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G.O. No.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

24th July 1877, No. 479 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following paper:—

No. 325. From Major H. R. MEAD, R.E., District Engineer, South Arcot, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Cuddalore, 16th July 1877, No. 83.

WITH reference to G.O., No. 68 W, dated 11th July 1877, I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter addressed to the Collector on the receipt of his informing me of the bad state of the Thembakum causeway.

2. The bridge over the Kandadu backwater, commonly called the Merkanum lattice bridge, has been temporarily repaired at a cost of Rupees 450; it was reopened on the 11th June 1877, and is now available for traffic.

The Local Fund Board have directed that no more expenditure be incurred on the bridge, which they consider they are not interested in.

3. With regard to the Thembakum causeway, it is almost impassable; it is, however, but little used, and as there is a passage across the valley (by means of two road dams) about 4 miles to the west of it, I consider it might be abandoned.

From Major H. R. MEAD, R.E., District Engineer, South Arcot, to the Collector of South Arcot, dated Cuddalore, 16th June 1877, No. 112.

WITH reference to your letter No. 126, dated 11th June 1877, I have the honor to bring to your notice that there is no provision made in the Local Fund Budget for the maintenance of road No. 3, or the road round the salt platforms at Merkanum. Last year there was a provision for these 4 miles of road at Rupees 75 or Rupees 300 for the road, but this year this road and also road No. 4, or the road from Allatore to Thembakum, a distance of 2 miles, nothing was allowed, as they were considered to be salt roads.

2. The Thembakum causeway bridges are in very bad order indeed, and have been so for some time; they require a heavy expenditure to put them in fair passable order, and I do not think it likely that the Local Fund Board will be willing to incur any expenditure on them, as they at their meeting on the 12th of May 1877 declined to thoroughly repair or reconstruct the wooden bridge on road No. 2 near Merkanum, because they considered it only useful for salt traffic and directed no more expenditure to be incurred on it.

3. As this is the case I would suggest you should bring the matter to the notice of Government, as I suppose you are aware that, if the causeway and the bridge on road No. 2 are impassable, Merkanum salt-pans will be left with only one road to Pondicherry available.

No. 326. ORDER THEREON, 24th July 1877, No. 479 W.
COMMUNICATED to the Financial Department, with reference to the Order in that Department, No. 1,808, dated 2nd July 1877.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, South Arcot.
" Financial Department, with copy of Note by the Hon. W. Hudleston.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Spare Copies

For St. George?
15th August 1877

Forwarded to the Revenue Department for disposal, with copy of file.
dated 2nd July 1877 No. 1808
/s/ D. F. Carmichael
Chief Secretary

To the Revenue Department
with G.O. No. 1808.

File 79-9-77

Communicated to the Board
of Revenue. Probably the requisite funds
for the work referred to can be provided
out of the Revenue Imperial Budget
under salt.

Wm. G. Baxter
Secretary to Govt.

To The Public Works Department.

Order thereon 31 August 1897 N^o 2505

Communicated to the
District Engineer South & Co.

True Extract

Sept. 2.

To
The P. & South Street
1878

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Buldings & Roads
1896 1897

N^o 479 Wd 24th July 77

Communicated to the
General Department
with reference to the Order
in that Department
to 1808 of 2 July 1897-

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Roads and Buildings

From
The District Capt.
South Arch

No. 83

Dated 16th
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Bridge over the Humaduo
back water, and Humba-
tum Causeway - Reporting
that the former was tempo-
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for traffic on the 11th June
last and that the latter
may be abandoned for
seasons stated.

Rev 2
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with order

11 Aug 1877 to Oct 1877

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20 June 1891

Dr. S. Schott 12-8-77
For 1. Sept. worth of work
by the Am. & the Atlantic
Co. 19-9-77

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Sept. of 1877

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The W. & A. South Street

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Encl.

C. O. 21st July 1877, No. 479 W

No. 325-326

Bridge over the Kandadu
backwaters and Temba-

Kam Caneenay. S. Arcot

Dr. Letter from the District

reporting that the former

was temporarily repaired

& opened for traffic on the

11th June last and that the

letter may be abandoned.

Commd to the Civil Dept.

But no Reg.