

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

G.O., dated 14th April 1884, Mis. No. 787, Financial.

No. 803-C.

MEMORANDUM.

2. It is considered highly desirable that extra thickness should be given to the two abutment piers, and that in rear of the abutments themselves a central buttress should be provided. In the case of arches having a span of 40 feet and a rise of 7 feet, a thickness of $8\frac{1}{2}$ feet for the abutments and the abutment piers seems insufficient.

4. With respect to the material for the arches, the Chief Engineer agrees in all that the Superintending Engineer urges in favor of brick as against stone; but he sees no objection to the use of stone if the Local Fund and Municipal Boards are willing to undertake the cost.

CHEPÂK,
2nd April 1884.

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Col., R.E.,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

Order—dated 14th April 1884, Mis. No. 787, Financial.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

To the President, Municipal Commission, Madura,
with enclosures including plans.

AD—also the following paper :—
From C. S. CROLE, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Madura, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madura, 12th May 1884, No. 70.
J. S. C. O. dated 14th April 1884.

In retransmitting, duly amended, as directed in G.O., dated 14th April 1884, Mis. No. 787, Financial, the plans* and estimate for the Vaigai bridge, I have the

* Sent in a separate parcel.

honor to submit, for the favorable orders of Government, a resolution of the municipal commissioners praying for a reconsideration of G.O., dated 8th March 1884, No. 509, Financial, in which a provincial grant was reluctantly declared to be impossible under then existing financial circumstances.

2. I have the honor to apologise in anticipation, if I be found guilty of trespassing over the boundary of strict official propriety, but I find it difficult to withhold my support from that prayer. The construction of the Vaigai bridge partakes, owing to various circumstances already brought to the notice of Government, of the nature of an imperial work. Moreover, it is not in any way indispensable that Government should bind itself to make a lump grant of Rs. 60,000 on any particular date. It would, I feel assured, be accepted by the local bodies as a solution of the difficulty, if Government now consented to allow the construction of the bridge to proceed out of the funds to be provided by the Municipality and the Local Fund Board, on the understanding that Government find the sum required to complete as soon as it conveniently can, but not necessarily by one lump grant. The Government contribution might be spread over one or more years.

3. Early orders are solicited, as another working season is fast passing over our heads.

No. 1082.

Referred to the Department of Public Works for the favor of remarks with reference to memorandum, No. 803-C, dated 2nd April 1884.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND,
20th May 1884.

(Signed) J. D. REES,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Public Works department,
with 21 enclosures (including 7 plans) and file of papers, to be returned.

No. 171-E.

The Government in the Public Works department are of opinion that the estimates as now revised may be accepted. They reflect credit on the Local Fund Engineer Mr. Harington, for the careful manner in which they have been prepared.

OOTACAMUND,
23rd May 1884.

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Col., R.E.,
Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Financial department, with papers in original and file, returned.

ORDER—dated 12th June 1884, No. 1298, Financial.

The plans and estimates as now revised, having been approved in the Public Works department, will be accepted and returned to the President, Madura Municipality.

2. The desirability of the proposed work was distinctly admitted by the Government in order of the 8th March last, but the Financial department was at that time unable to hold out hopes of assistance from Provincial funds towards the cost of the work. The Government have again given their careful attention to this subject, and are confirmed in their opinion, already expressed, as to the importance of the proposed bridge, and funds being now available for the purpose, His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves to assist by a grant not exceeding Rs. 60,000, to be paid in instalments, as money is required in the manner suggested by the President.

3. The grant will be made subject to two conditions:—

- (i) That in the event of its being decided by the Local Boards to construct the arches of stone, instead of brick as provided in the estimate, the extra cost due to such alteration be borne by the Local Boards in addition to their joint contribution of Rs. 60,000.
- (ii) That the construction of the bridge shall be placed under the sole supervision of Mr. Harington, by whom the plans and estimates have been prepared, and in whose ability and competence for carrying out this important work the Government have full confidence, or of such other officer as may be expressly approved by Government. Should it be the wish of the Local Board to dispense with the services of the present Local Fund Engineer, the Government will not over-rule their decision in this respect.

(True Extract.)

Justin Macintyre

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Madura, with enclosures.

„ Board of Revenue.
„ Accountant-General.

Copy to the Public Works department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

No 1658 N a/d July 1884

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G.O., 12th June 1884, No. 1298.

No 1658 N a/d July 1884

JUNE.

Municipal—Bridges.

Accepting and returning to the President of the Madura Municipality the revised plans and estimates about the construction of the bridge over the river Vaigai, and resolving to assist the municipality by a grant not exceeding Rs. 60,000 to be paid in instalments.

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