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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
22nd December 1874.

No. 470. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. ROBERTS, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Tanjore, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 14th November 1874, No. 1,061:—

I HAVE the honor to forward, for the orders of Government, the accompanying Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 5,742, dated 22nd August 1874, in regard to the share to be borne by Imperial Funds of the cost of the bridges recently constructed at the head works of the Pandavyaur and Vennaur and those of the Vellyaur and Vennaur rivers.

1 Copy of Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.
1 Statement.

2. These four bridges were originally estimated to cost Rupees 26,800, *vide* G. O., 30th November 1869, No. 3,068, and that amount (or rather by a misprint Rupees 26,300) was entered in the Local Fund Budget of 1872-73, as the allotment for the same from Local Funds.

3. Now, however, "under the circumstances reported" by the President of the Local Fund Board, Negapatam Circle, the Board state that "the share debitable to Government on account of the bridges is Rupees 13,955." This is the moiety of the cost of the two bridges on the revised design, as explained in the letter printed with G. O., 22nd February 1870, No. 602. In that Government Order the Government expressly rule that the cost of the two bridges under notice is to be "entirely borne by Local Funds."

4. In G. O., 8th March 1871, No. 682, the general question of contributing from Imperial Funds a moiety of the cost of bridges over Irrigation channels is negatived; and taking into consideration the express orders contained in G. O., No. 602, above quoted, and that the bridges under reference were constructed since 1871, there appears no cause in the present instance why that rule should be departed from, the more especially as Mr. Arbuthnott's arguments are based upon the fallacy that "a portion of these bridges serves as Irrigation works."

5. In this office letter, printed with G. O., 20th December 1869, No. 3,992, it is particularly explained that in the estimates provision is made for the bridges only as they would be were no regulating work combined with them. Had Mr. Arbuthnott ever seen these head works, it is impossible that he could have made such a statement as that above quoted. Indeed, it needs but a visit to the works in question to assure one's self that the bridges serve in no way whatever as Irrigation works, and there is no valid reason therefore, as I have above explained, why, under existing rules, any share of the cost of the bridges should be debited to Imperial Funds.

6. I submit a statement showing the amount of sanctioned estimate and that of actual expenditure on the two head works under notice. From this it will be seen that the expenditure upon—

	Rs.
(*a*.)—the Pandavyaur and Vennaur Bridges amounts to	17,301
(*b*.)—the Vellyaur and Vennaur Bridges	13,882
Total...	31,183

or Rupees 3,273 in excess of the sanctioned estimate, and I request therefore the instructions of Government as to how the accounts for these two works are to be adjusted.

7. The Supervisor in charge of No. V. Range has been called upon to forward detailed explanation as to the cause of excess, or saving, as the case may be in each instance; as however that explanation in no way affects the principle on which I now do myself the honor to solicit instructions, and, as there may be some delay in furnishing the explanation, I will not defer on that account the submission of the question now under reference.

No. 471. ORDER THEREON, 22nd December 1874, No. 3,610.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 33.

THE Government observe that it was settled in Government Order of the 22nd February 1870, No. 602, that the whole cost of the bridges in connection with the Pandavyaur and Vellyaur regulators in Tanjore was to be borne by Local Funds. The Vennaur, Pandavyaur and Vellyaur are natural rivers, and the construction of bridges over such cannot be carried out from Imperial Funds under Agricultural.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Superintending Engineer, Tanjore.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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