one season's repairs can do little or nothing for such plant, except just keep it going, and that is as much as we have been able to do with last year's grant. I am much averse to keeping up all this plant; but with the large sums sanctioned for expenditure in the district, the impossibility of getting any new plant or efficient steamers, I have no alternative but to do the best I can with the things left by my predecessors. It is not too much to allege, that if any accident occurred to the works on the opposite side of the river during the freshes, we have not the means to send a pound of stone across to prevent any amount of injury happening to lands yielding an enormous revenue to Government, and which would be lost to a certainty, for we now have the greatest difficulty in ordinary circumstances in preventing remissions being granted on the water-rate.

4. We have a provision of Rupees 12,000 for plant in the Imperial Budget; out of this the river plant might be provided, for the Local Funds benefit largely by the floating plant, and have contributed nothing to its construction or maintenance, and these should now be made to pay their share, as should the Port Funds; for, owing to the neglect of the Marine Department in not attending to the requirements of this most important port and district, more than half the mischief which has accrued is attributable.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th June 1872.

Comparative Statement showing the difference between the amount estimated for by Major Mullins for maintaining the Harbour and River Plant of the Godavery Division and the amount of estimates received from the Range Officer for the same purpose.

	AS PER MAJOR MULLINS' REPORT.						AS PER ESTIMATES RECEIVED FROM CAPTAIN MEAD.					
	STEAMERS.		DREDGES.		PUNTS.		STEAMERS.		DREDGES.		PUNTS.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
Maintaining Harbour Plant	2	600	2	600	11	1,650	2	1,500	2	1,200	12	1,800
Watching Establishment for do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,240	...	320	...	...
Maintaining River Plant	3	1,375	...	...	...	...	3	1,800	4	1,700	...	...
Watching Establishment for do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	420	...	...
Total...	5	1,975	2	600	11	1,650	5	4,540	6	3,640	12	1,800
												9,980

DOWLAISHWERAM,
May 1872.

(Signed) J. F. FISCHER, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.

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12th June 1872.

No. 178.

ORDER THEREON, 12th June 1872, No. 1,446.

ACCOUNT, No. 17.

In compliance with the instructions communicated with G. O., No. 1,155, dated 6th May 1872, the Superin-

tending Engineer of the 1st Division submits, with the letter above recorded, a comparative statement contrasting the amounts estimated by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation and those applied for by the Range Officer for the maintenance of the floating plant of the Godavery District.

2. It is observed that while an estimate prepared on the basis of Major Mullins' calculations gives for ordinary repairs Rupees 4,200,* the Superintending Engineer forwards estimates to the extent of Rupees 9,980. The Govern-

ment are unable to comply with the larger demand, but resolve to grant the amount recommended by Major Mullins with the addition of Rupees 480 shown† to be necessary for superintendence, or

Rupees 4,680 in all. The sanction of the Government of India will be accordingly requested to the transfer of this sum from the Reserve under "Agricultural."

3. Lieutenant-Colonel Fischer's attention will be drawn to paragraph 7 of G. O., No. 744, dated 13th March 1871, for the means of meeting other expenses.

4. No explanation has been given of the necessity for adding another punt to the eleven before in use, pending which its maintenance has not been provided for.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R.E.,

Acting Joint-Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.

" " Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

" " Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Resident C. P. P. P. P. P.
 Superintendent Engineer

1st Division

To

Colonel G. D. D. D. D.
 Secretary to Government D. P. W.

MADRAS.

SIR,

I directing to G. O. of the 6th instant No. 1155, I have the honor to forward a comparative statement, showing the differences between the amounts as estimated by Major Mullins, and those submitted by this Office for the maintenance of the floating plant of the District.

2. These arise principally from that officer having omitted the cost of Establishment for watching &c, from his having provided nothing for the river dredges, and from its having been found that the sum allowed by him for repairs of River Steamers and dredges would be insufficient for the purpose with the boats in their present condition; only the other day we were afraid to scrape the bottom of one of our Steamers for fear of going thro' the plates.

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4. We have a provision of Rs 12000 for Plant in the Imperial Budget, out of this, the

the river plant might be provided for the local funds benefit largely by the floating plant and have contributed nothing to its construction or maintenance, and these should now be made to pay their share, as should the Port-funds, for owing to the neglect of the Marine Department in attending to the requirements of this most important Port and District, more than half the mischief which has accrued is attributable.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Yours Most Obedt Servt.

Wm: T. Tucker Esq. M.A.

As Superintending Engineer P. & O.

P. W. 2645/72.

Enclosed in letter
No. 730 dated 23rd
May 72 from the
Superintendent
of the
Secretary of the
L. O. & Co. in

Proceedings of the Madrid Government
Under date the 12th June 1872
I have had the following
From the Supy Engineer
1st Div
Here enter
of being
with the instructions
communicated with
G. O. No 1155 dated 6th May
1872 the Supy Engineer
of the 1st Division en-
mits with the letter
above recorded a
Comparative Statement
contrasting the amounts
estimated by the
Chief Engineer for
Evigation and those
applied for by the
Range Officer for
the

the maintenance of the
floating plant of the
Cantonment District

It is observed
that the estimate
prepared on the basis
of Major Mullins' cal-
culations gives for
ordinary repairs Rs 4200
the Supty. Engineer
has estimated to
the extent of Rs 9980. The
Government are unable
to comply with the
larger demand, but
resolved to grant the
amount recommended
by Major Mullins with
the addition of Rs 480
shown to be necessary
for superintendence, or
Rs 4680 in all - the sanction
of the Govt. of India
will be accordingly
requested

Harbour Plant.	Rs 2850.
River Plant	1350
	<u>4200</u>

para 2 of Capt. Meade's letter
No 583 dtd 14th March/72

requested to the transfer
of this sum from the
Reserve under "Agricultural".

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To the S.E. 1st Div
Ch. Engrs for Ind. &
Contr. P.W. &
Dated 14/6/72

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Govt. of 1872 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To the *Suprintending Eng*
1st Division

Dated

Recd.

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G. O. 12th June 72, No. 1446.

Nos. 1778/78

Floating Plant of the Coarney
District - Paper orders on
letter from the Engineer of
the 7th Div. forwarding a
comparative statement
contrasting the amounts ex-
pended by the Chief Eng. for
Irrigation & those applied for
by the Range Officers for
the maintenance of floating
plant of the Coarney D^{ist}.