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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

P.W. DEPARTMENT

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3rd August 1885, No. 1801 W., Public Works.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read—the following papers :—

G O., dated 29th June 1885, Mis. No. 391 L.F., Financial.

Read—the following letter from the President, District Board, Madura, dated 15th June 1885, No. 14 :—

With reference to Revenue Board's proceedings, Mis. No. 3066, dated 31st March 1885, I have the honor to forward, herewith, copy of the district board's proceedings No. 126 of 1885, and to state that the construction of the Cumbum-Gúdalúr road and the repair of the Gúdalúr-Peermade ghât were not completed, as supposed by the Secretary to Public Works Department, when the damages, for the repair of which the estimates in question were sanctioned, were caused by the heavy rains and floods. The Government orders quoted in paragraph 2 of the Public Works Department Secretary's memorandum embodied in the Board's proceedings under reply clearly show that the Local fund board is not responsible for the maintenance of the roads prior to their completion.

	RS.
1. Estimate for repairing the damages on the Gúdalúr-Peermade ghât ...	1,380
2. Do. for repairing the damages done to masonry works on the Cumbum-Gúdalúr road	950

3. In these circumstances, I request that necessary funds for the estimates noted in the margin may be allotted from Provincial funds.

Order—dated 29th June 1885, Mis. No. 391 L.F., Financial.

Communicated to the Public Works Department, with reference to its memorandum to the Board of Revenue, dated 21st March 1885, No. 600 C.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. BOWEN, Major, R.E.,
for Chief Secretary to Government.

From Lieutenant-Colonel H. R. MEAD, R.E., Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Trichinopoly, 17th July 1885, No. 217 M.D.

With reference to your memorandum, No. 1204 C., dated 15th instant, inquiring whether the estimate of Rs. 11,460, sanctioned from Provincial funds for the Gúdalúr-

Peermade ghât, was fully and satisfactorily completed before the flood damages occurred, and whether the emergent repairs now brought forward should also be met from Provincial funds, I have the honor to report that, as the execution of the work alluded to was entrusted to the President, Local fund board, I am unable to say whether it was fully and satisfactorily completed.

2. A grant of Rs. 1,600 was sanctioned for the above work during 1884-85. The expenditure on the work that was begun in 1882-83 was as follows :—

		RS.
1882-83 ...		2,058
1883-84 ...		7,767
1884-85 ...		2,016
	Total up to March 1885 ...	11,841
Estimate ...		11,460
Excess ...		381

Up to February 1885 a sum of Rs. 856 was shown as outlay on it. In the progress report E form for March 1885 Rs. 2,016 was shown as expenditure to end of that month in 1884-85.

3. The President's letter, No. 169, dated 12th March 1885, states that the damages to the road occurred during the rains of October 1884, that is, when the work was in progress. The total expenditure up to the end of that month was Rs. 10,020, or Rs. 1,440 less than the original estimate.

4. I consider therefore that the rains caused damage to the road before it was thoroughly completed.

5. With regard to the question whether this work should be paid for by Provincial funds, it is for Government to decide whether the maintenance of the road is to be paid by Local fund board or from Provincial funds. The road was three years under repair, and I believe, but do not know as a fact, that the Local fund board have spent little or nothing in maintenance on this road.

From the President, District Board, Madura, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 30th July 1885, No. 22.

With reference to endorsement, No. 230, dated 23rd instant, on your letter to Government, dated 15th idem, No. 1606, I have the honor to forward, herewith, the estimates, &c., therein referred to, for repairing the Gúdalúr-Peermade ghât road.

ORDER—dated 3rd August 1885, No. 1801 W., Public Works.

The undermentioned estimates are sanctioned for immediate execution, and classified as Communications, Repairs :—

1. Repairing the flood damages on the Gúdalúr-Peermade ghât.	Rs. 1,380.	Provincial, No. 92 W. of 1885-86.
2. Repairing the flood damages on the Cumbum-Gúdalúr road.	„ 950.	Provincial, No. 93 W. of 1885-86.

2. The Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, will apply for the necessary provision of funds for these two works later in the year, as funds are not now available with Government.

3. Steps should be taken for the early completion of the estimate sanctioned in G.O., No. 3014 W., dated 24th October 1883.

4. Government have accepted the two estimates now sanctioned as fairly chargeable to the Public Works grant, inasmuch as the damages, for the repair of which they provide, occurred before the completion of the sanctioned work referred to in paragraph 3, but it is to be understood that, after the completion of the estimates now current, the maintenance of the roads in question will entirely fall on the Local funds.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
„ Financial Department, with five enclosures.

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CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of {1885} Madras

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated August, 3rd.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 3rd Aug. 1885, No. 1801 W.

AUGUST.

Gudalur-Peermade Ghat and Cumbum-Gudalur Road

Estimates for repairing the flood damages on the —, sanctioned with remarks.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

7th December 1880, No. 2,828 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Military Works.

Read the following papers :—

No. 39. Endorsement of the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort St. George, 17th November 1880.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd September 1880, No. 1,374.

Read the following letters :—

From H. J. STOKES, Esq., Collector of Madura, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 6th September 1880, No. 303.

I HAVE the honor to bring to the notice of the Board the subject of the Gúdalúr Ghât.

2. This ghât connects Gúdalúr at the head of the Cumbum Valley with the road which has been constructed by the Travancore Government from Kóttayam to Kumili, *viâ* Peermade. The portion between Gúdalúr and the Travancore frontier is about ten miles.

3. With the Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department, dated 6th March 1872, is printed a letter from the Resident in Travancore in which that officer mentions that the Travancore Government had spent about Rs. 2,44,900 on the ghât up to the Peermade plateau, and that this money was spent as the ghât was looked upon as part of a grand line of communication between the East and West Coasts, and because it was understood that the British Government would contribute their quota to the opening of through communications by constructing a cart ghât up to Gúdalúr (it should be down to Gúdalúr) at the head of the Cumbum Valley.

4. Since that letter was written this road has been completed by the Travancore Government up to our frontier at the head of the Gúdalúr Ghât; and the fact to which I wish now to draw the Board's attention is that the Madras Government has not contributed its quota up to date, as it was understood to have undertaken to do. The Gúdalúr Ghât has been completed, but the portion of the road in the plain between Gúdalúr and the foot of the ghât has not been done; and as it is traversed by two or three streams with deep beds this gap is a very serious break in the great line of communication. It is about five miles long.

5. I have searched my records without success for the earlier papers on the subject of this road, and am therefore unable to say how or when the understanding between the two Governments as to its formation was arrived at.

6. The Gúdalúr Ghât was constructed partly for the purpose of conveying machinery and materials to the works proposed for carrying out the project for diverting the water of the Periyár into this district now unhappily abandoned, and

partly as a continuation of the line of communication from the East to the West Coast. Until the Public Works Department was removed from this district in the early part of this year the road was treated as an Imperial or Provincial work; but now no arrangements have been made as to how the work already done is to be maintained, and how that which is uncompleted is to be carried out.

7. In their Proceedings, No. 5,809, dated the 22nd October 1861, the Board of Revenue recorded their opinion that the work of a new ghât from Cumbum to Gúdalúr-Tavalam was scarcely one of which the expense should be borne by the Local Fund, and the expression of this opinion was repeated in their Proceedings No. 6,037, dated 4th November 1861. The Government endorsed this view by carrying out the portion of the work which has been done at the expense of the general revenues. Whether it is intended now to throw on the Local Fund the burden of finishing the work, and of maintaining what is in existence, are questions for Government to decide.

8. I would suggest that Government should contribute funds to finish the part between Gúdalúr and the foot of the ghât. In G.O., dated 14th May 1872, No. 1,325, an estimate of Rs. 23,230 is mentioned as the probable cost of this undertaking. If this sum was handed over to the Dindigul Circle Board I think that they would be very willing to undertake the construction of the road. I see that Rs. 20,000 has been provided in the Provincial Budget for the new ghât up the Palni Hills. There is little likelihood of this being expended as there is no Public Works Department Officer in this district to superintend its expenditure, and I would suggest that the sum be transferred to the Gúdalúr Ghât road if the Government think that the understanding said to have been arrived at with the Travancore Government should be carried out.

9. I may add that the only other item of original works provided for Madura in the Provincial Service Budget Estimate is Rs. 4,000 for a Chuttrum at the head of Gúdalúr Ghât. Whether it is intended to proceed with this work I do not know; but if not the money might be made available for the road.

From the same Officer, dated Madura, 14th September 1880, No. 309.

IN continuation of my letter, No. 303, dated 6th September 1880, I have the honor to submit for the orders of the Board copy of letter from the Honorary Secretary, Peermade Planters' Association of the 7th idem, complaining of the state of the road between Cumbum and the Travancore frontier.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From C. J MALTBY, Esq., Acting Honorary Secretary of the Peermade Planters' Association, to H. J. STOKES, Esq., Collector of Madura, dated 7th September 1880.

I HAVE the honor to bring to your notice that in consequence of the state of the Government road between Cumbum and the Travancore boundary carts were unable to come up to Peermade during the recent heavy rains, and merchants who had undertaken to supply the coffee estates with rice were unable to fulfil their contracts, thereby putting the owners of estates to great loss and inconvenience. As there seems every probability of a repetition of this state of affairs in the event of more heavy weather, I have the honor to request that you will be kind enough to give instructions to have the road put in order with as little delay as possible.

SUBMITTED for the favorable consideration of Government.

2. The Board do not find in their office the record of any definite agreement between this Government and the Travancore Circar regarding the completion of the work as part of a grand line of communication between the East and West Coasts. The work appears to have been begun at the instance of a former Collector with a view to facilitating commercial intercourse with Travancore, but Mr. Stokes is quite correct in stating that the Board have held on more than one occasion that the work was of an imperial rather than of a local character, and at the time the matter was in contemplation the Chief Engineer concurred with the Board in thinking that the cost of the work ought not to fall on Local Funds—Board's Proceedings, dated 4th November 1861, No. 6,037.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

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

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

No. 40. ORDER THEREON, 7th December 1880, No. 2,828 W.

THE Government are of opinion that the completion of the road from Cumbum to the foot of the Gúdalúr Ghât is a work that should be carried out without further delay, its cost being met from Provincial Funds.

2. The future maintenance of the road will devolve upon Local Funds.

3. The work will be undertaken by the Public Works Department, and the Chief Engineer will arrange for the immediate deputation of a competent Assistant Engineer or Upper Subordinate to prepare, under the orders of the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, a proper estimate for the completion of the road in question as a first class road, bridged throughout, and open for traffic in all weathers.

4. The Government desire that the estimate may be submitted in time for the work to be commenced in 1881-82, in the budget for which year a sum of Rs. 20,000 will be provisionally entered on account thereof.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Revenue Department.
" Financial do.
" Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.
" Superintending Engineer, Third Circle.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
MILITARY WORKS.

Govt. of 1880 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated December, 7th.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 7th December 1880, No. 2,828 W.

DECEMBER.

Nos. 39-40.

Road from Cumbum to the foot of the Gúdalúr Ghát.—The completion of the — to be carried out without further delay, by the Public Works Department, its cost being met from Provincial Funds and its future maintenance from Local Funds.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

17th February 1881, No. 424 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following papers :—

No. 61. Endorsement of the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort St. George, 9th February 1881.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd February 1881, No. 175.

From H. J. STOKES, Esq., Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Periyakulam, 21st January 1881, No. 21.

WITH reference to G.O., No. 2,828 W., dated 7th December 1880, communicated with Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 194, dated 11th January 1881, on the subject of the repair of the road from Cumbum to the Gúdalúr Ghat, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of a letter, No. 6, of the 12th instant, from the Resident in Travancore and Cochin, enclosing a communication from the Peermade Planters, &c., complaining of the impassable state of the British portion of the ghat road. I request that Government may be moved to issue necessary instructions for making this portion of the road fit for traffic and for its future maintenance until the complete road is handed over to the Local Fund Board.

From A. MACGREGOR, Esq., Resident in Travancore and Cochin, to the Collector of Madura, dated Cochin, 12th January 1881, No. 6.

I HAVE the honor to forward copy of correspondence regarding the state of British portion of the Peermade Hill Road.

From Dewan of Travancore, No. 7,182, dated 24th December 1880.
From Mr. Orr, dated 12th December 1880.

2. I shall be obliged if you will inform me with whom the allotment of funds rests, and whether you can kindly use your influence to secure any early improvement.

From V. RAMIENGAR, Dewan of Travancore, to the Assistant Resident in charge, dated Yetmanur, 24th December 1880, No. 7,182-P.W. 1,989.

I HAVE the honor to enclose extract from a letter from Mr. Orr, of Brighton Estate, Peermade, dated 12th instant, and shall be obliged by your bringing to the notice of the Madras Government the state of the ghat road on the British side as therein described.

Extract from Mr. Orr's letter dated 12th instant.

I ALSO wish to bring to your notice the wretched state of the British Ghat Road leading into Travancore from the Madura District. At present it is perfectly impassable for bandies and bullocks, and even donkeys have the greatest difficulty in passing through.

2. The British Government, I believe, spent large sums of money in constructing their ghat, and now to all intents and purposes it is being abandoned, as there has been little or no

work done to it for the last year. As all our rice on the Peermade Hills comes by this ghat, and three-fourths of the bandies which take our coffee down to the Western Coast belong to the Madura District, I bring the state of the road to your notice with a view to your using your influence to have the road put into order before it is too late.

3. If money is not spent on it, and that *soon*, the road from Madura to Kóttayam will be a thing of the past. The Travancore part of the road offers a marked contrast to that of the British.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) V. RAMIENGAR,
Dewan.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Board observe that in paragraph 4 of his letter recorded in G.O., 7th December 1880, No. 2,828 W., the Collector states that "the Gúdalúr Ghat has been completed," and then proceeds to ask for funds to finish "the portion of the road in the plain." In paragraph 2 of the order quoted Government, after conceding that the construction of the lower portion of the road is a proper charge upon Provincial Funds, state that its future maintenance will devolve upon Local Funds. Similarly it would seem to be the duty of the Local Fund Board to undertake the repairs now needed to the ghat road. As however the deputation to the locality of a competent officer of the Public Works Department has been ordered, the Government may be disposed to instruct him to report upon the condition of the ghat road before deciding that the cost of its repairs should be defrayed from Local Funds.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government, R.D.

No. 62. ORDER THEREON, 17th February 1881, No. 424 W.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, who will instruct Conductor Littlewood to inspect the portion of the ghat in question at an early date, and report on its present condition.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle.
" Revenue Department.

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CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1881) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
THIRD CIRCLE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated February, 17th.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 17th February 1881, *No.* 424 W.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 61-62.

Gúdalúr Ghat Road.—Calling for the early submission of a report on the present condition of the—.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

16th November 1881, No. 2864 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following papers :—

No. 84. From Lieutenant-Colonel J. BEATTY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Kodaikánal, 6th May 1881, No. 166 T.C.

As directed in G.O., No. 799 W., of 23rd March 1881, I have the honor to submit an estimate for putting that portion of the Gúdalúr Ghât in British territory into thorough repair.

1 Estimate with detail and specification.
1 Abstract.

2. The Gúdalúr Ghât takes its name from the village of Gúdalúr in the Cumbum valley, Madura district, and that village is about 5 miles distant from the foot of the ghât. The ghât is, I am told, about 18 miles long, owing to the numerous windings among the hills, and it leads to the town of Peermade or Pirmerd in the Travancore country.

3. Only the first 4 miles of the ghât on the Madura side are in British territory, and it is these 4 miles that have been left without repair for some two years, and have consequently fallen into a very ruinous state. In several places the road is actually dangerous owing to landslips and the fall of revetments, but everywhere it is badly cut up, partly by wear and tear, and partly by the action of surface drainage.

4. The estimate for putting the piece of ghât in thorough order amounts to Rs. 6,820; and was prepared, under my instructions, by the Madura Sub-division Officer, Supervisor Sergeant McAlister, as Supervisor Littlewood, who was lately in that neighbourhood making a survey and levels of the Cumbum-Gúdalúr road, had returned to his ordinary duties in the Trichinopoly district.

5. The repairs consist of restoring portions of the road that have slipped; rebuilding revetments and parapet walls that have fallen; clearing vents of tunnels, many of which are completely choked; filling in ruts or gullies, which are in many places two feet deep; and reforming and remetalling the road surface. The ruts are to be filled in with the only gravel procurable, which is a kind of disintegrated rock, and the metal to be broken stone. There is no good gravel within many miles, and the best stone available is a kind of gneiss.

6. I have had a revised abstract estimate prepared in my office and attached to the estimate, in which I have lumped together a number of petty items, so as to reduce the total number as much as possible for account purposes.

7. As the department is but feebly represented* in Madura at present, I would strongly recommend that funds for this work be handed over to the Local Fund Board if, as I believe to be the case, they are willing to undertake it with their own establishment, which is said to be working well at present, especially in the Dindigul Circle.

* 1 Supervisor, Sergeant McAlister.
1 Overseer, Subroyalu Naidu.

No. 1242.

Public Works Department endorsement No. 644, dated 12th March 1881.
Revenue Department No. 752, dated 18th March 1881 (to be returned).

REFERRED, with the previous papers, to the Revenue Department for inquiry whether the Local Fund Board will undertake the work if funds be provided by the Public Works Department.

(By Order.)

CHEPAUK,
18th May 1881.

(Signed) C. C. RAWSON, Captain, R.E.,
Ag. Dy. Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

No. 1363.

TRANSFERRED to the Financial Department.

20th May 1881.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government, R.D.

No. 921.

REFERRED to the Board of Revenue for report.

25th May 1881.

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Ag. Asst. Secy. to Govt., Finl. Dept.

No. 84-A. Endorsement of the Acting Assistant Secretary to Government, Financial Department, dated 10th November 1881, No. 1809.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st November 1881, No. 2582.

Read the following letter from H. J. STOKES, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Madura, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

EXTRACT from the Minutes of Proceedings of the Local Fund Board, Dindigul Circle, passed at a Meeting held at Dindigul on Friday, the 26th August 1881.

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Proceedings No. 132 *of* 1881.

Read Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 1057, dated 14th June 1881, inquiring whether the Local Fund Board will undertake the repair of Gúdalúr Ghât road if funds be provided by Department of Public Works.

Read also Revenue Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 7540, dated 6th August 1881, requesting to report the decision of the Local Fund Board on the subject of their undertaking repair of Cumbum-Gúdalúr road if funds be provided from Department of Public Works.

Postponed till a special meeting is held on receipt of the answers of the Court of Wards to a letter of the Collector asking for a loan of Mr. Hardy's services to superintend this work. With their present establishment the Board would not be able to carry out the work.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

EXTRACT from the Minutes of Proceedings of the Local Fund Board, Dindigul Circle, passed at a Meeting held at Dindigul on Friday, the 16th September 1881.

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Proceedings No. 168 *of* 1881.

Read President's foot-note to Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Miscellaneous No. 8104, dated 29th August 1881, requesting to obtain the views of the Local Fund Board on the subject of entrusting the supervision of Cumbum to Gúdalúr road and the Gúdalúr Ghât line to Mr. Hardy, the Gandamanáyakanúr Estate Engineer.

The Board accept Mr. Hardy's services and request the President to be good enough to arrange the cost of establishment.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

Enclosures to Board's Proceedings, dated 30th September 1881, No. 645 R.S.

Letter—dated 7th October 1881, No. 150.

No. 1057, dated 14th June 1881.
Mis. No. 7540, dated 6th August 1881.
" " 8104, " 29th " "
" " 645, " 30th September 1881.*

WITH reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue as per margin, I have the honor to forward herewith copies of the resolutions of the Local Fund Board, Dindigul Circle, Nos. 132 and 168 of 1881, in which that Board express their inability to carry out the works with their present Engineering staff, and accept the services of Mr. Hardy lent to them by the Court of Wards† for the purpose.

2. Mr. Hardy has been requested to submit proposals regarding establishment, &c., and they‡ will be sent up to Board when received. The difficulty is with regard to the supply of funds, and I request that arrangement be made to keep the Local Fund Board in sufficient funds in order that the work when commenced may be pushed on continuously without being stopped for want of funds. If funds can be at once placed at our disposal, there will be no difficulty in beginning the work immediately; but it is hoped that when once funds are allotted arrangements may be made for making the supply constant.

* Enclosures returned.

† Proceedings of the Court of Wards, No. 8104.

‡ Together with estimates, &c.

RESOLUTION—

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to their endorsement, dated 25th May 1881, No. 921.

2. To enable the Circle Board to undertake the immediate repair of the road in question, the Board have agreed to lend the services of Mr. Hardy, the Engineer in charge of the Public Works in Gandamanáyakanúr and other estates now under the charge of the Court of Wards—Board's Proceedings, dated 29th August 1881, Miscellaneous No. 8104.

3. The President is requested to return the original endorsement of Government forwarded to him with Board's Proceedings, dated 6th August 1881, Miscellaneous No. 7540.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. D. MACLEAN,
Acting Sub-Secy.

TRANSFERRED to the Department of Public Works.

(Signed) E. L. LAFFAN,
Acting Asst. Secy.

No. 85. ORDER THEREON, 16th November 1881, No. 2864 W.

THE estimate, amounting to Rs. 6,820, for repairing the portion of the Gúdalúr Ghât in British territory, is sanctioned for execution by the Local Fund Board, Dindigul Circle.

2. The outlay will be met from the allotment of Rs. 20,000 in the current year's Provincial Budget for completing the road from Cumbum to the foot of the Gúdalúr Ghât, and the Local Fund Board will be kept in funds by the Superintending Engineer in the manner prescribed in G.O., No. 1375 W., dated 14th June 1880.

3. This sanction has been registered as Provincial No. 95 W. of 1881-82, and classified as Communications, Repairs.

4. The Government await a reply to memorandum No. 1402, dated 13th June 1881, relative to the estimate for completing the road from Cumbum to the foot of the Gúdalúr Ghât.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle.
„ Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
„ Financial Department.

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of 1881 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The BOARD of REVENUE,
&c. &c. &c.

Dated November 16th

Issued

Recd. Encl.

G.O., 16th November 1881, No. 2864 W.

NOVEMBER.
Nos. 8283

Gúdalúr Ghát.—Estimate for repairing the portion of the [illegible] British territory, sanctioned for execution by the Local Fund Board.

3rd November 1884, No. 2697 W., Public Works.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

Read—the following letter from D. C. GORDON, Esq., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 27th October 1884, No. 90 W. :—

I have the honor to submit, for information and orders of Government, notes by Mr. Curry, Assistant Examiner, of his inspection of the office of the Madura division.

2. In paragraphs 8 and 9 of the last report, notice was taken of the matters referred to in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the present report.

3. The office is in good order.

Enclosure.

Notes of Inspection by W. E. CURRY, Esq., Assistant Examiner, Public Works Accounts, Madras, of the Office of the Executive Engineer, Madura Division, on the 13th October 1884.

The Executive Engineer, Mr. J. Grimes, was present, and also the Accountant, Mr. D. M. Dumphy. This office was last inspected in April 1884 (*vide* G.O., No. 1032 W., dated 23rd April 1884.)

2. The pass-book was at the treasury; it should have been present and available for examination.

3. All the accounts, measurement sheets, &c., appear to be well checked; they are very neat and regularly filed.

4. There is no stock in this division. Contractors (who do nearly all the work) are paid for materials delivered as well as for work executed; this involves keeping a "materials at site" account, as noticed in the Trichinopoly division. Contractors' bills, both for work and materials, are always made up by the subordinate in charge of the work.

5. The accounts of the Gúdalúr-Peermade ghât road are now sent up to the divisional office regularly once a month by the Local Fund Engineer, but the funds advanced to him by the Executive Engineer have still been in excess of his requirements.

6. Further discrepancies with regard to materials handed over by this department for the construction of the above road are the subject of correspondence between the Superintending Engineer and the Local Fund Board.

7. This division has now taken over the construction work of the No. I tank division, and also the compilation of the accounts connected therewith.

Order—dated 3rd November 1884, No. 2697 W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, for the information of the Executive Engineer, Madura division.

2. The Superintending Engineer's attention is drawn to paragraph 5 of the inspection notes.

3. Further information on the subject of paragraph 6 will be awaited.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
Exd. A. Grabert.
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GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of (1884) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated November, 3rd.

Recd. / *Encl.*

G.O., 3rd Nov. 1884, No. 2697 W.

NOVEMBER.

Notes of Inspection

Orders on —, submitted by the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, of the office of the Madura division.

24TH OCTOBER 1883, No. 3014 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following paper :—

No. 323 M.D.

REPORT on Revised Estimate for repairing the Gúdalúr Ghât amounting to Rs. 11,460.

- 1 Detailed estimate.
- 1 Abstract do.
- 1 Comparative statement.
- 1 Statement of work done.
- 1 Copy of Local Fund Engineer's No. 35, dated 14th September 1883.

In G.O., No. 2864 W., dated 16th November 1881, Rs. 6,820 was sanctioned for the repair of this ghât, the work to be carried out by the Local Fund Board, the funds being given from Provincial.

Mr. Hardy, the Local Fund Engineer of Dindigul Circle, submitted to the Superintending Engineer a revised estimate for Rs. 11,800 for this work; this was in October 1882 returned to him with a request that, as the Public Works Department had nothing to do with the work, it might be sent through the proper channel, viz., the President of the Local Fund Board.

2. This was done, and the Board of Revenue, in their Proceedings, No. 1083, dated 8th February 1883, directed it to be sent to the Superintending Engineer to be reported on as ordered in G.O., No. 3211 W., dated 6th December 1882.

Under that order, therefore, the undersigned reviewed the estimate in his No. 716 M.D. of 19th March 1883, and although generally approving of the necessity of a revised estimate, he pointed out some serious errors in it that required correction and explanation; the Chief Engineer, in his No. 737 C., dated 3rd April, directed that the estimate should be returned for revision in accordance with the suggestions made.

3. The President of the Local Fund Board, with his endorsement, No. 412, dated 30th May, forwarded a letter from Mr. Hardy, the Local Fund Engineer, re-forwarding the estimate without any alteration whatever, and giving no explanation that could be accepted.

The undersigned was of course unable to do anything but return the estimate with a request that it might be revised as directed, and this he did on the 19th June.

4. The estimate now forwarded has been prepared by Mr. Harrington, the Local Fund Engineer of Madura Circle, who is now in temporary charge also of Dindigul Circle. In his letter accompanying the estimate, he points out that Mr. Hardy's estimate was utterly incorrect; the present estimate, which has been carefully prepared, is recommended for sanction.

5. The original estimate was prepared by Supervisor Sergeant McAlister in April 1881; therefore, since that estimate was prepared, there have been two monsoons, and as the road is situated on the ghâts, it must have suffered much, and it is reasonable to suppose that more work than originally estimated is necessary; it has been found necessary also to increase the rates; the revised ones are considered reasonable for the locality.

6. Work to the value of Rs. 6,971 has been executed, leaving Rs. 4,489 to be done; this ought to be completed without difficulty after the north-west monsoon, and, if properly carried out, should place the ghât in fair order; and it is hoped that when this is done that the Local Fund Board will give a sufficient grant for its proper maintenance and upkeep.

Trichinopoly,
4th October 1883.

(Signed) H. R. MEAD, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle.

Order—dated 24th October 1883, No. 3014 W., Public Works.

The revised estimate, amounting to Rs. 11,460, for repairing the portion of the ghât to Peermade, which lies within the Madura district, is sanctioned. It is suggested to the Local Fund Board that the ghât should be re-named, as it is likely to be confused with the Gúdalúr ghât leading from Naduvatam to Wynaad on the slopes of the Nílgiris.

2. The excess of Rs. 4,640 over the original estimate of Rs. 6,820, sanctioned in G.O., No. 2864 W., dated 16th November 1881, is explained in the report on the estimate. It is noticed that the revised estimate, prepared by Mr. Hardy, which is superseded by the present estimate, was very carelessly drawn up and has proved to be quite unreliable.

3. The course indicated in the Government Order above quoted will continue to be pursued with regard to the execution of the work and provision of funds.

4. The Superintending Engineer will report whether the balance required to complete the work can be met by transfer from the current year's grant for the road from Cumbum to the foot of the Gúdalúr ghât, budget item 65.

5. This sanction has been registered as Provincial No. 142 W. of 1883-84 and classified as Communications, Repairs.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue, with five enclosures.
„ Superintending Engineer, Sixth Circle.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
„ Financial Department.

Exd. A. Aubert.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of {1883} Madra

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated October, 24th.

Recd.

G.O., 24th Oct. 1883, No. 3014

OCTOBER.

Gudalur Ghat Road

Revised estimate for repairing the portic
the — to Peermade, within the Madura
trict, sanctioned with remarks.

20TH DECEMBER 1884, No. 3141 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following papers :—

From Lieutenant-Colonel H. R. MEAD, R.E., Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Trichinopoly, 5th December 1884, No. 516 M.D.

With reference to G.O., No. 2697 W., dated 3rd November 1884, and to paragraph 5 of the Assistant Examiner's notes, I have the honor to point out that he is in error in stating that funds for the road from Cumbum to the foot of the Gúdalúr ghât and for the repair of the Gúdalúr-Peermade ghât (called by the Assistant Examiner, Gúdalúr-Peermade ghât road) are advanced by the Executive Engineer to the Local Fund Engineer.

2. Under G.O., No. 2975 W., dated 10th November 1882, funds for these works are advanced to the President of the Local Fund Board, and the Executive Engineer of course advances funds as called on; he has and can have no knowledge of the President's actual requirements, and all he has to do with the work is to advance money, when called on to do so, to the President and to accept and compile the accounts of road work when sent to him.

3. With regard to paragraph 6 I do not know what the Assistant Examiner alludes to. I have had no correspondence with the Local Fund Board on the subject of further discrepancies with regard to materials handed over by this department to the Local Fund Board, and it is now only that I hear from the Executive Engineer that in June and July last, letters passed between him and the President of the Local Fund Board regarding some materials; the Executive Engineer very properly told the President in his letter, dated 14th July 1884, that he the President should deal with any difference in the quantity or value of the materials as accepted by the Local Fund Engineer Mr. Harington in October 1883, and that he the Executive Engineer had nothing to do with any materials said to be missing by Mr. O'Flaherty (who succeeded Mr. Harington in charge of the work I believe last May). As there has been no further correspondence I suppose the President has settled this difference between the two Local Fund Engineers.

4. I take this opportunity of bringing to your notice that I fear the work of this road has not been done properly. The President has forwarded to me, for my opinion, some letters from Mr. O'Flaherty in which he states that Mr. Harington greatly overpaid the contractor in the item of gravel and that the road was in very bad order. I have given my opinion on the papers submitted to me and also recommended that Mr. Harington should be asked to explain; this was necessary as Mr. O'Flaherty's letters were not clear and certainly some of his statements I could not accept. My impression is that the work has not been properly superintended. I do not know what staff has been on the work, but I do know that there was in the district for some time (and that I believe when the gravelling was in progress) only one Local Fund Engineer who, I suppose, was able to visit the work only at long intervals.

Office Note from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 13th December 1884, No. 679.

Your Office Note No. 2237 D., dated 11th December 1884.

See paragraph 9 of report printed with G.O., No. 1032 W., of 23rd April 1884. The funds demanded from the Executive Engineer are still in excess of what is required by the progress of outlay on the work. It seems immaterial to whom the funds are in the first instance granted seeing that they are for outlay by the Local Fund Engineer on the particular work.

2. The statement in paragraph 6 was made in consequence of what the Executive Engineer was understood to have mentioned at the inspection; it is quite possible there was a misunderstanding.

ORDER—dated 20th December 1884, No. 3141 W., Public Works.

The Examiner's note will be communicated to the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.

2. The Superintending Engineer should request the President, Local Fund Board, to restrict his demands for funds to the amount actually required by the progress of outlay on the work.

3. Paragraph 4 of the Superintending Engineer's letter will be communicated to the Financial Department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Financial Department.

Exd. W. H. French.
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GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of (1884) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated December, 20th.

Recd. Encl.

G.O., 20th Dec. 1884, No. 3141 W.

DECEMBER.

Roads

Orders regarding funds for the road from Cumbum to the foot of the Gúdalúr ghât and for repair of the Gúdalúr-Peermade ghât.

Revenue Department

Mis: No. 2488

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 10th March 1881.

No. 65 Read the following

From H. J. Stokes Esqre
Collector of Madura

To C. A. Galton Esqre
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir,

With reference to para 2 of the Board's Proceedings dated 3d February 1881, No. 175 I have the honor to state that although the portion of the Gudalur Ghat road therein referred to was finished some years ago it has since been allowed to fall into disrepair having never been handed over to the Local Fund Board and that it should therefore be put in repair before it is handed over to the Local Fund Board.

2. I dare say that a large sum would be re[illegible]ired to restore this portion

to its original condition

I have &c.

Madura Collr's Office
26th February 1881

(Sd.) T. Rama Row
For Collector

Submitted to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings quoted.

(True copy & Extract)

L. Gilwi.
Ag. Sub Secretary

The Secretary to Government R. D.

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Buildings
and Roads

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE, 3RD CIRCLE.

Camp Musiri 8th March 1881.

No. 1594 T.C

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From

Lieut. Col: J. Beatty R.E.

Superintending Engineer, 3rd Circle,

17/1881

To

Col. R. H. Sankey C. B. R.E.
Chief Engineer P. W. D.
Madras

Enclo: 1.

Sir,

As directed in G. O. No. 424 W of 17th February 1881, I have the honor to forward herewith the Statement prepared by Conductor Littlewood showing the present condition of the portion of the Gudalur Ghât in British territory.

2. The only repairs required that are not of the simplest character appear to be the reconstruction of about 56 yards of revetment, and those at the bridge of 18 feet span in the 47th Mile. The rest is ordinary cooly work, clearing the road where it has been blocked

by boulders and land slips, and repairs of the road surface. The total length of ghaut road in British territory appears to be about 4 miles.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obdt. Servt.

J. Beatty Lt. Col. R.E.
Supg. Engineer 3d Circle

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Revenue 1881 Dept.
~~P.W. C. No. 1575~~
Papers

P. W. D. 3RD CIRCLE.

From Ex. 2 No. 1378
The Superintending Engineer,
3rd Circle.

To
The Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

No. 644.
Transferred to the Revenue Dept. in continuation of G. O. 424 W d/ 17th Feby: 1881.

J. Penny
Major R.E.
Under Secty to Govt
P. W. Dept.

Chepauk
12th March /81

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No. 594 T. C.

Dated 8th
Received 11th } March 1881
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— Gudalur Ghat —
Forwards Conductor Littlewood's Statement showing the present condition of the —

Ref: 11.3.81

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17-2-81 No 424 W

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

No 1346

per Misc 18/3

Mis: No 752

Transferred to the P.W. Dept with reference to that Dept docket of 12th inst No 644 herewith returned.

Secretary to Govt.

18th March 1881

Dated 10th March 1881

Despatched

Received X do.

Recd 21st

Mis. No. 2488.

No 799 W d/ 23-3-81

B. No 799 W d/ 23d March/81

Communicated to the Supdg. Engr 3d Circle who will direct Conductor Littlewood to prepare an Estimate for putting the Gudalur Ghat into thorough repair.

D 24.3

S.E. 3d Circle ✓ Desd 24-3-81

SUBJECT.

Submitting to Government letter from Collr of Madura stating that a portion of the Gudalur Ghat Road should be repaired before it is handed over to L. F. Board.

In Encl: 1234 - 81

C/. No 600 C d/ 21st March 1881 P.W.D.

Memorandum.

Letter from the Supdg Engineer VI Circle No: 747 M.D dated 14th March 1885*

*C No 2365

(Forwarding for orders copy of letter from the President L.F. Board, Madura with estimate of Rs1380 for repairing the Gudalur Pirmed Ghat Road) ——

Referred to the Board of Revenue with request that the Local Fund Board Madura may be called upon to show cause why the cost of these repairs should be met from Provincial funds.

2. It will be gathered from the papers printed with Progs: No: 2828 W dated 7th December 1880, and No: 424 W dated

17th February 1881, that the intention of Govt. was that both the road from Cumbum to the foot of the Gudalur-Peermade Ghat, and the portion of the Gudalur-Peermade Ghat which lies in British territory should be completed from Provincial Funds; but that the subsequent maintenance of the roads should devolve on Local Funds.

3. In G.O. No: 3014 W. dated 24th October 1883, a revised estimate amounting to Rs 11,460, for completing the improvements to the Gudalur-Peermade Ghat, was sanctioned under Provincial; and the Supdg. Engineer believes that this work was finished some time ago– Any further expenditure on the maintenance of the Ghat should therefore apparently be met from Local Funds.

Cs.
19.3.85

W.S.
19.3.85

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue with papers in original

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No. 1606 D.

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Note

From the S.E.'s report now received, the stimate of Rs 11460 Sanctioned in G.O. No 3014 W of 26th October 183, for Peermade ghât road, does not appear have been completed before the flood damages occurred. The contention of the President, L. F. Board, Madura that the cost of the flood damages to road should be met from Provincial funds is therefore valid being in accordance with the terms laid down in o No 2828 W of 7th Dec 1880.

When the Estimates for repairing the flood damages are received from the Financial Dept

[Vide Office note No 1606, of 15th July 185] they will be sanctioned against Provincial funds.

This file will lie over till the Estimates are returned by the Pl Dept.

Submitted for orders

W/20/7

I think the Estimate may now be sanctd from Provincial funds, no time shd be lost, so as to get the work out of hand & the portion of the work finally disposed of, as far as this Depᵗ is concerned.

CW
22.7.85

1885.

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Current No. 5188.

From

The Supg: Engineer
VI Circle.

Enclos.—

No. 147 M. D.
Dated 9th June 1885
Received 12th " "

SUBJECT.

Reqs early orders on his letr submitting estimate for repairing the damages caused to the Gudalur Porunad Ghât

DISPOSAL.

No. 1055. Dated 13th June 1885

Forwarded to the Secy Bd of Rev: with a request that an early reply may be sent to this Dept No. 600 C of 21st March /85

By order,
Sd/. C. Bowen Major RE
Dy. Chief Engineer P. W. D.
Dept

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No. 10[illegible]0 D.
GOVT. 188 P. W.

ms No 600 C d/ 21-3-85

G. O. A. No 3141 W d/ 20.12.84

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" " " 3014 W d/ 24-10-83

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" " 2828 W d/ 7-12-80

B " 799 W d/ 23.-3-81.

A " 424 W d/ 17-2-81.

No. 1626 D.

GOVT. OF MADRAS. } 188 . { P. W. DEPT.

SECRETARY.

Chepâk, 15th July 1885

OFFICE NOTE.

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From
The Under-Secretary to Govt P.W.D

To
The Secretary to Govt Financl Depts

Please be so good as to forward to this office the estimates referred to in para 3 of the Madura L.F. Board President's letter No 14 d/ 15th June 1885, communicated with your No 391 L.F. (Mis) d/ 29th June / 85.

J.D. G.B.
D.W.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 19th June 1885.

No. 5686 mis

READ Endorsement of the Deputy Chief Engineer, I. W. D. dated 13th June 1885, No. 1055 C on letter from the Superintending Engineer, 6th Circle dated 9th June 85, No. 146 M. D.

Resolution:-

Transferred to the Chief Secretary to Govt. with reference to Board's Proceedings dated 31st March 1885, No. 3066 mis referring the matter for report to the President, L. F. Board Madura.

+ Not comd to P.W.D. D.P. 25-6-85

(True Extract)

Secretary.

To,
The Chief Secretary to Govt. I.D.
Copy to the Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

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G.O. No 424 W. 17. 2. 81.
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No. 1508 D d/30th June/85

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FINANCIAL (1885) DEPT.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

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To

No. 1508 D d/30-6-85

The Deputy Chief Engineer
P. W. Department

Rd 20/6/85.

Proceedings, dated 19th June 1885.
No. 5686 . Mis

Subject.

Transferring to the Chief Secretary to Govt. letter from the Dy/Chief Engineer, requesting early orders on his letter submitting estimate for repairing the damages caused to the Gudalur Permad Ghaut.

Memo No. 1508 D d/30. 6. 85
" " 1055 D d/13. 6. 85
" " 600 C d/21. 3. 85
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" " " 2864 W d/16. 11. 81
" B " 799 W d/23. 3. 81.
" A " 424 W d/17. 2. 81
" " " 2828 W d/7. 12. 80

No. 1546 D d/7th July/85

Office Note 28/1885

From

D. W.

To

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Please report if the estimate, sanctioned in G. O. No. 3014 W dated 24th October 1883, for repairing the Gudalur Peermade Ghât, has been completed, and if so, the date when completed.

M. C. B
D. W.

CW
7/7

L. F. Department

No. 169

Local Fund Board Office
Madura 12th March 1885.

From

The President of the
Local Fund Board
Madura

To

The Superintending Engineer
VI Circle
Trichinopoly.

Sir,

In forwarding herewith an Emergent Estimate amounting to Rs 1380 for repairing the Güdalur-Perimed Ghat, I have the honor to state that, while the restoration of the Ghat was in progress, it was seriously damaged by the abonormal rains and floods of October last and the Local Fund Board have in their proceedings+ No. $\frac{271}{1884}$, sanctioned the Estimates.

+ copy Enclosed

2. I therefore request that you will be good enough to make necessary arrangements for allotment of the amount

amount from Provincial Funds
at your Early Convenience

I have etc
(Signed) P. Kottaisawmy Dhevan
For President
12/3.

Proceedings of the Local Fund Board.
Madura District Dated 18th December 1884.
Proceedings No. 271 of 1884.

Read letter from the L. F. Engineer Dindigul No. 83 dated 1st December 1884 forwarding for sanction an emergent estimate for Rs 1380 for repairing the damages caused to the Gudalur - Periyar Ghat Road

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Resolution - Sanctioned

(True copy)

(Signed) P. Kottaisawmy Dhevan
For President
12/3.

No. 747 M.D. True copy forwarded to the Chief Engineer for orders as the Superintending Engineer is not aware that the Local Fund Board Madura have any claim for a grant from Provincial Funds for this Road.

Encloz 1.
1 estimate

In G.O. No. 3014 W. dated 24th October 1883 as a special case Rs 11460 was granted for the repair of this Road. It is believed that the work was finished some time ago. Whether the Local Fund Board have spent anything on maintenance of this Ghat Road or not is not known.

W. R. Ward Lt. Col. R.E.
Superintending Engineer 16th Circle

Supg. Engrs. Office 6th Circle }
Trichinopoly { 14th March 1885 }.

From,

The Supdg Engineer
6: Circle

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To,

The Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

No 747 M D

Dated 11th March 85

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Endorst.
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Forwards for orders copy of letter from the President. L. F. Bd. Madura & estimate of Rs 1380 for repairing the Gudalur Pirmed Ghât Road

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No 1546 Dd 17-7-85

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
6TH CIRCLE.

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No. 146 M.D.

31/1801

From

The Superintending Engineer,
6th Circle.

To

The Chief Engineer
P. W. Department.

Sir,

ENCLOSURE.

I have the honor to request that you will favor me with early orders on my No 747 M.D dated 11th March 1885, submitting an estimate amounting to Rs 138 for repairing the damages caused to the Gudalur Permed Ghaut.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obdt Servt

Lieut. Col. R.E.

Supdg Engineer 6th Circle

No. 1055 C dated 13th June 1885

Forwarded to the Secretary Board of Revenue, with a request that an early reply may be sent to this dept No 600 C of 21st March 1885

(By order)

C. Unwin Major R.E.
Dy. Chief Engineer P.W.D.

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P. W. D. 6TH CIRCLE.

From
The Superintending Engineer,
6th Circle.

To
The Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

No. 1147 M.D.

Dated 9th
Received } June 1885

Enclosure.

Requests to favor him with early orders on his letter No. 747 M.D. of 14th March /85

No. 1204 Ca / 15-7-85

Forwarded

Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 19th June 1885 No. 5686 Mis: transferring letter from the Dy Chief Engineer P.W.D. requesting an early reply to his letter submitting estimate for repairing the damages caused to the Gudalur Permed Ghaut.

Order thereon dated 3rd July 1885 No. 403 L.F. (Mis:)

Recorded with reference to G.O. F.D. dated 29th June 1885 No. 391 L.F. Mis:.

C No. 5717 - 30/6/85 (S.A.W)

Not disposed of

(True Extract)

C. Unwin Major R.E.
Under Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.
for Chief Secretary

To the Secretary to Govt. P.W.D. with the Supg. Engineers letter No. 146 M.D. returned.

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GOVT. OF MADRAS. } 1885. { P. W. DEPT.

SECRETARY.

Chepâk, 7th July 1885

OFFICE NOTE.

From D. W.

33/1801

To C.

Please report if the estimate, sanctioned in G. O. No. 3014 W dated 24th October 1883, for repairing the Gudalur Peermade Ghât, has been completed, and if so, the date when completed.

CD.

No. 273. of 10th July/85.

D. W.

To D. W.

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Ener:

The work has not yet been reported completed. The outlay up to 31st March 1885 (no charges appear in accounts for April and May) amounts to Rs. 10,905/- against the estimate of Rs. 11,460/-.

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The Estimate being for Emergent repairs may be sanctd at once for execution, the question of funds being decided hereafter. The S.E. should be requested to report whether the original Estimate of Rs. 11,460 chargeable to "Provincial" was fully & satisfactorily completed, and whether the emergent work now brought forward should or should not be also met from "Provincial".

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As the Estimates in question were not received from the Financial Dept, an office note is submitted for approval. Sanction order will be drafted on receipt of these Estimates.

A memo asking the S.E. VIth Circle to furnish information regarding date of completion of the original Estimate is also submitted. The question of funds will also be decided if the S.E. furnishes the information in the mean while.

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Note.

In G. O. No: 2828 W dated 7th December 1880, the cost of the road from Cumbum to the foot of the Gudalur Peermade Ghât was ordered to be met from Provincial funds, the maintenance cost after completion being met by Local funds, and in G. O. No: 3014 W d/24th October 1883, a revised estimate amounting to Rs. 11,460 was sanctioned against Provincial funds for a portion of the Ghât to Peermade. This estimate the S. E. VI Circle reports was completed some time ago, though from the Examiner's office note No: 273 d/ 10th July 1885 no completion report appears to have yet been submitted. The S. E's statement may be taken as correct being the officer immediately concerned. The outlay incurred up to March/8 is Rs 10,905 against the estimate of Rs 11,460 and no expenditure on the work appears

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in the accounts sent for subsequent months. It may be inferred therefore that the estimate has been completed. But the President L. F. Board, Madura disputes the completion of this estimate and therefore lays claims for funds from Provincial to meet the cost of the estimate now submitted for emergent repairs of flood damages to the road. The estimate now received amounts to Rs. 2,330 and the question whether funds should be provided from Provincial or Local depends upon the completion or otherwise of the estimate sanctioned against Provincial funds. As the estimate is for emergent repairs, it may be sanctioned for execution and the S. E. may be ordered to report fully on the question of completion of the estimate for Rs 11,460 and to show cause why completion report is not yet submitted.

The question of funds may be decided on receipt of the S. E's report.

Submitted for orders.

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No. 1204 Cap 15th July 85

Memorandum.

The Superintending Engineer VI Circle is requested to report whether the estimate of Rs. 11,460 sanctioned in G. O. No: 3014 W dated 24th October, 1883, from Provincial funds, for the Gudalur-Peermade Ghât, was fully and satisfactorily completed before the flood damages ~~were caused~~ occurred, and whether the emergent repairs now brought forward should also be met from Provincial funds.

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To
The Suptg. Engr. VI Circle.

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No 1546 Da/7-7-85
" 1508 Da/30-6-85
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" 600 Ca/21-3-83
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" 2697 Wa/3-11-84
" 3014 Wa/24-10-83
" 2864 Wa/16-11-[illegible]
B/" 799 Wa/23-3-[illegible]
" 424 Wa/17-2-81
" 2828 Wa/7-1[illegible]-80

No 1204 Cd/15-7-85

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Read the following papers -

G.O. d 29 June 85 No 391 L.F.

Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Read the following

letter from the President, District Board, Madura, dated 15 June 1885 No 14.

With reference to Revenue Boards' Proceedings Mis: No 3066[+], dated 31st March 1885, I have the honor to forward herewith Copy of the District Boards' Proceedings No 126 of 1885, and to state that the construction of the Cambam Gudalur Road & the repair of the Gudalur Permed Ghat were not completed as supposed by the Secretary to Public Works Department when the damages, for the repair of which the Estimates in question were Sanctioned, were caused by the heavy rains and floods. The G. Os. quoted in para 2 of the P. W. D Secretary's Memo embodied in the Board's Proceedings under reply clearly show that the Local Fund Board is not responsible for the maintenance of the roads, prior to their completion.

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3. In these circumstances I request that necessary funds for the estimates noted in the margin may be allotted from Provincial Funds.

1. Estimate for repairing the damages on the Gudalur Permed Ghat Rs 1380
2. Do- for repairing the damages done to masonry works on the Cambam Gudalur Road - Rs 950

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Order thereon dated 29th June 1885 No. 391 L. F. (Mis:)

Communicated to the Public Works Department with reference to its Memorandum to the Board of Revenue dated 21st March 1885 No. 600 C. No. 1546 Dd 17-7-85

(True Extract)

C. Unwin. Major R.E.
Under Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.
for Chief Secretary to Govt.

To the Public Works Deptt: with Supg. Engineer's No. 747 M.D. d/ 14th March /85 returned.

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Supg. Engineer's office 6th Circle

No. 247 M.D. Trichinopoly 17th July 1885

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From
The Superintending Engineer
6th Circle

To
The Chief Engineer
P.W.D.
Madras

Sir,

With reference to your Memorandum No. 1204 C dated 15th Instt. enquiring whether the Estimate of Rs. 11,460 sanctioned from Provincial funds for the Gudalur Peermade Ghât was fully & satisfactorily completed before the flood damages occurred & whether the emergent repairs now brought forward should also be met from Provincial funds I have the honor to report that as the

execution

execution of the work alluded to was entrusted to the President Local Fund Board, I am unable to say whether it was fully & satisfactorily completed.—

2. A grant of Rs 1600 was sanctioned for the above work during 1884-85. The expenditure on the work that was begun in 1882-83 was as follows:—

1882-83	Rs 2058
1883-84	Rs 7767
1884-85	Rs 2016
Total up to March/85	Rs 11,841
Estimate	11,460
Excess	Rs 381

Up to February/85 a sum of Rs 856 was shown as outlay on it. In the Progress Report E Form for March/85 Rupees 2016 was shown as expenditure to end of that Month in 1884/85

The President's letter No 169 dated 12th March/85, States that the damages to the Road occurred during the Rains of October 1884. that is when the work was in Progress. The total expenditure up to the end of that month was Rs 10,020 or Rs 1440 less than the original estimate.

I consider therefore that the Rains caused damage to the road before it was thoroughly completed

With regard to the question whether this work should be paid for by Provincial funds it is for Govt. to decide whether the maintenance of the Road is to be paid by Local Fund Board or from Provincial funds The Road was 3 years under repair and I believe, but do not know, as a fact, that the Local Fund

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Fund Board have spent little or nothing in maintenance on this road -

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. Servt.

Lieutt. Col. R.E.
Superintending Engineer
6th Circle

G. O. No 2828 W. 7.12.80
" " 424 W 17.2.81
R. No 799 W. 23.3.81
G. O. No 2864 W. 16.11.81
" " 3014 W. 24.10.83
" " 2697 W. 3.11.84
" " 3141 W. 20.12.84
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" 1055 C. 13.6.85
" 1508 D. 30.6.85
" 1546 D. 7.7.85

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From,

The Supg Engineer
6th Circle

To,
The Chief Engineer

No. 217 M.P. P.W.D.
Dated 17: July 1885
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Gudalúr Peermade Ghât.

Reports that he is unable to say whether the Estimate of Rs 44,460 sanctioned from Provincial Funds for the — was fully & satisfactorily completed as the execution was entrusted to the L.F. Bd and that it is for Govt to decide whether the maintenance of the — is to be paid by L.F. Bd or from Provincial Funds —

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No. 22

District Board Office
Madura, 30th July 1885

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From

The President
District Board,
Madura

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to endorsement No. 230, dated 23rd Instant on your letter to Government dated 15th Idem, No. 1606, I have the honor to forward herewith the estimates &c therein referred to, for repairing the Gudalúr Pirméd Ghat Road.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

For President

Copied by
V.S.N.

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L. F. DEPARTMENT.

From,

The President,

Dt. ~~Local Fund~~ Board,

Madura.

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Forwarding the estimates for repairing the Gudalur Pirmed Ghât Road.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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READ the following

Proceedings of Govt. Financial Dept. (H.E. No. 391 L.F. (Mis) d/. 29th June 1885
From the Supdg. Engineer VI Circle (H.E. No. 217 M.D. d/. 17th July 1885.
From the President, District Board, Madura, H.E. No. 22 d/30th July 1885.

The undermentioned estimates are sanctioned for immediate execution, and classified as Communications Repairs.

1. Repairing the flood damages on the Gudalur Pirmade Ghât	Rs 1380 - Provincial No. 92 W of 1885-86
2. Repairing the flood damages on the Cumbum Gudalur Road.	Rs 950 Provincial No. 93 W of 1885-86.

2. The Supdg. Engineer VI Circle will apply for the necessary provision of funds for these two works later in the year, as funds are not

now available with Government.

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3. Steps should be taken for the early completion of the estimate sanctioned in G.O. No. 3014. Wdf. 24th October 1883.

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4. Government have accepted the two Estimates now sanctioned as fairly chargeable to the Public Works Grant, inasmuch as the damages for the repair of which they provide occurred before the completion of the sanctioned work referred to in para 3, but it is to be understood that, after the completion of the Estimates now current, the ~~future~~ maintenance of the roads in question will entirely fall on the Local Funds.

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To Chief Secretary – for favour of initials.

To

The Supdg Engineer VI Circle
" " Exr. P.W. Accounts
" " Financial Dept.

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G.O. 3d August 1885, No. 1801 W

Gudalur Peermade Ghât and Cumbum Gudalur road

Estimates for repairing the flood damages on the —— sanctioned with remarks.

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