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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

31st January 1881, No. 250 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following paper :—

No. 162. Endorsement from the Financial Department on Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 1,962, dated 22nd December 1880, dated 20th January 1881, No. 128.

ABSTRACT.—Passing orders on letters from the President of the Local Fund Board, Salem District, regarding the Shevaroy Ghât new trace.

No. 163. ORDER THEREON, 31st January 1881, No. 250 W.

THE expression "the work" in paragraph 1 of G.O., No. 2,129 W., dated 10th September 1880, was intended to refer to the ghât generally, and not merely to the opening out of the bridle-path.

2. There is no prospect of any grant from Provincial Funds being made on account of this work, and it would therefore be useless for the Public Works Department to undertake the preparation of estimates.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Financial Department, with one enclosure.
.. Superintending Engineer, Second Circle.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
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Govt. of 1881 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

THE FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Dist. Engineer, Salem.

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G.O., 31st January 1881, No. 253 W.

JANUARY.

No. 100-103.

Summary of the work done in the year 1880-81. Stating that the expenditure "the work" in paragraph 1 of G.O. No. 2,129 W., dated 10th September 1880, refers to the work done in the year 1880-81, and that no grant can be made from Provincial Funds for the work.

No. 1,962.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 22nd December 1880.

Read again—

MISCELLANEOUS No. 13,089.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th November 1880.

Read the following letter from H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting President of the Local Fund Boards, Salem District, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 5th November 1880, No. 108:—

I HAVE the honor to forward the papers marginally noted for the information of the Board in the hope that the Board will lay them before Government in the Financial Department, with an expression of opinion in support of the views of the Local Fund Board in regard to the construction of the cart road to the Shevaroy Hills.

1. Letter from Superintending Engineer, forwarding copy of G.O., No. 2,129-W, dated 10th September 1880.
2. Resolution of the Salem Circle Local Fund Board thereon.

2. The work is not one of a merely local character, or one which the Local Fund Board could justly or possibly undertake unaided, and it appears to me to be as certainly one to which Government should contribute from the general revenues, Provincial or Imperial. I need not enlarge upon the importance of the work to the development of the hills and of the planting industry. The Local Fund Board now spend upon the hills more than four times what is raised there for local purposes.

3. Perhaps the statement in the Government Order, that Government are not prepared to lay out any more money upon the work, refers only to the sanction of Rs. 6,190 in G.O., No. 428, dated 15th February 1875, for a bridle-path, and is not intended to mean that Government will not in any circumstances take part in the larger work of making the ghât practicable for carts. I beg the Board to get a definite explanation on this point. If Government would grant a portion which, I should say, ought to be at least half the cost it might be possible to get the planters to raise a further sum which might be supplemented by the Local Fund Board.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Major H. R. MEAD, R.E., Superintending Engineer, 2nd Circle, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting President of the Local Fund Boards, Salem District, dated Coimbatore, 22nd September 1880, No. 553-S.L.

In forwarding a copy of G.O., No. 2,129-W, dated 10th September, I have the honor to request that you will inform me if the Local Fund Board are willing to take the work over as it stands.

2. As Government in paragraph 2 state they are not prepared to lay out any more Provincial Funds I suppose they do not mean to make any claim on the Local Fund Board for the sum that has been this year expended from Provincial Funds, should the Local Fund Board agree to take over the work for prosecution.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting President.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Extract from Proceedings of Local Fund Board.

BEFORE making application to Government the Board wish the President to ascertain what sum the planters, who are primarily interested, would be prepared to

contribute. When this is known the Board will recommend to Government that a grant from Provincial Funds be given towards the work.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) F. GIBSON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the President of the Local Fund Board, Salem.

Read also the following letter from H. E. STOKES, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board, Salem District, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 30th November 1880, No. 110:—

With reference to Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 13,052, dated 26th November 1880, I have the honor to state that in June last, at the request of some of the leading planters on the Shevaroy's, I convened a meeting at Yercaud to discuss the question of obtaining a ghât for wheeled traffic. It was then resolved that the planters should contribute a year's kist, which would be about Rs. 11,000. At the meeting there was some opposition from the planters at the Nagar side of the hills, who now use the Atûr ghât; but on its being shown to them that the cost of transport to the railway would be considerably less by the new ghât, even allowing for the greater distance and for cooly or bullock transit to Yercaud, than it is at present the resolution was carried unanimously, and a Committee was appointed to communicate with absentees and to register the amounts to be contributed by each person.

2. Since then, however, I understand dissensions have arisen and there is a feeling amongst the planters that, unless Government engage to contribute the greater portion of the cost, they ought not to bind themselves. I think that at present there would be no use in calling another meeting; but that if Government were to declare that they would co-operate, and that the recent Government Order does not mean that they will in no case devote more money to the ghât, the planters could be induced to pay their share. It was in hopes of getting Government in the Financial Department to make some such declaration that I addressed the Board.

3. I am sorry to say that I gather from the Superintending Engineer Major Mead, R.E., who has inspected the trace, that it is a very difficult one and that the cost will be very great. If Government would even order a detailed estimate to be prepared we should have something to go upon.

Read also the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 6th December 1880, No. 2,269, Financial Department, communicating G.O., Public Works Department, dated 22nd November 1880, No. 2,662-W:—

ABSTRACT.—*Shevaroy Hills Ghât Trace*.—Letter from the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Circle, stating that the Local Fund Board, Salem Circle, are not prepared to take over the — except under certain conditions, recorded with remarks.

RECORDED.

2. The question is one for the Board to decide at their own discretion.
3. It has already been intimated that Government are not prepared to incur any further expenditure from Provincial Funds on the work.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. A. DAVIES,
Acting Under Secretary.

On receipt of G.O., dated 10th September 1880, No. 2,129-W, the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Circle, wrote to the President of the Local Fund Board, Salem, to inquire if that Board would "take the work over as it stands."

The work referred to is the Shevaroy ghât new trace upon which Rs. 4,238* in round numbers have been spent from

* See Superintending Engineer's letter in G.O., Local Funds, and for the completion of which as a bridle-path an outlay of Rs. 6,200 from Provincial Funds was sanctioned in G.O., dated 15th February 1875, No. 428, Public Works Department.

2. In the Order of September last above quoted it is stated that "Government are not prepared to lay out any more Provincial money on the work." The sanctioned outlay was as already shown Rs. 6,200, but the Superintending Engineer does not seem to have reported, and the Board are not aware how much money has actually been spent from *Provincial Funds* on this bridle-path.

3. It is not therefore clear what amount is still required to open out the trace as a bridle-path, but as reported in the earlier of the letters read above the Local Fund Board do not consider that such a bridle-path would be of any use, and are therefore unwilling to do anything to it unless there is a prospect of the trace being completed as a cart road.

4. This resolution of the Local Fund Board has already been before Government, to whom it was reported by the Superintending Engineer, and in the Order 22nd November 1880, No. 2,662-W. marginally noted Government have again

intimated that they are not prepared to spend more Provincial money "on the work." The President, referring to the Government Order of September, suggests that by "the work" is meant merely the bridle-path and not that assistance will not be given towards making the trace practicable for carts, but this supposition is untenable now that Government have had under consideration the Local Fund Board's resolution.

5. The Board regret that opportunity was not afforded them of expressing their views on this question, and that the submission of the Local Fund Board's resolution, through the President in the usual manner, was not awaited. They consider it very desirable that a cart road up to these hills should be made, and fully concurring in the President's remark, that "the work is not one of a merely local character," would urge a reconsideration of the matter.

6. It will be seen that the Board called upon the President to state whether the planters would contribute, and that he is of opinion that they would "if Government were to declare that they would co-operate."

At the same time he points out that the cost of constructing the cart road will probably be very great, and suggests the preparation in the Public Works Department of a detailed estimate.

This is necessary as a preliminary step, and if the planters on the probable outlay being known should declare their willingness to contribute a fair proportion the Board think the work is one that should be aided from Provincial Funds.

(True Copies and Extract.)


Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department,
with one enclosure in G.O., No. 9,253 of 1880, to be returned.

" President of the Local Fund Board, Salem District,
with copy of G.O., 6th December 1880, No. 2,269, Financial Department.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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Pro: of the Board of Revenue, 1st 1962
d/22nd December 1880.

FOR ORDERS.

It is believed that the expression "the work" in h.O. N^o 2129 W of 10th September 1880 was intended to refer to the path generally, and not merely to the opening out of the bridle path.

2. The undersigned cannot agree with the Board that "the work is not one of merely local character"; it is of absolutely no value save to the few residents and visitors to the Hills.

3. Looking to the state of the Provincial finances and to the numbers of works of real importance for which funds cannot be provided, it

Sd/- J. J. J.

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P. R. J. J.

Recd. 19 Jan/81

Board of Revenue

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THE CHIEF SECT. TO GOVT.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT,
&c, &c, &c.

Dated December 22nd.

Printed January 17th, 1881.

Received

PROCEEDINGS, 22ND DECEMBER 1880, No. 1, 1962.

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DECEMBER.

No. 1, 1962.

Survey of the New Town—in Salem District.
—Issuing orders on letters from President of the Local Fund Boards regarding the —.

- B. No. 498. 8-27-2-74.
- " 1787. 2-7-74
- " 428. 15-2-75.
- " 335. 22-2-77.
- " 633 W. 4-9-77.
- C.S. 2673. 12-3-77
- " 2934. 23-5-77
- B. 1372 W. 21-10-77
- " 1325 W. 14-3-78.
- " 2558. 22-3-78.
- " 1342 W. 23-4-78.
- C.S. 1718. 15-7-78.
- B. 2129 W. 10-5-80.
- " 2662 W. 22-11-80.

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it is hopeless to expect that any money will be available for expenditure on this ^{or this} at any period to which we can at present look forward, and the preparation of a detailed estimate would be more waste of time and labor.

FOR ORDERS.

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W. H. ...
Col. R. ...
Secretary to Govt
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Endowment from the ... Dept
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G.O. No. 128 of 20th June 1887.

The expression
 "the work" in para 1 of G.O.
 No 2129 of 10th Sept. 1880
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 to the plot generally, &
 not merely to the opening
 out of the middle part.

2. There is no prospect of
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 funds being made on account of
 this work, and it
 would therefore be
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 Works Dept to undertake
 the preparation
 of estimate -

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3. Looking to the state
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to expect that any money
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Under date the 31st Jan'y/81

Read the following:—

Indorsement from the Finl
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abstract of the work done by the
Public Works Department in the
year 1880-81. The expression

"the work" in para 1 of
G.O. 2129 W dated 10 Sept
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and not merely to the open-
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that no grant can be made
from local funds for the
work.