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Government of Madras

Public Works

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
1st May 1875.*

No. 26. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department, dated 15th February 1875, No. 325:—

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th November 1874, Miscellaneous No. 8,095.

From R. W. BARLOW, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Chingleput District, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapett, 6th November 1874, No. 107.

ADVERTING to G. O., dated 13th October 1874, No. 1,727, Financial, communicated with the Board's Miscellaneous No. 7,519, dated 29th idem, I have the honor to request, unless the word "roadway" in the said Government Order can be construed to include the road and the bridge supporting it, that the words "and bridge" may be inserted. The Board will observe that the repair of the bridge itself was the chief question in contention.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.
(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

THE above Proceedings, with the previous papers on the subject, will be transferred to the Public Works Department, as it appears that the charges connected with the repair of the masonry work of bridges within Municipal limits are borne by Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. STURROCK,
*Acting Under Secretary,
for Acting Chief Secretary.*

No. 27. ORDER THEREON, 1st May 1875, No. 1,230.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 1.

It has apparently been overlooked by the Financial Department that the Elphinstone Bridge is declared not to be within Municipal limits. But a special grant of Provincial Funds is required for carrying out its repairs if they are neither to be charged to Municipal nor Local Funds.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Financial Department.

„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. A. Grubert.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
13th October 1874.*

No. 91. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th September 1874, No. 2678:—

Read again—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th August 1874, No. 2083.

From R. W. BARLOW, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Chingleput District, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 10th July 1874, No. 65.

The Elphinstone Bridge being in want of repair, I wrote to the District Engineer on the 31st July last, and obtained an estimate for the same; but meantime a doubt having occurred to me as to who was the proper party to repair, the Sydapet Board or the Madras Municipality, I made a reference to the District Engineer, who was unable to furnish the information. I then applied to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, who forwarded me, in reply, the accompanying copy of a letter from the Comptroller of Public Works Accounts, from which it was clear that the bridge was last repaired by the District Engineer, Presidency.

2. The Sydapet Board subsequently resolved (*vide* extract enclosed) to request the Madras Municipality to undertake the repairs. This was done, and the President replied that "the attention of the District Engineer, Presidency," would be "drawn to the repairs required." From this, the Circle Board concluded that the Municipality undertook the charges; but the President's last letter (copy enclosed) to the District Engineer, Presidency, who has since applied to me for funds, shows this is not the case.

3. Apparently, the Madras Board consider it is a provincial charge. On this point I solicit instructions. This Circle Board at all events should not, in my opinion, have the burden thrown on it. As far as I am able to ascertain, the bridge lies wholly within the Municipality, and so it seems to me that it is their duty to repair it, the more so as they have a toll-bar at one end.

4. The estimate for the work, as revised by the Presidency Engineer, amounts to Rupees 2,230.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From T. MOSS, Esq., Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 15th January 1874, No. 6602.

With reference to your endorsement on the enclosed letter from the President of the Local Fund Board, Chingleput District, No. 92, dated 3rd December 1873, I have the honor to state that the repairs to the Elphinstone Bridge, on the estimate sanctioned in G.O., No. 1361, dated 16th June 1862, were executed during the years 1862-63 and 1863-64 by the late District Engineer, Presidency, and the Executive Engineer then in charge of the Southern Range, Presidency, the cost thereof being charged to the Income-tax Fund.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
13th October 1874.*

Local (Income-tax) Fund.

	RS.	A.	P.
Bill, No. 12 of 1862-63, for filling the holes under the arches of the Elphinstone Bridge (passed on the 15th September 1864) ...	1,672	8	10
Bill, No. —, 1863-64, for do. do. (passed on the 15th September 1864) ...	275	9	3
Total ...	1,948	2	1

2. The bills passed by this office on account of the repairs have not been found amongst the old records, but on reference to a Bill-book, the entries as per margin are recorded therein, exhibiting an aggregate cost of Rupees 1,948, which is nearly equivalent to the estimate of the work, viz., Rupees 2,000.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. W. BARLOW,
President.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board for the Sydapet Circle, dated 2nd March 1874.

PRESENT:

R. W. Barlow, Esq., President.
S. Vejjia Ragavooloo Chetty Garoo, Vice-President.
W. A. Goodchap, Esq.
M. Vencatanaraina Pillay Avergul.

P. Rungiah Naidu Garoo.
Colonel F. J. Moberly, R.E.
V. Bashium Iyengar Avergul.
J. T. Fowler, Esq.

Read estimate obtained from the District Engineer for repairing Elphinstone Bridge, amounting to Rupees 1,930, and the papers received from Government Office, Public Works Department, connected with the repair of the said bridge.

Resolved that the President be requested to draw the attention of the Madras Municipality to the necessity for the repairs of the Elphinstone Bridge under their control, as it connects Madras Municipality the insufficient way in which the bridge is lighted.

(Signed) R. W. BARLOW,
(True Extract.) President.

(Signed) R. W. BARLOW,
President.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

From J. G. COLEMAN, Esq., Officiating President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, to Lieut.-Colonel J. GODDARD, R.E., District Engineer, Presidency, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 18th May 1874, Nos. 73—553.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter, No. 703, of the 13th May 1874, enclosing copy of a letter received from the President, Local Fund Board, Chingleput, and to inform you that I fail to see the ground upon which that officer states that this Board has undertaken to execute the repairs of the bridge in question, as in this office-letter, No. 488, of the 25th March 1874 (copy of which has already been forwarded to you), my predecessor simply states "that orders have been issued regarding the better lighting of the Elphinstone Bridge, and the attention of the District Engineer, Presidency, drawn to the repairs required."

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
13th October 1874.*

No. 810.

Copy to the President of the Local Fund Boards of Chingleput District, with reference to his letter, No. 171, dated 23rd April 1874.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
20th May 1874.

(Signed) J. GODDARD, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
District Engineer, Presidency.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) R. W. BARLOW,
President.

The President of the Municipal Commission will be requested to inform the Board on what grounds it is supposed that the cost of repairing the Elphinstone Bridge should be borne by the Sydapet Local Fund Board. According to a map in this office, the bridge is situated within the limits of the Municipality.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

Read also the following letter:—

From J. C. LOCH, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 19th August 1874, No. 235—1634.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Proceedings of the Board, No. 2083, dated the 4th instant, and to state, in reply, that the grounds on which the Commissioners consider the cost of repairing the Elphinstone Bridge should not be borne by them are, first, that in the arrangement of the Municipal Divisions adopted by the Commissioners and sanctioned by Government, as published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 1st November 1867, and again with certain modifications in regard to other divisions in the *Gazette* of 1st March 1870, the southern boundary of the 8th Division is stated to be the river Adyar; and, second, that even if the Elphinstone Bridge were within the limits of the Municipality, the cost of reforming the roadway alone would fall on the Commissioners, while that of repairing the masonry would have to be borne by Government, as in the case of all bridges within municipal limits.

2. My letter of the 25th March last, No. 448, was written under the misapprehension that the bridge was under the charge of the District Engineer, Presidency, who would, as it was not within municipal limits, have to attend to the repair of the roadway as well as of the masonry.

THE Board resolve to request Government to decide by whom the expense of maintaining the Elphinstone Bridge should be borne.

2. The bridge is said not to be within the municipal limits (though it is certainly within the High Court limits), but it seems to be unfair to make the Sydapet Local Fund Board keep it in repair.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
13th October 1874.

No. 92.

ORDER THEREON, 13th October 1874, No. 1727.

As the Municipality toll the bridge, the Government consider that the cost of repairing the roadway should fall upon the Commissioners.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission for the Town of Madras.
,, Board of Revenue.

Exd. J. Wright.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter *Proceedings*
of the Board of Revenue dated 19th November 1874.
No 107. *Read the following*

From

R. W. Barlow Esq.

President of the L. S. Boards.

Chingleput District

To.

J. G. Esq.

Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Madras.

Sir

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Signed R. W. Barlow
President

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Board's office, Lydaipett
6th November 1874 -

Submitted for the Orders of Govern-
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(True Copy & Extract)
Signed J. J. Grose
Secretary

Order thereon is February 1875, P. 325

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J. H. M. W. L.

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G. O. 1 May 1875, No. 1230

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Elphinstone Bridge, Chingleput.

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