GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

G.O., dated 4th June 1888, No. 577 M., Local and Municipal.

ABSTRACT.—Stating that the Cocanada Municipal Council and the District Board should confer together for repairing the iron girder bridge and for keeping it in thorough order in future.

READ—also the following papers:—

From W. A. HAPPELL, Esq., President, Local Fund Board, Godávari Circle, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 11th July 1888, No. 65.

In reference to G.O., No. 577 M., Local and Municipal, dated 4th June 1888, regarding the repairs to the Cocanada bridge, I have the honor to state that, after a full discussion of the question at the meeting of the District Board held on the 30th ultimo, at which the Chairman of the Cocanada Municipality was also present, the Board resolved to contribute Rs. 8,000 towards the cost of the repairs and to advance a loan of Rs. 24,000, without interest, to be repaid from the municipal tolls at the rate of Rs. 4,000 per annum. The Municipal Council have accepted this arrangement and have resolved to apply to Government for a contribution from Provincial Funds of Rs. 7,000, to make up Rs. 39,000, which is the estimated cost of the repairs according to Messrs. Burn and Co.'s offer recommended by the Superintending Engineer. Copies of the resolutions of the Board and of the Municipal Council are enclosed.

2. The actual balance at the credit of the Board at the commencement of the current official year was Rs. 76,025, according to the Supplemental Treasury Account; and nearly half of it will be required for the incomplete and uncommenced works of last year. Most of the traffic over the bridge is town traffic, but the Local Fund Board have roads on both sides of the town connected by the bridge, and consider it right that they should pay a portion of the cost.

3. The improvement of the bridge for the purpose of facilitating the passage of boats under it, is not properly a local charge. It is not clear from the papers communicated to us how much of the estimate of Rs. 39,000 is debitable to this purpose, but I have no doubt the Board and Municipality will readily consent to a slight increase in their contributions, if Government are not prepared to sanction so large a sum as Rs. 7,000 from Provincial Funds for the repair of the bridge.

From M.R.Ry. I. LAKSHMINARSIMHAM Garu, Rao Bahadur, Chairman, Municipal Council, Cocanada, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Revenue Officer, Madras, in charge of the Cocanada Division), dated Cocanada, 16th July 1888, No. 148.

With reference to G.O., No. 577 M., Local and Municipal, dated 4th June 1888, and in pursuance of the resolution of this Council passed at their meeting held on Wednesday, the 4th July 1888, I have the honor to report in the following lines the result of conference advocated in the above Government Order on the question of repairing the iron girder bridge of Cocanada.

2. On conference with the Local Board at a meeting held on the 30th June last, the Board have promised to contribute Rs. 8,000 towards the cost of the repairs of the bridge and to advance to the Council a loan of Rs. 24,000 without interest on the condition of the Council repaying the same by annual instalments of Rs. 4,000 each out of the tolls collected by the Municipality.

3. Though the sum of Rs. 24,000, set apart as the share of contribution to be paid by this Council, is a heavy demand against the small income of this Municipality, from which the Council has in a very short time to meet the cost of replacing an old wooden bridge over another part of the Salt creek by a new one, and though it is not practicable for the Council to pay up the instalments of Rs. 4,000 each without curtailing other works, the Council could not help accepting the Local Board's offer, because the Government were pleased to say that they are not prepared to render any substantial aid in this respect.

4. The Municipal Council and the Local Board have thus agreed among themselves to contribute Rs. 32,000, with a sincere hope that the Government will be pleased to contribute at least Rs. 7,000—the difference between the said Rs. 32,000 and Rs. 39,000, the amount of the estimate recommended by the Superintending Engineer.

5. I have therefore the honor to request that the Government will be pleased to sanction a contribution of Rs. 7,000, if they do not see fit to make a grant of more money, to enable the Council not to reduce materially the cost of other works.

Submitted to the Collector.

COCANADA,
17*th July* 1888.

(Signed) W. C. McMURRAY,
Deputy Collector.

No. 39.

Submitted to Government.

COCANADA,
20*th July* 1888.

(Signed) W. A. HAPPELL,
Collector.

ORDER—dated 22nd August 1888, No. 937 M., Local and Municipal.

The Government consider that the most satisfactory arrangement will be for the District Board to undertake the repair of the bridge as a Local Fund work, receiving a contribution of Rs. 24,000 from the Municipality, payable in six yearly instalments of Rs. 4,000 each. The Government will contribute Rs. 7,000 from Provincial Funds. If the estimate of Rs. 39,000 is exceeded, the additional cost should be borne equally by the Board and the Municipality.

2. The Board will presumably have the work executed by Messrs. Burn and Co., and, if so, the President will take great care that the contract is properly drawn up.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the President of the District Board, Godávari.
„ Chairman, Municipal Council, Cocanada,
through the Collector of Godávari.
„ Financial Department.
„ Public Works Department.

Exd. A. Raitt.

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Bridges.

Considering that the Godávari District Board should undertake the repair of the iron girder bridge at Cocanada on receiving a contribution from the Municipal Council, and stating that Government will contribute Rs. 7,000 from Provincial Funds towards the work.