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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From J. N. ATKINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Kistna, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Perala, 29th April 1893, Dis. No. 112-Tour.

I have the honour once more respectfully to invite the attention of Government to the question of the spoil banks within the municipal limits of Bezwada town. The matter has formed the subject of voluminous correspondence ending with G.O., Mis. No. 1901 M., dated 17th November 1892.

2. In various letters to Government, my predecessor, Mr. Arundel, had urged the vital importance of removing these spoil banks. In his letter to Government in the Local and Municipal Department, No. 225 extra, dated 30th August 1890, Mr. Arundel, in describing the schemes he had in view for the improvement of Bezwada, included the "throwing open to traffic of both sides of Ryves' canal at Bezwada for a distance of a mile from its head." Since the spoil banks rose directly from the banks of the canal, it is obvious that this proposal connoted the removal of these banks.

3. In its order, No. 1575 M., dated 21st October 1890, in the Local and Municipal Department on this letter, Government approved of the Collector's proposals.

4. With this office letter No. 3748, dated 20th May 1891, two estimates, amounting to Rs. 9,500 and Rs. 13,000 respectively, for cutting down the spoil banks, were submitted to Government with a request that the cost of the latter might be met from Provincial Funds. Further information was, however, called for by Government in telegram No. 398, dated 24th June 1891.

5. Meanwhile in his memorandum No. II—147-K.S., dated 14th December 1890, the Chief Engineer for Irrigation had asked the Superintending Engineer, II Circle, for proposals for building wharves along Ryves' canal head. Since, therefore, wharves could not be constructed without at least a partial removal of the spoil banks, it may be taken that the Chief Engineer had also given in his adhesion to the necessity for this work.

6. In his letter No. 9205, dated 29th December 1891, Mr. Arundel laid before Government certain further proposals for improving Bezwada, including the cutting down and levelling of the spoil banks on both sides of Ryves' canal and on the east side of Ellore canal. He forwarded estimates prepared by the Superintending Engineer to an amount of Rs. 23,959 for these works, and asked Government to sanction the works out of Provincial Funds. He noted in his letter that the Chief Engineer for Irrigation had had an opportunity of inspecting the locality and discussing the matter, and that the proposals contained in the letter had met with the Chief Engineer's concurrence.

7. In its order, Mis. No. 194, Local and Municipal, dated 29th January 1892, Government, however, stated that in the then state of the provincial finances, the proposal to remove the spoil banks at provincial expense could not be considered.

8. A subsequent request by Mr. Arundel that the cost of the scheme should be debited to the Kistna anicut project was negatived in G.O., No. 685 I., dated 12th August 1892, Public Works.

9. A similar answer was given in G.O., Mis. No. 1901 M., dated 17th November 1892, to a like appeal from the Bezwada Municipal Council.

10. Matters then stand thus, that while everybody is agreed that the spoil banks are a nuisance, an impediment to traffic and the development of trade, and obnoxious to public health, the funds to remove them cannot be found.

11. Now, however, there is an additional factor to be considered. Government is aware that it is intended to construct a large new hospital at Bezwada. The estimates which are still under revision amount to about Rs. 60,000, half of which will be borne by the District Board and half by the Municipal Council. It is considered a matter of utmost importance by both Boards that the hospital should be constructed with the least possible delay, and an allotment has been made in the current year's budget. The first thing to be done, however, is to fix on the site definitely. Indeed, until this is done, the Sanitary board will presumably decline to pass the plans and estimates and no work can be commenced.

12. Now undoubtedly the best site as being the healthiest, most central, most accessible and least liable to crowding by adjacent houses would be in the angle formed by the divergence of the Ellore and Ryves' canals. I enclose a plan \* of the site for the information of Government, and as the prevailing winds are south-south-west and north-east, it will be readily seen that ventilation, immunity from insanitary surroundings and the other advantages mentioned above could hardly be better attained anywhere.

\* Will follow.

13. Unfortunately the site is enclosed on all except the north-east by the high spoil banks which form the subject of this letter. The banks are 20 to 25 feet high, and in cutting off all ventilation will probably very seriously affect the hygienic qualities of any hospital that might be built at that spot.

14. The site was inspected by His Excellency the Governor and by the Honorable Mr. Garstin at the time of their recent visit to Bezwada, and I cannot but think that they were impressed with the extreme desirability of getting these spoil banks removed at once. Sooner or later I have no doubt that the removal will be admitted as a work of necessity, expensive perhaps, but imperative. What I submit now is that Government may be pleased to give an assurance that the work of removal shall be put in hand at once. If the matter be again delayed, it will follow of necessity that we must find another and much less suitable site for our hospital. This is no light matter, that for a matter of Rs. 25,000, we should be compelled to locate a hospital costing Rs. 60,000 in an unsatisfactory and perhaps unhealthy locality.

15. I respectfully claim that the District Board and Municipal Council are in this matter entitled to consideration at the hands of Government. The whole of the large staff of Government employes at Bezwada will come to this hospital for treatment and will get it gratis. It is certain that relatively to population by far the larger part of the patients attending hospital will be Government servants; and while the District Board and Municipal Council will ask no contribution from Government for this large institution, and will gladly treat all Government servants free, they ask that they should be given an opportunity to locate the hospital in the one site that will best serve all interests.

From the Acting Collector of Kistna, dated 30th May 1893, Dis. No. 484-Eng.

ABSTRACT.—Forwarding the plan as promised in letter No. 112-Tour of 1893.

From the Public Works Department, dated 22nd June 1893, No. 2413-C.

ABSTRACT.—Furnishing a copy of G.O., No. 344 L., dated 15th April 1893, sanctioning an estimate for providing a tramway and wagons for removal of silt from canals at Bezwada.

ORDER—dated 17th July 1893, No. 926 M., Local and Municipal.

The estimates, amounting to Rs. 23,959, which were prepared by the Superintending Engineer in 1891 for the removal of the spoil banks along a portion of Ryves' canal, will be approved.

2. Further orders will be passed in the Public Works Department in regard to the allotment of funds from the Provincial reserve or by transfer.

3. The tramway and rolling stock sanctioned in G.O., dated 15th April 1893, No. 344 L., will, when the canals are open, be available for the removal of the spoil banks.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,  
Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Kistna.

Public Works Department.

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G.O., 17th July 1893, No. 926 M.

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Spoil Banks at Bezwada.

Approving the estimates, amounting to Rs. 23,959, for the removal of the spoil banks along a portion of Ryves' canal at Bezwada, and stating that further orders will be passed in the Public Works Department in regard to the allotment of funds from the Provincial reserve or by transfer.

N<sup>o</sup> 21050 of 11 August 1893

Communicated to  
the Suptg. Engineer II circle  
who will submit the  
estimate in question  
for the formal sanction  
of Government, and  
report what sum can  
be spent on the work  
during the current official  
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