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G.O., 9th July 1885, No. 433 L.F.

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Re: restoration of Jandalam bridge

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Communications.

Passing orders on letter from the President, District Board, South Arcot, submitting proposals for restoring the — damaged by the floods of 1884.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

From H. P. GORDON, Esq., President of the District Board, South Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Cuddalore, 22nd May 1885, No. 27.

I have the honor to report, as required in G.O., Mis. No. 155 L.F., of the 13th May 1885, on the measures necessary for restoring the communications of the South Arcot district.

2. I will deal first with the municipality. The damages it has to repair are as follow :—

	Estimated cost. RS.
Damages to roads	12,000
Gadilam bridge	1,50,000
Uppanar	10,000
Total ..	1,72,000

3. In its previous Order, No. 237 W., Public Works, of 29th January last, Government directed proposals to be made for the repair of these bridges at the joint cost of the District and Municipal Boards, aided by Government. Since, however, as will presently be seen, the District Board has not sufficient funds for the repair of its own communications, it is not in a position to aid the municipality, and no useful end would seem to be subserved by increasing those liabilities of the District Board which it is at present unable to meet. The restoration of the Ponniár bridge on the north of New Town, Cuddalore, and immediately outside municipal limits falls entirely upon the Local Fund Board. It is estimated to cost Rs. 1,70,000, and if the District Board is called upon to assist in restoring the Gadilam bridge, it would seem that, with equal justice, the municipality might be required to aid in the re-erection of the Ponniár bridge.

4. The fact, too, that the District Board now tolls its own roads, and gives no share in the collections to the municipality, would seem to afford a reason for severing the connection between the board and the municipality which has hitherto existed on the basis of their common interest in the municipal tolls. In order to secure funds to restore their communications, the municipality has been obliged to seek from Government permission to retain in the present year the share ordinarily payable to the District Board.* I would propose that sanction be accorded to this proposal, and that henceforward the municipality be allowed to enjoy the entire income from its tolls.

* *Vide* my letter, No. 76, of 27th March 1885.

5. If my proposals be accepted, the restoration of the bridges, &c., must be undertaken by the municipality, aided only by Government.

6. The cost of these works was roughly calculated by Mr. Walch, Executive Engineer, at Rs. 1,60,000. He believed that for that sum light girder bridges could be erected, and was disposed to consider that the estimate for this work of two lakhs contained in G.O., No. 237 W., Public Works, of 29th January last, contemplated a more massive structure than is necessary.

7. Taking Mr. Walch's estimate of Rs. 1,60,000 as reliable, I proceed to consider municipal ways and means.

8. By the proposals contained in the resolution of the councillors, dated 20th March 1885, to which my letter, No. 76, of the 27th idem, gave cover, provision was made for allotting to the repair of communications in the current year a sum of Rs. 9,000 out of the Rs. 12,000 which they are estimated to cost. I assume that these proposals will receive the sanction of Government. The balance of Rs. 3,000 is added to the Rs. 1,60,000 to be provided. Such being the financial condition of the municipality, it is obvious that the only means by which it can raise funds to assist in restoration is a loan. It remains to ascertain the amount which can be estimated as available, in future years, for the payment of interest.

9. I annex a statement (A), drawn up by the Chairman of the Municipal Council, showing the average anticipated revenue and charges of future years, and which I have revised after discussing its contents with him.

10. It shows an annual surplus of Rs. 6,270. This result is attained by crediting the entire income under tolls to the municipality, but it is probable that the District Board will before long claim the discontinuance of its contribution (Rs. 2,330) to the municipal dispensary, since that sum is disproportionate to the advantage received by the District Board, which already maintains a dispensary at Panruti and proposes to establish another at Porto Novo. I think it therefore safe to deduct this amount from the estimated surplus in future years. It has been assumed that the municipality will be relieved permanently from expenditure on account of middle-class education. The net surplus is therefore placed at Rs. 3,940.* This sum would enable the municipality to raise (if Government were prepared to grant a loan on those terms) a sum of Rs. 65,000 at 4 per cent. + 2 per cent. for a sinking fund, and an arrangement of this character would be the best as gradually relieving the municipality from the burden placed on it by the reconstruction of the bridges. The remainder of the sum of Rs. 1,63,000 would have to be borne by Government.

* Rs. 6,270 — 2,330 = 3,940.

11. This appears to me to be the utmost the municipality can do or, looking to the nature of the calamity which calls for the expenditure in question, can be expected to do.

12. It will not be forgotten that the surplus in question is obtained almost entirely by crediting to the municipality the one-third share of its tolls which the Local Fund Board has hitherto received. Under my scheme, therefore, the District Board really contributes materially to the reconstruction.

13. I now turn to the affairs of the District Board and its present and future necessities. The sum of Rs. 30,000 granted from Provincial funds and the balances of maintenance allotments as well as a sum of Rs. 20,000 (anticipated income of the current year) were spent on repairs of flood damages before the end of the last official year.

14. To restore the district communications to their normal state, the following amounts are still required :—

	Rs.
Restoration of Ponniár bridge	1,70,000
Do. of Shatiatope do.	8,000
Do. of Ongur do.	15,000
Do. of Malattar do.	25,000
	2,18,000
Amount required to complete flood repairs of earthwork in addition to Rs. 76,112 provided	97,518
Amount urgently required to complete special incomplete works ..	42,856
Difference between Rs. 1,24,554, the sum required for maintenance of roads, and that (97,918) which it has been found possible to allot in current year	26,636
Total ..	3,85,010

I have taken no account here of the Chunambar bridge, situated in French territory (on the Pondicherry road), which was constructed originally at the joint expense of the French and English Governments, and for the reconstruction of which it is probable that the French Government will seek the co-operation of the British Government. It is a large bridge which will cost perhaps (as a girder bridge) two lakhs of rupees.

15. The preparation of plans and estimates for the bridges, their examination by the Chief Engineer, and their sanction by Government will probably not be completed before the advent of the north-east monsoon would render the commencement of the work impossible.

16. Funds for the masonry bridges will not, therefore, be wanted until the beginning of February next. The Ponniár bridge it is proposed shall be a girder bridge. A tender has been obtained for its construction and the estimates, &c., might be sent forward at an early date, so as to allow of the iron work being ordered. At least a lakh would be required, then, about six months after receipt of order to pay for iron work, shipping, &c.

17. The sums required at an early date are those for the completion of earthwork (Rs. 97,518), special incomplete works (Rs. 42,856), and extra maintenance (Rs. 26,636). These sums aggregate Rs. 1,67,010. The sole means the District Board has of providing immediately any amount for the repair of its communications is by a loan. The income hereafter derivable from the tolls lately instituted would enable it to pay the interest on a considerable sum as well as to improve its maintenance allotments which of late years have been found insufficient, but seeing that the bridges which have been carried away were not built by the Local Fund Board, and that the calamity which has caused their loss was quite exceptional in its character, the District Board may, I think, fairly expect to receive liberal assistance from Provincial funds in their reconstruction. I trust that Government will not consider half the cost of reconstruction too large a contribution to this object.

18. I think the income from tolls may very safely be estimated at not less than Rs. 50,000 net, but I consider that the gates are too many to be permanently retained, and it will be in the memory of Government that the District Board when proposing their institution regarded it as a temporary measure. It is certainly in my opinion desirable that after a time their number should be reduced; otherwise the trade of this district will be unduly hampered as compared with that of adjoining districts.

19. I do not think it will be safe to estimate the income of the Road fund (two-thirds of the road-cess) at more than Rs. 1,45,000 (the approximate actuals for 1884-85) for some time to come. (The sub-committee who reported on this subject in 1884—(*vide* Board's Proceedings of 1st October 1884, No. 3429—considered that Rs. 1,30,000 was the average outlay which might be anticipated in future years.) Taking, however, last year's (an unfavorable year's) collections for a guide, and adding thereto the following items, which, as the General fund is in a solvent condition, it may be assumed will be added to the Road fund, I arrive at the result given below :—

		Rs.
Actuals of 1884-85 / Two-thirds of road-cess	.. ..	1,45,000
Average income from Surplus Pound fund, fisheries and avenues ..		11,000
Share of Chidambaram tolls (the Cuddalore municipal tolls—Rs. 3,330—are not taken into account), say		1,500
District Board tolls, say		50,000
or a total Road fund revenue of ..		2,07,500
Deduct from this amount the amount required for maintenance of existing roads	1,24,550	
Establishment charges	22,500	
		1,47,050
and there remains a balance of ..		60,450

This allows no margin for new works. Placing aside Rs. 10,450 to meet this requirement or fluctuations in receipts, a sum of Rs. 50,000 will apparently be available annually for repayment of a loan and the interest thereon.

20. I would propose that the Government lend to the District Board in convenient amounts, commencing at an early date, the sum of Rs. 1,60,000, and hereafter, as the necessities of the case require, half (Rs. 1,09,000) the sum required for restoring the bridges, making them a grant from Provincial funds of a corresponding amount; the whole sum lent to be repaid with interest in such instalments as may be settled with reference to the amount available, rate of interest, &c. If these proposals are approved in principle, more particular proposals can be made. It is a most material matter to the District Board and municipality to know whether the money required by them respectively will be lent by Government and at what rate, or must be sought in the open market. The present is, it is unnecessary to state, an unfavorable time for recourse to the latter.

G.O., dated 1st July 1885, No. 1533-A W., Public Works.

Read—Note by the Secretary to Government, Public Works department, dated 25th June 1885.

Order—dated 1st July 1885, No. 1533-A W., Public Works.

In continuation of Proceedings, dated 29th May 1885, No. 1253 W., the Right Honorable the Governor in Council determines to postpone for the present the construction of the road from Potinghi to Koraput, and the sum of Rs. 20,000 provided for that work in the Provincial budget for 1885-86 (item No. 112) is accordingly withdrawn and surrendered to the Financial department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Financial department.
" Superintending Engineer, I Circle.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

ORDER—dated 9th July 1885, No. 433 L.F., Financial.

With reference to the funds required by the municipality, the Government regret their inability to advance any sum at the present time. The Chairman should, if the Municipal Council are prepared to borrow in the open market, submit the usual application for permission to do so.

2. The Government sanction a grant of Rs. 20,000, surrendered from the Public Works budget, for expenditure upon communications by the District Board in addition to the grant of Rs. 30,000 made last year. Great care should be taken that this sum is spent to the best advantage and where most necessary. His Excellency the Governor in Council admits that the South Arcot district has a very strong claim upon the Government for assistance, and much regrets that, in consequence of the present financial pressure, it would be impossible, having due regard to the wants of parts of the presidency, to sanction a larger grant without seriously affecting public works in other parts of the presidency. The Local Board are at liberty to raise a loan in the open market under the usual conditions.

3. Upon receipt of the budgets for the next official year from the Municipal Council and District Board, the Government will again take into consideration the claim of the district for further assistance.

(True Extract.)

For Chief Secretary.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Cuddalore, through the Collector of South Arcot.
" President, District Board, South Arcot.
" Public Works department.
" Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Henricus.

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MAY.

Gaddilam Bridge.

Letter from the Collector of South Arcot reporting, with reference to G.O., dated 17th February 1885, Mis. No. 336, the inability of the Cuddalore Municipality and the District Board to contribute towards the restoration of the —, recorded with remarks.

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23RD MAY 1885, No. 118 M., FINANCIAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th April 1885, Mis. No. 3506.

Read—the following letter from H. P. GORDON, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 9th April 1885, No. 137:—

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 20th February last, Mis. No. 1620, communicating G.O., No. 237 W., dated 29th January last, passing orders on the subject of the restoration of the Gaddilam Bridge, I have the honor to enclose copies of the resolutions of the Cuddalore Municipality and of the Local Fund Board on the subject.

2. It is to be observed that the Municipal Council is quite unable to devote a sum of Rs. 10,000 per annum to the repair of the bridge, unless they could raise that amount by successive loans.

3. There does not appear to me to be any prospect of the District Board being able to render assistance for some years to come. In the present year their resources are utterly crippled.

ENCLOSURES.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners of Cuddalore passed at a special meeting held on the 9th March 1885.

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Read President's foot-note, dated 24th February 1885, No. B, to G.O., 29th January 1885, No. 237 W., forwarding orders of Government on the report of the Executive Engineer on the subject of the restoration of the Gaddilam Bridge, and observing that the whole question at issue appears to resolve itself mainly into a financial one.

2. The Commissioners adopt the opinion of Mr. Walch that the approximate cost of constructing new girder bridges across the Gaddilam river and the Uppanar channel will amount, on a rough estimate, to about Rs. 1,60,000; that the time necessary for carrying out these works will probably extend to three years. They consider that the cost of the works may be fairly apportioned between them, the Local Fund Board, and the Government as below:—

	Rs.	
The Municipality	10,000	a year.
The Local Fund Board, South Arcot	20,000	„
Government (from provincial funds)	23,333	„

or in three years, Rs. 1,60,000.

Resolved that the President be requested to obtain the sanction of the Local Fund Board and Government for their contributing the shares apportioned to them.

(Signed) S. DAVANAYAGA MUDELLIAR,
Vice-President.

Proceedings of the Local Fund Board, South Arcot Circle, passed at a meeting held on Saturday the 28th day of March 1885.

* * * *

Read foot-note, dated 21st instant, from the President, Municipalities, on a letter, No. 119, dated 20th idem, from the Vice-President, Cuddalore Municipality, requesting that the resolution of the Municipal Commissioners regarding the proposal to construct a girder bridge of the dimensions mentioned in G.O., No. 237 W., dated 29th January 1885, across the Gaddilam may be laid before the Local Fund Board at their next meeting and their views communicated.

Read also resolution, No. 23, dated 28th ultimo.

Resolved that the state of the Board's finances does not allow of their rendering any assistance to the Municipality in the year 1885-86. Should funds become available in the subsequent year, they would be prepared to make a grant equal in amount to that contributed by the Municipality.

(Signed) H. P. GORDON,
President.

Resolution—dated 16th April 1885, Mis. No. 3506.

Submitted for the information of Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue department,
with letter and enclosures in original to be returned.

Copy to the Collector of South Arcot.

Mis. No. 2012.

Transferred to the Public Department.

OOTACAMUND,
21*st April* 1885.

(Signed) W. WILSON,
Ag. Secy. to Government.

ORDER—dated 23rd May 1885, No. 118 M., Financial.

Recorded. The disastrous floods in South Arcot resulted in such deplorable damage to all the communications there that it is not probable the Local Fund Board or Municipal Council will be able to allot any money at present for the rebuilding of the Gaddilam Bridge. The immediate repair of the most important roads must form a first charge upon all local funds. The Government are now, in connection with a report received from Messrs. Parry and Co., calling upon the Collector for a comprehensive report upon the restorative measures immediately necessary in the district.

(True Extract.)

E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue department.
„ Public Works Department.
„ President, District Board, South Arcot.
„ Chairman, Municipal Commission, Cuddalore (through the Collector of South Arcot).

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Dated July, 1st.

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G.O., 1st July 1885, No. 1533 W. / A

JULY.

Road from Potinghi to Koraput

Orders postponing construction of the —, and surrendering the budget grant for the work to the Financial Department.

1st July 1885, No. $\frac{1533\ W.}{A.}$, Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

Read—the following paper:—

Note by the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 25th June 1885.

Order—dated 1st July 1885, No. $\frac{1533\ W.}{A}$, Public Works.

In continuation of proceedings, dated 29th May 1885, No. 1253 W., the Right Honorable the Governor in Council determines to postpone for the present the construction of the road from Potinghi to Koraput, and the sum of Rs. 20,000 provided for that work in the Provincial budget for 1885-86 (item No. 112) is accordingly withdrawn and surrendered to the Financial Department.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. E. Fernandez.
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PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated May, 29th.

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G.O., 29th May 1885, No. 1253 W.

MAY.

Funds

Orders on letters from Superintending Engineers reporting the amounts which could be surrendered under Provincial.

1st July 1885, No. $\frac{1533 \text{ W.}}{\text{A.}}$, Public Works.

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Annexure to G.O., No. 1253 W., dated 29th May 1885.

PROVINCIAL.

Statement of Surrenders from Budget Grants for 1885-86.

Budget item.	Name of work.	Grant for 1885-86.	Amount surrendered.	Remarks.
	I Circle.	Rs.	Rs.	
59	Additions and alterations to the office of the Superintendent of Police at Chatrapur, Ganjam district	4,600	4,600	
2	Constructing third-class taluk cutcherry at Sálúr, Vizagapatam district	8,645	8,645	
60	Improvements to the office building of the Superintendent of Police, Vizagapatam ...	3,725	3,725	
40	Sub-magistrate's cutcherry at Rahitapuram, Godávari district	8,000	8,000	
5	First-class taluk cutcherry at Narsápur, Godávari district	10,000	10,000	
85	Sub-registrar's office at Bhímavaram, Godávari district	1,540	1,540	
86	Sub-registrar's office at Ellore, Godávari district	2,540	2,540	
		...	39,050	
	II Circle.			
8	First-class taluk cutcherry at Nandigama, Kistna district	16,000	16,000	
9	Improvements to Orr's bungalow at Bezváda, Kistna district	3,305	3,305	
91	Registrar's office at Masulipatam	3,338	3,338	
90	Sub-registrar's office at Bápatla, Kistna district	2,851	2,851	
10	Collector's cutcherry at Nellore	15,000	15,000	
11	Head Assistant Collector's cutcherry at Gudúr, Nellore district	6,000	6,000	
89	Sub-registrar's office at Atmakur, Nellore district	2,980	2,980	
87	Sub-registrar's office at Gúdúr, Nellore district	3,000	2,700	
88	Sub-registrar's office at Addanki, Nellore district	2,970	2,770	
		...	54,944	
	III Circle.			
17	Collector's cutcherry at Cuddapah	10,000	10,000	
103	Sub-registrar's office at Chitvel, Cuddapah district	2,040	2,040	
20	Improving old cutcherry and completing out-houses at Nandikótkur, Kurnool district	5,000	5,000	
72	Nine constables' huts at Pattikonda, Kurnool district	2,300	2,300	
		...	19,340	

Statement of Surrenders from Budget Grants for 1885-86—*cont.*

Budget item.	Name of work.	Grant for 1885-86.	Amount surrendered.	Remarks.
	IV Circle.	RS.	RS.	
23	Sea custom houses, store-sheds, &c., at Cochin	10,000	10,000	
81	Providing additional accommodation at the lunatic asylum at Calicut	10,346	10,346	
93	Sub-registrar's office at Udipi, West Coast division	3,370	3,370	
94	Sub-registrar's office at Vittal, West Coast division	3,240	3,240	
95	Sub-registrar's office at Chevayur, West Coast division	3,020	3,020	
96	Registrar's office at Tellicherry	7,225	7,225	
97	Sub-registrar's office at Tirurangadi, West Coast division	2,650	2,650	
98	Sub-registrar's office at Puttur, West Coast division	3,120	3,120	
29	Collector's cutcherry at Calicut	15,000	15,000	
55	Additions and alterations to the quarters of the Superintendent, Central Jail, at Salem.	3,600	3,579	
56	Constructing quarters for the deputy jailor attached to the central jail, Salem ...	3,660	3,478	
105	Sub-registrar's office and compound-wall at Tiruchengód, Coimbatore district ...	2,265	2,265	
106	Sub-registrar's office at Vaniyambadi, Coimbatore district	1,975	1,975	
99	Sub-registrar's office at Hosúr	2,410	2,410	
45	Combined bench magistrate's court and a third-class police station at Kotagiri ...	6,500	6,500	
		...	78,178	
	V Circle.			
35	Providing lightning conductor to the Government central museum	2,850	2,850	
46	Sub-magistrate's cutcherry at Arkónam ...	8,000	8,000	
77	Constructing quarters for the assistant matron, lunatic asylum, Madras	4,330	4,330	
78	Constructing quarters for the second-class European attendants, lunatic asylum ...	8,115	8,115	
79	Operation room, general hospital	11,590	11,590	
74	Constructing upper-story of the agricultural college	10,000	10,000	
		...	44,885	
	VI Circle.			
30	Tahsildar's cutcherry at Kumbakónam, Tanjore district	8,000	8,000	
34	Deputy tahsildar's cutcherry at Tirumangalam, Madura district	5,000	5,000	
65	One second-class police station-house and one head and five constables' huts at Ammayanáyakanúr, Madura district ...	3,100	3,100	
66	One second-class police station-house and one head and five constables' huts at Sáptúr, Madura district	3,700	3,700	
67	Converting police hospital into a bungalow for Assistant Superintendent of Police at Ramnad	3,950	3,950	
68	Third-class police station-house and one head and five constables' huts at Veerapaudi, Madura district	2,350	2,350	

Statement of Surrenders from Budget Grants for 1885-86—*cont.*

Budget item.	Name of work.	Grant for 1885-86.	Amount surrendered.	Remarks.
	VI Circle—*cont.*	RS.	RS.	
69	Third-class police station-house and one head and five constables' huts at Samayanallúr, Madura district	2,350	2,350	
70	Third-class police station-house and one head and five constables' huts at Erode, Madura district	1,100	1,100	
48	Improving the district court-house at Kokarakulam, Tinnevelly district	4,000	4,000	
71	Police station-house at Singikulam, Tinnevelly district	1,137	1,137	
101	Sub-registrar's office at Srívilliputur, Tinnevelly district	2,460	2,460	
102	Sub-registrar's office at Kokarakulam, Tinnevelly district	4,380	4,380	
47	Combined court-house for the district munsifs of Kumbakónam and Valangaman, Tanjore district	8,000	6,632	
62	New town police station at Tanjore ...	5,000	4,300	
64	Additional shed to the town police station at Kumbakónam	2,700	2,197	
		...	54,656	
	Consulting Architect.			
	Nil	...	...	
	Total ...	...	2,91,053	

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ again—

Proceedings in the Financial Department, No. 845, dated 9th May 1885, recorded in Public Works proceedings, No. 1147 W., dated 15th idem.

Read also—

Telegram from the Superintending Engineer,				I	Circle,	dated	12th	May	1885.	
Letter	,,	,,	,,	I	,,	,,	18th	,,	,,	No. 30 C.
,,	,,	,,	,,	I	,,	,,	22nd	,,	,,	,, 73 G.C.
Telegram	,,	,,	,,	I	,,	,,	25th	,,	,,	
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Letter	,,	,,	,,	III	,,	,,	9th	,,	,,	No. 273.
,,	,,	,,	,,	IV	,,	,,	8th	,,	,,	,, 179 E.W.
,,	,,	,,	,,	IV	,,	,,	15th	,,	,,	,, 196 E.W.
Telegram	,,	,,	,,	V	,,	,,	7th	,,	,,	
Letter	,,	,,	,,	V	,,	,,	7th	,,	,,	No. 506
,,	,,	,,	,,	V	,,	,,	8th	,,	,,	,, 547
Telegram	,,	,,	,,	VI	,,	,,	15th	,,	,,	
Letter	,,	,,	,,	VI	,,	,,	18th	,,	,,	No. 80 T.C.
,,	,,	,,	,,	VI	,,	,,	22nd	,,	,,	,, 33 C-T.J.
,,	,,	,,	,,	VI	,,	,,	26th	,,	,,	,, 301 T.J.
Telegram	,,	Consulting Architect to Government,				,,	7th	,,	,,	
Letter	,,	,,	,,	,,		,,	7th	,,	,,	No. 162.
,,	,,	,,	,,	,,		,,	18th	,,	,,	,, 226.

ORDER—dated 29th May 1885, No. 1253 W., Public Works.

In the resolution embodied in the proceedings above quoted, the Government of India point out the necessity for curtailing expenditure from Provincial funds, and a report is called for showing what reductions of grants are possible.

2. The statement annexed to these proceedings, compiled from reports received from Superintending Engineers, shows that, out of the allotments provided in the budget for new works, a sum of Rs. 2,91,053 is available for surrender. This statement will be communicated to the Financial Department, and, until receipt of further orders, Superintending Engineers will see that no expenditure is incurred on the works detailed therein.

3. The reserve with Government for incomplete and minor works, and for unforeseen contingencies, amounts to the comparatively small sum of Rs. 1,18,930; and the amount reserved for repairs is Rs. 2,24,175. It is not probable that any surrender will be feasible under the above heads; but should any reduction be found possible, a further report will be made to the Financial Department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Financial Department.
To Superintending Engineers.
To the Consulting Architect to Government.
,, Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
,, Judicial, &c., departments.
,, Revenue Department.

Exd. E. Fernandez.

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Civil Works.

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4. The bridge was built 1843 to 1847. In October 1864, when there was a very high flood, ten arches fell or were so shaken that they had to be removed ; these were rebuilt in 1865-66.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

From H. P. GORDON, Esq., President of the District Board, South Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Cuddalore, 22nd May 1885, No. 27.

I have the honor to report, as required in G.O., Mis. No. 155 L.F., of the 13th May 1885, on the measures necessary for restoring the communications of the South Arcot district.

2. I will deal first with the municipality. The damages it has to repair are as follow :—

	Estimated cost. RS.
Damages to roads	12,000
Gadilam bridge	1,50,000
Uppanar	10,000
Total ..	1,72,000

3. In its previous Order, No. 237 W., Public Works, of 29th January last, Government directed proposals to be made for the repair of these bridges at the joint cost of the District and Municipal Boards, aided by Government. Since, however, as will presently be seen, the District Board has not sufficient funds for the repair of its own communications, it is not in a position to aid the municipality, and no useful end would seem to be subserved by increasing those liabilities of the District Board which it is at present unable to meet. The restoration of the Ponniár bridge on the north of New Town, Cuddalore, and immediately outside municipal limits falls entirely upon the Local Fund Board. It is estimated to cost Rs. 1,70,000, and if the District Board is called upon to assist in restoring the Gadilam bridge, it would seem that, with equal justice, the municipality might be required to aid in the re-erection of the Ponniár bridge.

4. The fact, too, that the District Board now tolls its own roads, and gives no share in the collections to the municipality, would seem to afford a reason for severing the connection between the board and the municipality which has hitherto existed on the basis of their common interest in the municipal tolls. In order to secure funds to restore their communications, the municipality has been obliged to seek from Government permission to retain in the present year the share ordinarily payable to the District Board.* I would propose that sanction be accorded to this proposal, and that henceforward the municipality be allowed to enjoy the entire income from its tolls.

* *Vide* my letter, No. 76, of 27th March 1885.

5. If my proposals be accepted, the restoration of the bridges, &c., must be undertaken by the municipality, aided only by Government.

6. The cost of these works was roughly calculated by Mr. Walch, Executive Engineer, at Rs. 1,60,000. He believed that for that sum light girder bridges could be erected, and was disposed to consider that the estimate for this work of two lakhs contained in G.O., No. 237 W., Public Works, of 29th January last, contemplated a more massive structure than is necessary.

7. Taking Mr. Walch's estimate of Rs. 1,60,000 as reliable, I proceed to consider municipal ways and means.

8. By the proposals contained in the resolution of the councillors, dated 20th March 1885, to which my letter, No. 76, of the 27th idem, gave cover, provision was made for allotting to the repair of communications in the current year a sum of Rs. 9,000 out of the Rs. 12,000 which they are estimated to cost. I assume that these proposals will receive the sanction of Government. The balance of Rs. 3,000 is added to the Rs. 1,60,000 to be provided. Such being the financial condition of the municipality, it is obvious that the only means by which it can raise funds to assist in restoration is a loan. It remains to ascertain the amount which can be estimated as available, in future years, for the payment of interest.

9. I annex a statement (A), drawn up by the Chairman of the Municipal Council, showing the average anticipated revenue and charges of future years, and which I have revised after discussing its contents with him.

10. It shows an annual surplus of Rs. 6,270. This result is attained by crediting the entire income under tolls to the municipality, but it is probable that the District Board will before long claim the discontinuance of its contribution (Rs. 2,330) to the municipal dispensary, since that sum is disproportionate to the advantage received by the District Board, which already maintains a dispensary at Panruti and proposes to establish another at Porto Novo. I think it therefore safe to deduct this amount from the estimated surplus in future years. It has been assumed that the municipality will be relieved permanently from expenditure on account of middle-class education. The net surplus is therefore placed at Rs. 3,940.* This sum would enable the municipality to raise (if Government were prepared to grant a loan on those terms) a sum of Rs. 65,000 at 4 per cent. + 2 per cent. for a sinking fund, and an arrangement of this character would be the best as gradually relieving the municipality from the burden placed on it by the reconstruction of the bridges. The remainder of the sum of Rs. 1,63,000 would have to be borne by Government.

* Rs. 6,270 — 2,330 = 3,940.

11. This appears to me to be the utmost the municipality can do or, looking to the nature of the calamity which calls for the expenditure in question, can be expected to do.

12. It will not be forgotten that the surplus in question is obtained almost entirely by crediting to the municipality the one-third share of its tolls which the Local Fund Board has hitherto received. Under my scheme, therefore, the District Board really contributes materially to the reconstruction.

13. I now turn to the affairs of the District Board and its present and future necessities. The sum of Rs. 30,000 granted from Provincial funds and the balances of maintenance allotments as well as a sum of Rs. 20,000 (anticipated income of the current year) were spent on repairs of flood damages before the end of the last official year.

14. To restore the district communications to their normal state, the following amounts are still required :—

	RS.
Restoration of Ponniár bridge	1,70,000
Do. of Shatiatope do.	8,000
Do. of Ongur do.	15,000
Do. of Malattar do.	25,000
	2,18,000
Amount required to complete flood repairs of earthwork in addition to Rs. 76,112 provided	97,518
Amount urgently required to complete special incomplete works ..	42,856
Difference between Rs. 1,24,554, the sum required for maintenance of roads, and that (97,918) which it has been found possible to allot in current year	26,636
Total ..	3,85,010

I have taken no account here of the Chunambar bridge, situated in French territory (on the Pondicherry road), which was constructed originally at the joint expense of the French and English Governments, and for the reconstruction of which it is probable that the French Government will seek the co-operation of the British Government. It is a large bridge which will cost perhaps (as a girder bridge) two lakhs of rupees.

15. The preparation of plans and estimates for the bridges, their examination by the Chief Engineer, and their sanction by Government will probably not be completed before the advent of the north-east monsoon would render the commencement of the work impossible.

16. Funds for the masonry bridges will not, therefore, be wanted until the beginning of February next. The Ponniár bridge it is proposed shall be a girder bridge. A tender has been obtained for its construction and the estimates, &c., might be sent forward at an early date, so as to allow of the iron work being ordered. At least a lakh would be required, then, about six months after receipt of order to pay for iron work, shipping, &c.

17. The sums required at an early date are those for the completion of earthwork (Rs. 97,518), special incomplete works (Rs. 42,856), and extra maintenance (Rs. 26,636). These sums aggregate Rs. 1,67,010. The sole means the District Board has of providing immediately any amount for the repair of its communications is by a loan. The income hereafter derivable from the tolls lately instituted would enable it to pay the interest on a considerable sum as well as to improve its maintenance allotments which of late years have been found insufficient, but seeing that the bridges which have been carried away were not built by the Local Fund Board, and that the calamity which has caused their loss was quite exceptional in its character, the District Board may, I think, fairly expect to receive liberal assistance from Provincial funds in their reconstruction. I trust that Government will not consider half the cost of reconstruction too large a contribution to this object.

18. I think the income from tolls may very safely be estimated at not less than Rs. 50,000 net, but I consider that the gates are too many to be permanently retained, and it will be in the memory of Government that the District Board when proposing their institution regarded it as a temporary measure. It is certainly in my opinion desirable that after a time their number should be reduced; otherwise the trade of this district will be unduly hampered as compared with that of adjoining districts.

19. I do not think it will be safe to estimate the income of the Road fund (two-thirds of the road-cess) at more than Rs. 1,45,000 (the approximate actuals for 1884-85) for some time to come. (The sub-committee who reported on this subject in 1884—(*vide* Board's Proceedings of 1st October 1884, No. 3429—considered that Rs. 1,30,000 was the average outlay which might be anticipated in future years.) Taking, however, last year's (an unfavorable year's) collections for a guide, and adding thereto the following items, which, as the General fund is in a solvent condition, it may be assumed will be added to the Road fund, I arrive at the result given below :—

		RS.
Actuals of 1884-85 Two-thirds of road-cess	.. ..	1,45,000
Average income from Surplus Pound fund, fisheries and avenues ..		11,000
Share of Chidambaram tolls (the Cuddalore municipal tolls—Rs. 3,330—are not taken into account), say		1,500
District Board tolls, say		50,000
or a total Road fund revenue of ..		2,07,500
Deduct from this amount the amount required for maintenance of existing roads	1,24,550	
Establishment charges	22,500	
		1,47,050
and there remains a balance of ..		60,450

This allows no margin for new works. Placing aside Rs. 10,450 to meet this requirement or fluctuations in receipts, a sum of Rs. 50,000 will apparently be available annually for repayment of a loan and the interest thereon.

20. I would propose that the Government lend to the District Board in convenient amounts, commencing at an early date, the sum of Rs. 1,60,000, and hereafter, as the necessities of the case require, half (Rs. 1,09,000) the sum required for restoring the bridges, making them a grant from Provincial funds of a corresponding amount; the whole sum lent to be repaid with interest in such instalments as may be settled with reference to the amount available, rate of interest, &c. If these proposals are approved in principle, more particular proposals can be made. It is a most material matter to the District Board and municipality to know whether the money required by them respectively will be lent by Government and at what rate, or must be sought in the open market. The present is, it is unnecessary to state, an unfavorable time for recourse to the latter.

G.O., dated 1st July 1885, No. 1533-A W., Public Works.

Read—Note by the Secretary to Government, Public Works department, dated 25th June 1885.

Order—dated 1st July 1885, No. 1533-A W., Public Works.

In continuation of Proceedings, dated 29th May 1885, No. 1253 W., the Right Honorable the Governor in Council determines to postpone for the present the construction of the road from Potinghi to Koraput, and the sum of Rs. 20,000 provided for that work in the Provincial budget for 1885-86 (item No. 112) is accordingly withdrawn and surrendered to the Financial department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Financial department.
" Superintending Engineer, I Circle.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

ORDER—dated 9th July 1885, No. 433 L.F., Financial.

With reference to the funds required by the municipality, the Government regret their inability to advance any sum at the present time. The Chairman should, if the Municipal Council are prepared to borrow in the open market, submit the usual application for permission to do so.

2. The Government sanction a grant of Rs. 20,000, surrendered from the Public Works budget, for expenditure upon communications by the District Board in addition to the grant of Rs. 30,000 made last year. Great care should be taken that this sum is spent to the best advantage and where most necessary. His Excellency the Governor in Council admits that the South Arcot district has a very strong claim upon the Government for assistance, and much regrets that, in consequence of the present financial pressure, it would be impossible, having due regard to the wants of parts of the presidency, to sanction a larger grant without seriously affecting public works in other parts of the presidency. The Local Board are at liberty to raise a loan in the open market under the usual conditions.

3. Upon receipt of the budgets for the next official year from the Municipal Council and District Board, the Government will again take into consideration the claim of the district for further assistance.

(True Extract.)

E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Cuddalore, through the Collector of South Arcot.
" President, District Board, South Arcot.
" Public Works department.
" Accountant-General.

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Lr. to order

This allows no margin for new works. Placing aside Rs. 10,450 to meet this requirement or fluctuations in receipts, a sum of Rs. 50,000 will apparently be available annually for repayment of a loan and the interest thereon.

20. I would propose that the Government lend to the District Board in convenient amounts, commencing at an early date, the sum of Rs. 1,60,000, and hereafter, as the necessities of the case require, half (Rs. 1,09,000) the sum required for restoring the bridges, making them a grant from Provincial funds of a corresponding amount; the whole sum lent to be repaid with interest in such instalments as may be settled with reference to the amount available, rate of interest, &c. If these proposals are approved in principle, more particular proposals can be made. It is a most material matter to the District Board and municipality to know whether the money required by them respectively will be lent by Government and at what rate, or must be sought in the open market. The present is, it is unnecessary to state, an unfavorable time for recourse to the latter.

G.O., dated 1st July 1885, No. 1533-A W., Public Works.

Read—Note by the Secretary to Government, Public Works department, dated 25th June 1885.

Order—dated 1st July 1885, No. 1533-A W., Public Works.

In continuation of Proceedings, dated 29th May 1885, No. 1253 W., the Right Honorable the Governor in Council determines to postpone for the present the construction of the road from Potinghi to Koraput, and the sum of Rs. 20,000 provided for that work in the Provincial budget for 1885-86 (item No. 112) is accordingly withdrawn and surrendered to the Financial department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Financial department.
" Superintending Engineer, I Circle.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

ORDER—dated 9th July 1885, No. 433 L.F., Financial.

With reference to the funds required by the municipality, the Government regret their inability to advance any sum at the present time. The Chairman should, if the Municipal Council are prepared to borrow in the open market, submit the usual application for permission to do so.

2. The Government sanction a grant of Rs. 20,000, surrendered from the Public Works budget, for expenditure upon communications by the District Board in addition to the grant of Rs. 30,000 made last year. Great care should be taken that this sum is spent to the best advantage and where most necessary. His Excellency the Governor in Council admits that the South Arcot district has a very strong claim upon the Government for assistance, and much regrets that, in consequence of the present financial pressure, it would be impossible, having due regard to the wants of parts of the presidency, to sanction a larger grant without seriously affecting public works in other parts of the presidency. The Local Board are at liberty to raise a loan in the open market under the usual conditions.

3. Upon receipt of the budgets for the next official year from the Municipal Council and District Board, the Government will again take into consideration the claim of the district for further assistance.

(True Extract.)

E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Cuddalore, through the Collector of South Arcot.
" President, District Board, South Arcot.
" Public Works department.
" Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Henricus.

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