

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 268725

DATED 27 September 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Mr H. J. Somers Esq, Es. Engineer, Suez Canal
— with remarks to proceed to Bombay
for the purpose of inspecting the house
connections at that station.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Papers to be read in proceedings :—

Again G.O., dated

189 , No.

Again G.O., dated

189 , No.

Current No. 7103

of 1897, dated 15 July 1897, from the Local & Numl. Dep't.

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ORDER

Mr. Somers Leve, Executive Engineer, on special duty, was directed in March 1897 to complete the Cotacamund Drainage Scheme and it is believed he is completing the scheme. He will now be directed to proceed to Bombay for the purpose of inspecting the house connections at that station, which are, it is considered, more perfect than those in Madras.

To The S. E. IV Circle
 " Ess. P. W. Accounts
 " L & In. Deptt.

Carroll
20.9.57

May

P.T.O. for note.

P. W. D.

Note for His Excellency the Governor.

X. 7. 1897

The Hon'ble Sir Henry Bliss' note dated 25th Jan'y 1897 attached to current No 7103 was detained by oversight in the Local and Municipal Dept., and has only recently been transferred to this dept.

In the portion of the note marked A, the Hon'ble Member suggests that the question of completing the drainage of the bazaar at Ootacamund should be considered, and that Mr. Ashpitel should be asked to complete the scheme.

Mr. Ashpitel's services are not, however, now available.

Before this office was aware of the existence of the Hon'ble's note, Mr. Somers - I was told in general terms in Memo No 1700 C dated 24th March 1897 what he should do in regard to the Ootacamund drainage scheme, and he was referred

H.E. 16.8.97 R.9.9.97

referred to the Municipality
and to the Sanitary Commission
for further information. Mr. Somers
is now investigating the
completion of the scheme, and
the undersigned recommends
that he be allowed to proceed
to Bombay for the purpose of
inspecting the house connections
there. They are, it is believed,
more perfect than those in
Madras.

[Signature]
16/8/97

This proposal is adopted. (I have referred to Mr. Somers' bill
adopted 29. 8.97
5.9.97

Cm 3877
No 2687 W
27/9/97

[Signature]
W. B. Bliss

20/8/97

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This order is ~~issued~~ proposed to
be issued with reference to the Honorable
Sir Henry Bliss' note. He wanted
that Mr. Schjitel should be deputed
to complete the scheme and inspect
the drains in Madras. He used
propose to depute Mr. Somers Esq
to inspect the drains in Bombay,
for a culvert and a well
found in connection with
the City Drainage Scheme.

[Signature]

31.7.97

Re
The file referred to
(Cm 6387) has come back
from Mr. Somers. Please see
if papers required for
Cm 7103 can now be
forwarded. *[Signature]*
2.8.97

* At 2102 48 2.8.97 sent to
Mr. Somers with the letter file
2.8.97

[Signature]

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inspecting the house connections
there. They are, it is believed,
more perfect than those in
Madras.

[Signature]
16/8/97

the draft was marked for
the Honorable Member. If
you consider it unnecessary
to circulate the order to him,
it will be issued at once.

[Signature]
20/9/97

[Signature]

I have to return the
accompanying current
to Madras (No. 7103) as the
previous papers are not
available here. They were,
I believe, sent back to Madras
with C No. 6387 on the 30 July
1897 (with A order). The latter
is about a revised estimate
for a culvert under Willow
Road in connection with
the City Drainage Scheme.

[Signature]
31.7.97

Re The file referred to
(C No. 6387) has come back
from Bombay. Please see
if papers required for
C No. 7103 can now be
formed.

[Signature]
2.8.97

x At 210249 2.8.97 sent to
1st - Papers with linked file
2.8.97

[Signature]

He

On receipt of Cas 7103
from Ted Lytle, that the
previous papers had gone to
Osgood with Cas 6593. I
wrote to you only a day or
two ago to inquire what
had become of the latter
current. It came back this
morning. But with it there
were no papers about the
disposal of Osgood. I am
now told that the file on
the subject was sent to you
for W on 1-5-97. Will you
kindly check the papers.
& submit Cas 7103 to
W for orders.

If the file has
been sent in, I think it
will be found that the
subject of the Osgood
now transferred to W after
so long a delay has
already practically been
disposed of. I am
very sorry however that
had all necessary in-
structions, but whether
a further memo. to him
is necessary, I cannot
tell without looking
into the papers.

Cas

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Cas 6593

Establ. employ

Master Somers En En Sup
on 8pl duty - SE IV Cxcl
subby particulars of
duties performed by
each of the members
of the

No 3530 8.27.5.97

Voluntary labor -

Mr. Somers En informed
that the water in the
is not to be lowered at
present unless it is
necessary to do so
temporarily for the
convenience of the
working parties.

This matter is to be
kept under review

Rec

Cas 6593 has been

come back from Org,
but there is no file
with it.

See above, if any

file was kept back
here when the current
was sent to Org.

We must get back

papers for Cas 7103

done - Cas

30/7/87

I have
looked
at 97 and
found it
sent to
Org for
1.5.97
it is still
at Org.

30/7/87

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REPR

are there not

I am a very honest
man, giving instructions
as regards the
downing of
at Org.

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Please see the
abstract of No 3530
787 which is herewith
put up. All 21/2/87

section with some
an urgent paper received
here from the Dept
(Cas 7103) - I have been
keeping this paper over
for nearly a week
in the hope that Cas
6593 would come
back every day - but
very little at all - and
it is on to Org at once,
but I was afraid
it would cross the file
from Org.

Ruthmanway, Agn

done I think. Also, 28/7/87

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Can you please let me know what has become of Cas 6593, relative to temporary status for the Somers. etc? The paper was sent to org on 15th Inst, with a draft order -

The file put up with the current is now required in connection with rather an urgent paper received here from L. & S. Dept (Cas 7103) - I have been keeping this paper over ~~in~~ for nearly a week in the hope that Cas 6593 would come back every day - I am very tired and it is on to go at once, but I was afraid it would cross the file from org.

Ruthnamangaya Agan Cas
don't think I do. 29/7/57

Can you please let me know what has become of Cas 6593, relative to temporary status for the Somers. etc? The paper was sent to org on 15th Inst, with a draft order -

20/7/57

~~H.C.~~ S.A.W.

The paper in question
was returned to Quads
on the 28 July 1897. (Borden)

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CM

25/7

29-7-97

Current 7103

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The Am'le member
note of 25-1-97, attached
to this current, was
detained in the L. & M.
Dept by oversight,
& has only recently been
transferred to this depot.
The necessary previous
papers were with
another file at Bog,
& have only now
become available.

The portion of this
note marked A
requires disposal.
The H. suggests that
the question of completing
the drainage of the Bog
should be
considered, & that
the asphalt should

W

ref. he asked to complete
the scheme -

Mr. Asquith's views
are not now available,
& the question is whether
instructions in accordance
with the H. M. note
should be issued to
Mr. Somers. &c. - It
will be seen that the
H. M. proposals involve
the deputation of an
officer to visit & to
inspect the house
connections here, & it
is doubtful whether
Mr. Somers. &c. can
now get away from
Oxford for this
purpose -

Before
this office was aware
of the existence of
the H. M. note, Mr.
Somers. &c. was

Told in general terms
in Nov 1700 C 724.3-7
what he should do
in regard to the
drainage scheme, & he
was referred to the
municipal & the
Sanitary Commission
for further information
for order.

C.
6.8.97

Mr. Somers. &c. is now
investigating the completion
of the big drainage scheme
& it seems to me probable
that he will be able to
be with us only for
the purpose of making
some connection with
the local paper the
in London.

6/8/97

Public Works (1897) Department.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Current No: 7103

Acad: 20.7.97

Memorandum. Encls 1

Dated the 15th July 1897.

No. 755

Transferred to the Public Works Department, in continuation of G.O. No 107. N, dated 2nd January 1897 for necessary action with reference to the Honourable Member's remarks marked A.

Forbes
Secretary to Government

PA
12/7/97

4 378 588.2.97
with 1700 C of 97 sent to H.C. for W on 11/97
+ Cus 6595 sent
to H.C. on 15.7.97

Note

I regret very much that by an oversight in the office this paper was not transferred to the P.W.D. before this.

To: The Public Works Department,
with a note in original to be returned.

O.L.S. 342 sent again 5/8/97 R.D.G.

10353 D of 27-5-97

1700 cu/24-3-97

662 w of 6-3-97

1223 cu/3-3-97

1072 cu/23-2-97

378 w of 8-2-97

3214 w of 11-11-96

3977 cu/9-11-96

173 w of 24-10-96

3598 cu/17-10-96

512 w of 10-2-96

201 cu/11-1-96

3812 cu/3-12-95
+ file

Ootacamund

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Current Nos. 2821 M. & 3254 M.

From The Public Works Deptt. & the Sanitary Board.

Please hand this file to
Mr. Ashpitel & ask him to
arrange with me a time when he
can bring ~~the~~ it to me & explain
the case

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6/1/97
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FOR ORDERS.

In G.O. No.1390 M., dated 24th Au-
gust 1895, the Public Works Department
was requested to depute an officer of
that Department to draw up estimates for
filling in the upper lake at Ootacamund
and draining the portion filled in, and
for carrying out certain suggestions
made by the Sanitary Board to remedy the
defects in the intercepting sewer.

I have been into these
plans & estimate, thoroughly
with Mr. Ashpitel, who tells me
that in carrying them out, some
savings may probably be effected in
addition to that which will result
from the ^{reduction} in the size of the
water main 15" to 12", which is approved.
The W.C. should now be asked to find
the money required out of the funds
already made by Govt. for the improvement
of the water supply, as to which Mr. Walsh
has submitted a report, so that no ex-
tra time will be required for some
time to come; and the P.W.D. should be
asked to ~~ask~~ but the work in hand at
once.

Should have returned the papers
before but that I wanted to get from
Mr. Ashpitel enough estimate of the sum
required to complete the drainage of the
area by running closed sewers through
all the streets of the Nagan & coming
them at the end with the houses,
as has been experimentally done in one
street in Madras, and at the other

2. With the first of the letters read
above the Public Works Department for-
warded plans and estimates prepared by
Mr. Ashpitel, Executive Engineer, Coimba-
tore Division, for the realignment of
the intercepting sewer. The cost of the
work was estimated at Rs.26,940 and the
Chief Engineer generally approved of the
plans.

3. The Sanitary Board, which was con-
sulted in the matter, also approves of
the plans and estimates, subject however
to the remarks of the President, who
recommends

recommends that Mr. Ashpitel's estimates may be sanctioned, the size of the pipe being reduced from 15" to 12" and that the question raised by the Sanitary Commissioner regarding the drainage of Mutu-cherry and Kodapamund can be considered later on. The modification in the size of the pipe may be approved, as in its resolution disposed of in G.O. No. 1390 M. dated 24th August 1895, the then Sanitary Board also considered a 12" pipe sufficient. If this is done, the estimated cost of the work, will be reduced by Rs. 1490 and will stand at Rs. 25450.

4. The ways and means will have next to be considered. The Municipal Council is now in an impoverished state, so much so, that the deficit at the close of 1895-96, had to be made good by a grant from Provincial funds, and it had to borrow Rs. 10,000 from Government, in order to execute some necessary sanitary works, such as the construction of latrines, drains &c. It is not therefore likely that the Municipality will be able to bear any portion of the cost of this work, which is considered by the Sanitary Board to be very necessary and the whole of the amount will have to be contributed by Government. If it is decided to make a grant of the whole of the estimated cost from Provincial funds, the Municipal Council may be directed to utilize for this work Rs. 25,450, out of the grant of Rs. 189,000, for water supply, which it has already drawn and keeps in deposit.

end with the main (12") drain. As things are, the bazaar is drained by open drains, which are not only unsightly & offensive, but which carry down, whenever there is a heavy shower, any amount of dirt & rubbish, & the imminent danger of blocking up the new 12" drain in the same way as the old 9" drain has been blocked up. Mr. Ashpitel tells me that, as

temporary measures, arrangements can be made, by means of side traps, for passing the sewage out of these drains into the 12" pipe, & that he has provided for this purpose in his estimate. But the arrangement cannot be a satisfactory permanent one, & should be brought to an end as soon as possible. Mr. Ashpitel thought that he would be able to get from the Survey Dept in the course of a day or two,

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14-8-96 8-10-96

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G.O. 20582
3-12-96

sufficient info. Sanitation to give me a rough estimate, but he has not been able to do so; and I therefore, as Mr. Tremere has written respectfully to H.E. on the matter, will not detain the honrs any longer.

As soon however, as the orders on this file have gone out, the question of completing the drainage of the bazaar must at once be considered. My opinion is that the best plan will be to ask Mr. Ashpitel to complete the scheme. He knows the locality & requirements

Rs. 44,000 in 1894-95.
Rs. 45,000 in 1895-96.
Rs. 100,000 in 1896-97.

and has had special experience, at home, in drainage works. He tells me that if

allowed to detach one of the upper subordinates to command him & take the necessary levels, he could work out the scheme in a very short time by the aid of the plans which the Survey will shortly have ready & which are on a large enough scale for the purpose. The scheme should include house connections on the system which has been found a success in Madras & which Mr. Ashpitel should inspect, or on any simpler system which may be found suitable. I may be wrong in thinking that it will be best to get Mr. Ashpitel to complete the scheme, but that is a matter to be considered by H.E. with the advice of the C.E., in the H.W.D., & which this note should be forwarded for the purpose, as soon as the orders on this file have been set out. It is important that there should not be delayed by the consideration of this further question, so please set out orders first & transfer this note afterwards.

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25/7/97

V.A.
19/11/96
S.H. 18/11/96

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FOR ORDERS.

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