

Public Works (1899) Department.

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26 Jan 1899.

[Despatch Abstract.]

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Swasamudraa portion of the Cauvery Bridge

Insurances, under Rev. Dept of War & Navy
estimate for repairing the ———, Communicated
to the S. C. War, with request

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on behalf of the Court of Wards are not charged, the usual percentage for Tools and Plant, the provisions made in the estimate on this account should be expunged.

BACK PAPERS.

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This is to certify that the L.S. is satisfied with the method of working the bridge and the best possible.
The L.S. IV is satisfied with the work.
Eam. P. Wickett (4)
Rev. Deptt.

FURTHER PAPERS.

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Enclosure to a letter from the Collector of Coimbatore and agent to the Court of Wards, to the Secretary to the Court of Wards, Ro. C No 406 of 98 dated 8 November 1898.

Copy of a letter, from A. H. Garrett, Esq., Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, to the Collector of Coimbatore; No 432 dated Chendragiri, the 14 July 1898.

Adverting to G. O. No 821 W dated 25 March 1898, I have the honour to forward herewith for your approval and transmission to Government for sanction an estimate amounting to Rs 25,750, including usual charges for Establishment and Tools and Plant, for repairing the bridges over the Cauvery river at Sivasamudram. The condition of the existing work and the nature of proposed repairs are fully explained in the accompanying report.

(True Copy)

Superintendent
Acting Collector.

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(189) DEPARTMENT.

FROM

THE COLLECTOR OF

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE

COMMISSIONER OF

Madras.

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No.

ENCLOSURES.

SUBJECT.

Coimbatore Collector's Office,

8th November 1898.

P. O. C NO.40(f) /C.W Of 1898.

From

J.A.Cumming Esquire,

Acting Collector of Coimbatore.

To

The Secretary to the Court of Wards, Madras.

Sir,

In continuation of this office letter R o C 52(R)/C.W of 1897 dated 27th April 1898, I have the honour to forward copy of letter from the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, NO.432/M, dated 14th July 1898 forwarding the estimate amounting to Rs.25,750 for repairing the bridges over the Cauvery at Sivasamudram. This includes Rs.5000 already sanctioned in Court's Proceedings NO.354 Misc. dated 1st April 1898 for executing urgent repairs.

2. The report accompanying the estimate gives information as to the present state of the bridge and the repairs proposed to be carried out. These may be divided in the main into (1) repairs to the piers and aprons (2) provision of guard rails above the bridges (3) repairs to the parapet of the south bridge and (4) gravelling the road-way.

3. I inspected the bridge twice. It is probably not unfamiliar to the members of the Court. The river was in flood when I saw it and I could see but little of the lower portion of the piers. But it is my opinion that every item provided in the estimate for repairs to the substructure should be carried out without delay. It is a marvel that the bridge has stood so long as it has and the piers want complete overhauling.

4. The amount entered in the estimate for this part of the work runs to Rs.16,145. Of this sum Rs.5,000 has already been expended under the sanction already accorded, leaving Rs.11,145 to be provided.

5. For rails above the bridges to protect the piers from floating timber Rs.1,930 is provided. Considering the peculiar construction of the bridge this is a very necessary protection. Huge logs

logs were jammed in several of the piers when I saw the bridges and it is amazing that these coming with such force as they must when the river is in flood, have not damaged more of the pillars or removed some of the capitals.

6. Rs.6,260 is provided for repairing the parapet of the south bridge, but as pointed out in the report, this amount is susceptible of reduction by Rs.2,500, if wooden rails are substituted, and possibly more. This is not absolutely necessary at present, though undoubtedly the parapet is dangerous for a restive pony, and can be executed at any time.

7. Rs.1,415 is provided for repairing the road-way of the two bridges. There is no particular necessity for this as it can be attended to by the Taluk Board at any time.

8. The question is how the cost is to be met.

9. I have already reported that the village of Sattegal with a revenue of Rs.10,321 was granted as an endowment for the upkeep of the bridge, but as a matter of fact only Rs.3,127 has been spent on it in the last twelve years. On the other hand Rs.23,175 has been spent from the revenues of the jaghire on the religious and charitable institutions at Sivasamudram although Poorigal and Kagalipuram in Mysore are an endowment for that purpose. These two villages are mortgaged to the Mysore Government for a loan of Rs.35,000 since paid up. I have reason to suppose the Mysore Government while desirous of keeping the management of these villages in their own hands, are willing to hand over the revenue amounting to some Rs.10,000 per annum to us for the appropriate purpose. Apparently therefore something like Rs.10,000 will be received before long as the loan was paid off in 1897, and Rs.10,000 less cost of collection per annum thereafter. This may, legitimately be handed over to the estate in liquidation of the sum of Rs.23,175 expended on the purposes of the trust. I understand the Resident in Mysore will shortly address Government on the point, but until full information is received from him I cannot make complete proposals.

10. Meanwhile, it is both necessary and prudent to provide for the execution of the repairs to the substructure of the bridge as soon as the Cauvery falls low. These will require Rs.11,145. I would suggest that this amount be found as follows: from

	Rs.
11(d) Buildings	2,000
V1(b) Education of the mend.	2,200
V1(c) Allowance to the other members of the family.	1,500
X11(e) Maintenance expenses of religious & charitable institutions	3,000
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Rs. 11,200

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There is no prospect of the minor being sent to Newington and in the light of Court's Proceedings NO.1440 Misc., dated 13th September 1897 the family is not likely to require assistance till the question of the Mysore property is settled. 11. This will very considerably disturb the budget and it is desirable that the Mysore Government should be asked to make an early settlement of the question of providing for the temples. That will relieve our pressure. It is impossible for me to expedite this matter as I understand the Resident prefers to discuss it with Government.

I have the honour to be

sir,

your most obedient servant.

(Signed) J.A. Cumming

Acting Collector.

(True Copy)

Lonel Davidson

Acting Secretary.

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Proceedings of the Court of Wards.

Dated 30th December 1898, NO.1487 Misc.

Read letter from J.A.Cumming Esquire, Acting Collector of Coimbatore, dated 8th November 1898, R o C NO.40(f)/C.W of 1898.

Resolution.

With reference to Government Order NO.821-W, dated 25th March 1898, the Court submits for the sanction of Government an estimate for Rs.25,750 (prepared by the Executive Engineer and approved by the Superintending Engineer, 4th Circle) for repairing the bridges across the Cauvery at Sivasamudram.

2. It is observed that the estimate includes an allotment on account of "tools and plant" also, but this charge is not made in the case of works belonging to Court of Wards estates.

3. Having regard to the very small amount which has been devoted to the repair of these bridges in the past out of the revenues assigned for their upkeep, and to the present condition of the bridges, the Court considers that all the works included in the estimate (except perhaps repairs to the road-way across the bridges) should be carried out at once by raising a loan, if necessary. The Collector is requested to report how the necessary funds may be found.

4. The reply from the Resident in Mysore regarding the administration of the Mysore property etc, has been received and will be separately communicated to the Collector. It appears improbable that any funds will be obtained from the Mysore property until the matter is finally settled.

(True Extract)

Lowell Davidson

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, through the Secretary to Government Revenue Department, with plans and estimates.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.

REVENUE

Trst. No. 5

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