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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th December 1873.

No. 228. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 18th October 1873, No. 1,127, Revenue Department:—

ABSTRACT.—*Bridge across Survapally Channel in Nellore District.*—Directing that steps be taken in the Public Works Department for the erection of the—, the cost being charged to the Survapally Irrigation Project, and referring the Collector's remarks regarding accommodation bridges for consideration in the Public Works Department.

No. 229. ORDER THEREON, 12th December 1873, No. 3,003.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 20.

COMMUNICATED to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, and to the District Engineer, Nellore, who will submit without delay a plan and estimate for an accommodation bridge at the point of intersection of the road in question.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
,, District Engineer, Nellore.
,, Revenue Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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No. 158. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd September 1873, No. 1,906:—

Read the following letter from G. VANSAGNEW, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd August 1873, No. 1,926:—

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the consideration of the Board, copies of the marginally noted correspondence between the Municipal Commissioners of Nellore and myself, and myself and the District Engineer, together with an original sketch (to be returned) illustrative of the point in issue.

Letter from Vice-President, Municipal Commission, to Collector, No. 168, dated 9th March 1873.
Letter from Collector, to District Engineer, No. 586, dated 15th March 1873.
Letter from District Engineer, to Collector, No. 26, dated 31st May 1873.

2. The Municipal Commissioners put forward on behalf of the public a claim against Imperial Funds, for an accommodation bridge over the Survapally Channel, where it has intercepted (at point B on the sketch) the road between the important suburbs of Ranganaikulupett and Stonehousepett, and Nabobpett. I communicated my concurrence in the justice of this claim to the District Engineer, and asked him what steps he was prepared to take towards meeting it. Not admitting the claim, the District Engineer has declined to take any step in his department, and accordingly I think it behoves me to request the Board to submit the question to the consideration of Government, in the Revenue Department.

3. The intercepted road is a regular broad road, along which even the large Car belonging to the Ranganaikulupett Pagoda used to to be taken, till stopped by the excavation of the channel, and the latter is a broad and deep canal. The interception to all traffic is complete.

4. A glance at the sketch, and the table of distances given thereon, will render superfluous further exposition of the substantial injury inflicted upon the public by the execution of this Imperial work, and the palliations thereof attempted by Mr. R. Smith, only expose the inherent weakness of his case, and are really not worth comment.

5. The only plausible ground, it seems to me, for refusing to admit the claim, is the quiescense for so long a time of the local authorities, other than those connected with the Public Works Department, and of the public concerned. Why the Collector of the day did not interfere in time, I cannot say; but I can well understand why, when he kept quiet, no member of the Nellore public ventured to raise his voice; and it must be set down to the credit of Municipal institutions that they have awakened sufficient public spirit to have called forth even at the eleventh hour this protest against a long endured public injury.

6. The tendency of the Public Works Department in framing projects even in late years to ignore the rights and interests of the people concerned, is very deplorable. I could give instances, but the Board are well aware of the cruel way in which the people were treated in respect to accommodation bridges in the Kurnool and Kistna Districts, and I may add that throughout the Nellore Delta, scarcely anything has been done for them.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From A. NARRAIN ROW, Vice-President, Municipal Commission, to G. VANSAGNEW, Esq., Collector of Nellore, dated 9th March 1873, No. 168.

AGREEABLY to the Proceedings of the Municipal Committee held on the 12th November 1872, I have the honour to forward a copy of their Proceedings, and to request that a bridge at Stonehousepett may be provided from Imperial Funds.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. VANSAGNEW,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From G. VANSAGNEW, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to R. SMITH, Esq., District Engineer, Nellore, dated 15th March 1873, No. 586.

I HAVE the honour to enclose copies of a letter addressed to me by the Vice-President, Municipal Commission, and of an Extract of the Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners, dated 12th November last.

2. I was not present at the meeting which held the Proceedings in question, and by some omission in the Municipal Office, I have only now been addressed on the subject.

3. The Commissioners point to the interception of the road from Ranganaikulupett, to Stonehousepett by the excavation of the new Survapally Channel, and claim a bridge at the cost of the Survapally Project. I showed you the place the other morning, and it will have been obvious to you that the traffic has been completely intercepted by the channel.

4. Why an accommodation bridge at this point did not form a part of the original project, and why, when such was not the case, the public concerned did not urge their claim and protest against the omission before the channel was excavated, I am not in a position to know.

5. Even at this late hour, however, I feel bound to record a decided opinion that the interception of the road in question, without providing an accommodation bridge, was unjustifiable, and that the public still have a fair and equitable claim for a bridge against the Survapally Irrigation Project.

6. I beg therefore you will kindly inform me, for communication to the Municipal Commissioners, what steps you are prepared to take to meet their claim on behalf of the public.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. VANSAGNEW,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

From R. SMITH, Esq., District Engineer, Nellore, to J. G. HORSFALL, Esq., Acting Collector of Nellore, dated 31st May 1873, No. 26.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. VansAgnew's letter, No. 586 of 15th March last, regarding the interception of the direct traffic between Ranganaikulupett and Stonehousepett, by the Survapally Channel, and suggesting that a bridge should be constructed in the line of intersection, and charged to the Survapally Project or, in other words, to Imperial Funds.

2. I quite agree with Mr. VansAgnew, and with the Municipal Commissioners, that a bridge at the site indicated, would be a convenience, but I cannot admit the necessity of the work referred to, as there is a first class bridge over the Survapally Channel, at 900 yards south of the proposed site, and at 230 yards north of it there is a small bridge available for foot passengers. By this route, the distance between Stonehousepett and the Ranganaikulupett Pagoda, is only about 500 yards greater than by a direct line of communication between those points.

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18th October 1873.

3. As the accommodation provided, for crossing the Survapalli Channel, some fifteen years ago, appears to have been equal to all requirements, and to have been considered ample, by the Local authorities until November last, I feel I would not be justified in soliciting a grant from Imperial Funds, to increase it, and must therefore decline doing so.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. VANSAGNEW,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.—Sketch.

ENCLOSURE No. 5.—Extract from Proceedings of Local Fund Board.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Board are of opinion that the request of the Commissioners is reasonable as a regular line of communication was cut through by an Irrigation Canal and a bridge ought to have been provided at the time.

No. 159. ORDER THEREON, 18th October 1873, No. 1,127.

Miscellaneous.

THE Governor in Council is pleased to direct that steps be taken in Public Works Department for the erection of the bridge under reference, the cost being charged to the Survapally irrigation project. The Board of Revenue will be careful to bring under the early consideration of Government any similar cases in other districts.

2. The remarks of the Collector in paragraph 6 of his letter will be considered in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

A Lumsden
Asst Under Secretary
for Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department. with 2 Enclosures to be returned.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

No. 3503

Proceedings of the Madras Board of Revenue

Proceedings of the Collector of Nellore

Dated 24th October 1873

Read the following Communication from the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, and Statement dated 11th October 1873 with enclosures, submitting for sanction the construction of a Bridge across the Sarvapally Channel at the 11th mile from Sarvapally Tank, at an estimated cost of Rupees 3003-12 to be debited to the Sarvapally Irrigation Project.

Also Letter from the Collector of Nellore dated 24th October 1873 with enclosures, recommending the construction of a Bridge across the Sarvapally Channel at the 11th mile from Sarvapally Tank, at an estimated cost of Rupees 3003-12 to be debited to the Sarvapally Irrigation Project.

Also Letter from the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated 25th October 1873, No. 1,127, recommending that the Bridge be constructed by the Public Works Department, and that the cost be debited to the Sarvapally Irrigation Project.

Ordered that the Bridge be constructed by the Public Works Department, and that the cost be debited to the Sarvapally Irrigation Project.

Ordered that the Collector of Nellore be informed that the Board see no objection to the Bridge being constructed by the Public Works Department, but that they are not satisfied that there is sufficient necessity for constructing so many accommodation Bridges at public expense, and that the Collector be requested to report whether the Bridge in question is absolutely necessary for the purposes of public traffic.

By order of the Board of Revenue,

(Signed) [illegible]

Secretary.

O. C. 25. 10. 73. Department of Public Works

Govt. of [illegible] Nellore

No. 5787.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

&c, &c., &c

Dated October 18th.

Read —o— 24" Encl. 2.

G. O., 18th October 1873, No. 1,127.

OCTOBER.

Nos 159-160.

Bridge across Sarvapally Channel in Nellore District.—Directing that steps be taken in the Public Works Department for the erection of the —, the cost being charged to the Sarvapally irrigation project, and referring the Collector's remarks regarding accommodation bridges for consideration in the Public Works Department.

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interests of the people; and will be instructed in the Revenue Department to refrain from such sweeping assertions in future. If sufficient bridge accommodation has not been provided for the public in the Nellore, Guntoor or Kistna districts it has only to be brought to notice and remedied. as in the present case in which the Collectors of the districts, at whose Head Quarters the obstructions has occurred appear to have acquiesced for fifteen years past.

GNW.

To The Chief Engr for Irr: ✓
" Dy Engr Nellore ✓
" Revr Deputy Instn 2 Encs

Despd with d-c 13/12/73.

In circulating the
Draft Order the Secretary
in the Pub. Wks. Dept.
would respectfully sub-
mit, with reference
the Hon'ble Mr. Robinson's
note, that in the present
of the Pub. Works Dept.
as reorganised & further
disheartened, planning
a work of reform before
them; it should not be
permitted to anyone to
indulge in language
casting a slur upon the
whole Dept; however pro-
per it may be that cases of
individual neglect or
mismanagement should

Shri K. D. Srivastava
Asst. to Secretary

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Addl. Secy.

Shri J. D. Srivastava
Asst. to Secretary

No. 15/11/73 H: 228-29
Dated 24-11-73
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be denounced - In the present case the worst of a bridge has been acquiesced in by several successive Collectors of Revenue; and it may be pronounced that on the understanding on the subject had been come to between them & the Surveyor of the said Project which has remained - no Inducteur remained - The present District Engineer has had no occasion to take the initiative in the case, which proper: by devolved upon the Collector -

Lt.W.W.
12.11.73

Should alter this new Circular

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a project of this kind is discussed by a Committee of the Govt - and each Project provides for all the professional persons & provides for all accommodation &c - the services rendered by the Colls. does not differ from the Execution of their duty in the case as in many other instances & recklessness in the Project has devolved upon the Engineers & Colls. who have to bear as obstructions who fortunes & suffer the necessity of spending more on such works

Mar 4 tell Randall 1859 that the said case of drowning that came before me as magistrate - it is treated as a man slaughter -

The Colls has very justly attributed great blame to the Executive Engr. for the neglect and the merit to justice why did you not draw attention before you went when it was D.S.W. - I say omit because

Mag's letter let by Jones
Le Lyons - but Denis
der Mr Coll. averred
persons deserved
Ptn
Ptn
Ptn Vaux Agnew rep
the District Inspector
declined to attend this
remonstrance: and thus
not unnatural that he
did refer to milder
measures of disregarded
public interests, which
really he ought. The P.M.O.
does not profess to
influence: and does
think the first requirement
Jllustrated Inspector in the Police
C. 17 Oct 73 D. 24 Jan 74

Ptn Vaux Agnew
Mr Vaux Agnew
Stuck to rebutted.
Such mistakes
changes against a
Dept. merely suggests
bad feeling: in this
case the accusation
even if true does not
touch the question at
issue - a question more
over of 15 yrs standing Ptn

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To the Chief Engr for Irrigation

Dated

Recd. Encl.

G. O. 12 "Dec" 73, No. 3003

Nos. 228 229

Bridge across Susquehanna Channel, below Dr. Pro. in the Navy Dept. directing what steps be taken for the erection of a bridge, Copy to the Chief Engr. for submission of plans &c. for the work.