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From M.R.Ry. T. V. GOPALASWAMI AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Vániyambádi, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department (through the Collector of Salem), dated 23rd November 1896, Ref. on No. 1121-Eng.

Adverting to G.O., Mis. No. 1899 M., dated 10th November 1896, I have the honour to state that I placed the order before the council at its meeting held on the 19th instant and explained fully that the proposed bridge may not be a success and that the construction of a masonry bridge is, with reference to the financial circumstances of the municipality, beyond its means, and that therefore the grant and the loan should be refunded as directed by Government.

2. At this meeting all the councillors were present and they, with one voice, said that a bridge, whether iron or masonry, is absolutely necessary, and a copy of the resolution passed by them is herewith submitted. Though the masonry bridge proposed in paragraph 2 of the Chief Engineer's note embodied in the said Government order exceeds the cost of the suspension bridge now condemned, the council wishes to have it. The council is at present accused of indifference in providing a necessity and, seeing the inconvenience which the townspeople and the traffic are at present put to, the council earnestly begs to submit that at any cost a bridge ought to be constructed at Vániyambádi, and that the consideration should not be postponed. The situation of the town is very peculiar being surrounded by the Pálár and divided into islands. At the time of heavy floods there is no means of getting out of or into the town. The papers before Government about the danger and loss of houses and property caused in the year 1874 may convince Government of the necessity of providing a bridge for the safety of the townspeople at the time of heavy floods though not for the convenience of the traffic.

3. It may be seen how earnest the council is when it resolves to levy, with the sanction of Government, a special toll for the bridge when constructed to partly meet the additional cost. The council respectfully begs to pray that it be not deprived of the beneficence shown by Government in giving a loan of Rs. 13,800 and a grant of Rs. 10,000 to provide a bridge for the river, and that the Government may be pleased to have the necessary estimate and plan prepared for a fitting bridge and to not withdraw the grant already sanctioned and to give the additional loan required for the construction of the bridge to be designed.

4. In venturing to submit once more the necessity of having a bridge for the favourable consideration and orders of Government, I am only complying with the unanimously expressed wishes of the council in spite of my explaining to it its inability to get their object accomplished from a financial point of view.

5. I may, if permitted, add my own opinion in the matter. In repaying the loan which the council wishes to raise, I believe the yearly instalment will be about Rs. 1,500 including the interest. The income of the municipality is at present about Rs. 21,000 and it is not likely that it will exceed Rs. 25,000 for many years to come. If the council should allot Rs. 1,500 every year as mentioned above for repayment of the loan, I am of opinion that the supply of other ordinary needs every year may have to be partly neglected unless the council is permitted, as it suggests, to levy a special toll for the bridge when constructed, in which case there will be no difficulty in sparing from their yearly income the amount required for repayment of the loan. I do not see how this special toll can legally be levied under the provisions of the Act.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Vániyambádi, dated 20th November 1896.

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4. Read G.O., Mis. No. 1899 M., dated 10th November 1896, that the scheme for the construction of a bridge over the Pálár at Vániyambádi must be abandoned, and directing the municipal council to refund without delay the loan and grant drawn already.

Resolution.—The council is of opinion that a bridge is absolutely necessary, though it be a masonry bridge and the cost may exceed the present estimated amount for the suspension bridge, and it is even prepared to levy a special toll for the bridge, when constructed, to partly meet the additional cost, as the inconvenience at present felt is so great that it cannot postpone the consideration of the construction of the bridge. The Government may, therefore, be pleased to instruct the Superintending Engineer to prepare the necessary estimate for a fitting bridge, and not to withdraw the grant already sanctioned and give the additional loan necessary for the construction of the bridge.

Forwarded without remarks, as I have not seen the Government order in question.

(Signed) C. H. MOUNSEY,
Ag. Collector.

26th November 1896.

Memorandum in the Public Works Department, No. 4459-C., dated 26th November 1896.

ABSTRACT.—Transferring to the Local and Municipal Department note by the Chief Engineer, dated 24th November 1896, regarding the construction of a bridge over the Pálár at Vániyambádi.

Order—Mis. No. 165 M., dated 5th February 1897.

The proposal of the municipal council to levy a special toll on the bridge-traffic cannot be approved, as the bridge will not be on the municipal boundary (*vide* section 91 of the District Municipalities Act).

2. Before, however, passing final orders on the Chairman's letter read above, the Government desires to be informed whether there is any objection to altering the municipal limits in some such way, as shown in the accompanying sketch, so as to bring the proposed bridge on the municipal border and thus legalize the levy of tolls thereat. If there is no objection to this course, the Chairman is requested to submit an estimate of the toll revenue which may be expected at the bridge.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Vániyambádi,
through the Collector of Salem (paragraphs 1 and 2 only).
,, Public Works Department.

READ—also the following paper :—

From M.R.Ry. T. V. GOPALASWAMI AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Vániyambádi, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department (through the Collector of Salem), dated 26th February 1897, Ref. on No. 135-Eng.

With reference to G.O., Mis. No. 165 M., dated 5th February 1897, I have the honour to state that I placed the subject before the council at its meeting held on the 17th instant; a copy of its resolution is herewith submitted.

2. I beg to state that no alteration in the existing municipal limits so as to bring the proposed bridge on the municipal border is found feasible unless a portion of the town, viz., Kaderpet, which adjoins the railway station, is excluded from the municipality. The council, for reasons explained below, thinks such a course undesirable.

3. It adjoins the railway station and epidemics generally break out there and then spread into other parts of the town. It is therefore very necessary that the sanitary provisions of the law should be enforced all the more in that place.

4. With its present resources the council can afford to pay Rs. 1,000 a year towards the repayment of loan (including interest); it therefore respectfully requests Government to order the preparation of an estimate for a masonry bridge; if the amount of the estimate is such as to bring the yearly instalment payable by the council to Rs. 1,000, the council respectfully requests that the required amount (excluding the grant now paid by Government) be given as loan and the work ordered to be started. If the cost be greater, the council regrets that it has to give up the proposal and to state that the loan and grant (Rs. 13,800 + 10,000) will be refunded into the treasury.

5. I think it unnecessary to dwell further on the subject, as the resolution of the council is clear and it fully expresses its view.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Vániyambádi, dated 17th February 1897.

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6. Read G.O., Mis. No. 165 M., dated 5th February 1897, in reply to the reference made by the council about the construction of a bridge.

Resolution.—The portion suggested to be excluded from the municipal limits adjoins the railway station and is daily rising in importance. Epidemics generally first break out here, being imported from other places, and then spread into other parts of the town. It is therefore very necessary to enforce at this place all the more the sanitary provisions of the Municipal Act and to exclude it from the municipality is, therefore, the council considers, undesirable. Further, the various kinds of tax at present levied in this part of the town amount to Rs. 600 in round figures and the council cannot forego this income.

If the estimate for a substantial masonry bridge does not exceed a figure which the council can repay within 20 years by payment of an annual instalment of Rs. 1,000 towards interest and principal, the council can with its present resources make the annual payment. If the annual payment should exceed Rs. 1,000, the council regrets that it has to give up the proposal. The Government may be therefore respectfully requested to order the preparation of an estimate for a masonry bridge in view to its cost being ascertained.

Forwarded.

SALEM,
27*th February* 1897.

(Signed) C. H. MOUNSEY,
Ag. Collector.

ORDER—No. 1167 M., dated 11th May 1897.

The Government does not consider that there will be any use in ordering the preparation of an estimate for a masonry bridge over the Pálár, as desired by the municipal council. The utmost that the council can afford to set apart annually

towards the repayment of any loan that may be raised on this account is only Rs. 1,000—an amount which, on the terms of repayment in 20 years with interest at $4\frac{1}{4}$ per cent., will only just suffice to liquidate a loan of Rs. 13,300. But this sum, with the Provincial grant of Rs. 10,000 already given, will make only Rs. 23,300, or Rs. 500 less than even the estimated cost of the suspension bridge which has been condemned. A suitable masonry bridge which would, in the opinion of the Chief Engineer, cost much more than the condemned structure being thus beyond the means of the council, the scheme of bridging the river must be abandoned. The grant and loan already drawn should be refunded without delay.

(True Extract.)

G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Vániyambádi.
„ Collector of Salem.
„ Accountant-General.
„ Public Works Department.
„ Financial Department.

Exd. C. M. Thumbuswamy.