

Public Works (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 821 W

DATED 25th March 1898

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[Despatch Abstract.]

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The execution by the Public Works Department
of repairs to the —, Coimbatore & —

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Cauvery bridges at Sivasamudram

Sanctioning the execution, by the Public Works Department, of repairs to the
—, Coimbatore district.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read—the following papers :—

Read again Court's Proceedings, Mis. No. 623, dated 14th April 1897, requesting the Collector of Coimbatore to obtain the opinion of the Superintending or Executive Engineer on the question of repairing the Sivasamudram bridge.

Read again Court's Proceedings, Mis. No. 1179, dated 26th July 1897, recording letter from the Collector of Coimbatore stating that the Executive Engineer has reported that the Sivasamudram bridge could not be inspected this year.

Read—also the following letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, dated 27th February 1898, Ref., on Cur. No. 52 (d) C.W. :—

With reference to this office letter, dated 19th July 1897, Dis. No. 2471 Rev.,

- (1) Kollegal Deputy Collector's letter, dated 19th January 1898, Ref. on Cur. No. 20/Est.
- (2) Collector's endorsement thereon, dated 25th January 1898.
- (3) Executive Engineer's endorsement thereon, dated 29th January 1898.
- (4) Superintending Engineer's letter, dated 16th February 1898, No. 86 M.

2. As the work has to be executed before the commencement of north-east monsoon, the action of the Superintending Engineer in having taken steps to estimate and execute the repairs may be approved. Estimates for the repairs in question will be submitted in due course for the Court's sanction. In the meanwhile I have requested the Deputy Collector to place necessary funds from time to time at the disposal of the Public Works Department officer in anticipation of the Court's sanction. As the work is of an urgent nature, I solicit early orders.

ENCLOSURES.

Copy of letter from M. R. Ry. V. CHAPPAN MENON Avergal, B.A., Deputy Collector, Kollegal, to the Collector of Coimbatore, dated 19th January 1898, Ref. on Cur. No. 20-Est.

I have the honour to report that the Superintending Engineer and the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore Division, inspected the two bridges at Sivasamudram this morning. The estate manager and myself were present with them at the time of the inspection.

2. The Executive Engineer said that he would draw up a memorandum detailing the defects noticed by him and the action to be taken for remedying them and he incidentally remarked that the work could be entrusted to the Local Fund Engineering Department.

3. I have pointed out to him the utter impossibility of the work being executed by the Local Fund Overseer, Kollegal, even if he should be occasionally assisted by the Local Fund Supervisor and it seems best to leave the work entirely to the Public Works Department.

4. The estimate prepared by the Local Fund Supervisor requires, I submit, revision with reference to the result of inspection made by the Executive Engineer. Perhaps the latter will be able to spare for a time the Assistant Engineer in charge of the Erode Sub-division.

5. The bridge is of a peculiar design and was constructed more than 60 years ago and any interference with it by persons who do not possess high professional qualifications is likely to be fraught with serious consequences.

6. As the working season has commenced and will end with the month of May, the utmost expedition is necessary in the matter.

7. It is to be regretted that the Superintending Engineer and the Executive Engineer were not able, for want of time, to inspect either the Danajeraicut and the channel leading therefrom or the buildings at Sivasamudram which stand in need of repairs. They left Sivasamudram at 10 A. M. so as to catch the afternoon train from Maddur.

Copy of endorsement thereon by the Collector of Coimbatore, dated 25th January 1898, Ref. on Cur. No. 52 (a) C. W.

Forwarded to the Executive Engineer for perusal and favour of return. The undersigned agrees with the Deputy Collector in thinking that the Local Fund Department should not be asked to do the work and requests that the Executive Engineer will be so good as to treat the matter as an urgent one.

Copy of endorsement thereon by the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore, dated 29th January 1898.

Forwarded to the Superintending Engineer for favour of orders. If we are to prepare the estimate and carry out the work, I believe the orders of Government are required.

Copy of letter from A. H. GARRETT, Esq., Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, Coimbatore, to the Collector of Coimbatore, dated 16th February 1898, No. 86 M.

In returning your endorsement, No. 52 (a), dated 25th ultimo, to the address of the Executive Engineer, I have the honour to state that, as the matter is urgent, the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore Division, has been requested to prepare the necessary estimate for repairs to the Sivasamudram bridge in anticipation of your obtaining orders of Government authorising this department to estimate and execute the repairs to the bridge.

Reference on the above, dated 10th March 1898, No. 28.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The papers relate to the repairs to the Cauvery bridges at Sivasamudram in the Coimbatore district.

3. From the accompanying memorandum it will be seen that the villages of Mullur, Ugamiam and Sivasamudram were granted in 1836 in recognition of the services of the first jaghirdar in erecting the bridges, as also for the upkeep thereof.

4. In April 1897, the Collector of Coimbatore forwarded an estimate for Rs. 5,100 prepared by the Local Fund Engineer, but the Court doubted whether the methods of repair proposed were suitable for the peculiar style of the bridges and called for the opinion of the Superintending or Executive Engineer.

5. These officials appear to have inspected the bridges on the 19th January last. The Executive Engineer incidentally remarked that the execution of the repairs might be left to the Local Fund staff, but in view of the peculiar design of the bridges and their construction more than 60 years ago, the local Revenue officials were of opinion that their repair required more skilled supervision. The Collector accordingly requested the Local Government Public Works officials to take the necessary action in the matter; and the Superintending Engineer has directed the preparation of an estimate in anticipation of the sanction, which is now requested.

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Secretary.

No. 821 W., 25TH MARCH 1898.

No. 568, Revenue.

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

16th March 1898.

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

ORDER—No. 821 W., dated 25th March 1898.

The execution of the work by the Public Works Department is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
„ Revenue Department.

Exd. Md. Pahlavan.

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*From The Secretary
to the Court of wards**Order Exdt. R.D. 5684/16th March 1898.**Transferred
to the Public Works
Department.**[Signature]
ag Secy to Govt.*Dated 10th March 1898.Received *[Signature]*
Registered *[Signature]* 18.3.98

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SUBJECT.

*Requesting the sanction
of Govt. for the execution
by the Govt. P.W. officers
of repairs to the Cavery
bridges at Sivasaundaram**The execution of
the work by the P.W.
Dept. is sanctioned.**[Signature]
The bridges are leased
S.S. IV circle
and repairs
Res. Secy to Govt.**8/14/98
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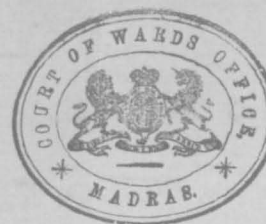
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 52 (d) of '98, dated 27th February 1898

With reference to this office letter No.
 No 2471 of '97 dated 19th July 1897, I have the
 honor to forward copies of the correspondence
 noted in the margin regarding the repairs to be
 done, to the bridges at Sivasamudram and to
 request that sanction of Government may be
 obtained for entrusting the execution of the
 repairs of the bridges to the Public Works
 Department for reasons stated in the Deputy
 Collector's letter.

- * (1) Kollegal Deputy Collector's letter R.O. No 20 of 98 d/ 19-1-1898.
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The Sanction
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Secretary.

To.

The Secretary to Govt. R.D.

with enclos. (to be ret'd.)

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for ag Collector

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(S) Allan A. F. Mallet.

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Superintending Engineer 4th Circle, Coimbatore
to the Collector of Coimbatore No 86
dated 16th February 1898.

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in anticipation of your obtaining orders
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to estimate and execute the repairs
to the bridge.

(r) A. H. Farrett.

(True copy)

for ag collector.

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