

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	<i>2513</i>	Press ~~Mis.~~
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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
18th March 1868.

No. 129. Read the following letter from the Acting Magistrate of Vizagapatam, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Vizagapatam, 10th March 1868, No. 118.

In 1828 an application was submitted by the then Collector of Vizagapatam To Government 17th July 1828, from Inspector General of Civil Estimates. G. O., to Board, 8th August 1828. through the Board of Revenue, for the extension of the town of Vizagapatam by reclaiming a certain portion of the swamp situated on the north-west of the town.

2. The Government were pleased then to contribute a sum of Rs. 7986-6-8 towards the work, the inhabitants themselves having agreed to bear the remainder of the cost. The whole project, I understand, cost some 30,000 or 40,000 Rupees, exclusive of the aid rendered by Zemindars in giving elephants and other animals of burden to assist in conveying the heavy boulders of rocks to fill up the place.

3. The chief object of the extension was to afford accommodation for about 800 families, which it was hoped to do. These expectations have only been partly realized, for nearly half of the ground originally reclaimed is still unoccupied, owing to the insufficient drainage. The remaining half is occupied by dwelling houses, and Roman Catholic and Dissenting burial grounds.

4. It is now forty years since this dam, now locally called the Magazine road, was thrown across the swamp to exclude the back-water. It was repaired on two or three occasions by the Public Works Department in days gone by; but how much money was laid out I have not the means of at present knowing.

5. That it is a work of considerable importance there is no doubt, and the late Municipality in this town laid out some 10,000 Rupees in repairing and extending the dam, and converting it, by metalling and gravelling, into a fine road.

6. The Government are aware that, in September last, this town was visited by a cyclone. On that occasion the river rose considerably, and from the action of the tide and heavy freshes the masonry retaining wall of the Magazine road has been considerably damaged, and has fallen down in many places.

7. The road is within Municipal limits, and, strictly speaking, they should do the work; but they have not the means, as is shown in the accompanying letter from the Secretary.

8. I therefore deem it incumbent on myself to lay the matter before Government, and to beg for a special grant under the circumstances. The estimate which I enclose amounts to Rupees 2070. It is intended to put the whole road in thorough order, and as the preservation of the town from flooding depends upon the efficiency of this work, I earnestly entreat the Government will accord their sanction.

9. The Executive Engineer has examined the estimate, and has pronounced it cheap for the work intended to be done.

10. I enclose two plans, No. 1 to show what the town was before having been reclaimed, and No. 2* to show what it is now. The road dotted by a red line is the one now reported upon.

11. I request that the plans may be returned.

18th March 1868.

From the Secretary, of the Municipal Commission, Vizagapatam, to the Acting Magistrate and President of the Municipal Commission, Vizagapatam; dated 17th January 1868, No. 233.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Official, No. 574, and, in accordance with the Resolution passed by the Municipal Commission, am directed to submit, for your information, the damaged condition of the Magazine road and bund on the western face of the town of Vizagapatam, constructed by Government about forty years ago at a cost of some 30,000 Rupees, and which, during this lapse of time, has stood out remarkably well to the present period without any heavy repairs; but owing to the late cyclone, and unusual heavy rains and high tides of the river, the bund has sustained considerable damage in its retaining walls, which have tumbled down, and the road broken up and sunk in deep hollows, and which require immediate repair.

2. As the Municipal funds are very low, and barely sufficient to carry out the ordinary repairs of the town roads and works, I am directed to bring the circumstance to your immediate notice, and to urge the necessity of applying to Government for their aid of a special grant to carry out the work, and avert impediment to the traffic of the town.

3. An estimate for this purpose is enclosed, aggregating Rupees 2069-9-1, which I beg you will forward after taking the advice of the Executive Engineer to its sufficiency, &c. It will be observed that the estimate includes the whole road from behind the Church.

4. This bund acts as a bulwark for the protection of the town from the western ferry to the market, and is about 1½ mile in length by 30 feet broad, and forms a cart road, besides separating the river from the town and its suburbs, and saving it from inundations during periodical risings of the river or back-water.

No. 130.

ORDER THEREON, 18th March 1868, No. 353.

The Government are unable to comply with this application; the work being essentially one for the direct benefit of the towns-people, for the cost of which they should provide.

2. The Government cannot suppose that there will be any real difficulty in raising the sum required, viz., Rupees 2070.

(True Extract).

Secretary to Government.

To the Magistrate of Vizagapatam, with plans and estimates returned.
,, Public Works Department.

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*Subd. 1868.2
April 9/7*

The Swamp at Vizagapatam

before the sea was enclosed -

Fort Galla

Allopporum Pagoda

Vasantham's house

Honble Company's Factory

Kunchamma Pagoda

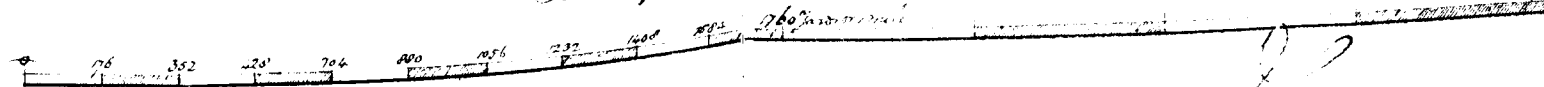
Engelbrecht's fort

Vasantham's house

VIZAGAPATAM

Scale of 1/4 inches to a mile.

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Madras 10th March 1861. x 7

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To Mr. J. H. Master Esquire
Notary Magistrate

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Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

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General Inspector
General of Civil
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August 1861.

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Yours the honor able

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J. C. Choudhury, Secy.
M. M. M. M.
J. C. Magistrate

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Per Maguzeni

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