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Government of Madras.

Public **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 229

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Dated 22-2-1970

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
22nd February 1870.*

No. 110. Read the following letter from the Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Chicacole, to the President of the Municipal Commission, Chicacole, dated Chicacole, 7th January 1870, No. 46.

With reference to the refusal of Government, (G. O., No. 1130, dated 12th August 1869,) to contribute the usual twenty-five per cent. towards the cost of a stone groyne thrown out in the bed of the river Nangulia, I have the honour to draw your attention to the fact that the town of Chicacole has been suffering by the gradual encroachment of the river since the construction of the bridge over it fourteen years ago. The Department of Public Works found it necessary to throw out, at Government cost, an earthen groyne in the bed of the river about seven or eight years ago, by which for a time further encroachment was prevented; but this groyne has since been washed away, and the Supervisor in charge of the Range having pressed the matter on the notice of the Municipal Commissioners, with the view that some substantial measures might be taken for the protection of the town, the Commissioners sanctioned the construction of a stone groyne at an outlay of Rupees 600 from the Municipal funds. This work is not only beneficial to the town, but saves the bridge from considerable danger. You will observe from the accompanying plan, which I have obtained from the Range Office, that the stream used to take its course through only some of the arches of the bridge, but now it passes through almost all the arches proportionately, and had not the Municipality undertaken the work, the Government would have eventually had to raise groynes in the places marked in the plan by the Superintending Engineer of the Division at their own cost, for the safety of the Chicacole bridge.

2. It is objected that the work is not included under the head of "Purposes specified in Section 25 of the Municipal Act," that is, I suppose, that it is not required for the protection of the public health. But surely it was not intended that the strictest interpretation was to be applied to this expression, and that the Government contribution was to be refused if the purpose was that of public safety. The case in point is precisely analogous to the building of parapet walls to public wells—a purpose towards which Government would surely not refuse to contribute as one not falling within Section 25.

3. As the Government, therefore, may not have been aware of the circumstances when they refused to pass the usual contribution of twenty-five per cent. on the money expended by the Municipality for the groyne; and, as the Commissioners cannot, without Government aid, conveniently take on hand the construction of the second groyne, which appears to be indispensably necessary in the place indicated in the plan by the Superintending Engineer, where the encroachment on the town commences, I beg you will have the goodness to address the Government on the subject, and request that sanction may be accorded for the payment of the per-centage on the cost of the aforesaid work.

No. 30.

Copy forwarded to the Acting Chief Secretary, with reference to the Government Order, dated the 12th August last, No. 1130, Public Department, with the

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recommendation that, under the explanation given by the Vice-President of the Chicacole Municipal Commission, sanction be given for the proposed expenditure.

RUSSELCONDAH,
25th January 1870.

(Signed) G. H. ELLIS,
President.

No. 111. ORDER THEREON, 22nd February 1870, No. 229.

In the present financial position of the State, the Government must decline to contribute any portion of the cost of erecting stone groynes in the bed of the river Nangulia, for the protection of the town of Chicacole.

2. The work is admittedly not one falling within Section 25 of the Towns' Improvement Act.

3. It appears to the Government that the object in view might well be provided for by a special local contribution.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Chicacole.
,, Public Works Department.

Exd, J. Wright.

Govt. of {1870} Madras.

PUBLIC.

To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE MUNICIPAL
COMMISSION,
Chicacole.
&c., &c., &c.

Dated February, 22nd.

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FEBRUARY.
Nos. 110-111.

Declining to contribute any portion of the cost
of erecting stone groynes in the bed of the river
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Chicago, January 1900

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To

His Excellency

Chicago Municipal Commission

Chicago

Sir,

With reference to the refusal of

Government (G.O. No 1130 dated 12 August 1869) to contribute the usual 25 per cent -

towards the cost of a stone quay the now ruinous

the bed of the river (Bangilia), I have the

honor to draw your attention to the fact that

the town of Chicago has been suffering by

the gradual encroachment of the river since

the construction of the bridge over it 14 years

ago. The Department of Public Works

found it necessary to throw out the

cost, and rather greater in the case of the

road about four years ago, by which for a

time, further encroachment was prevented.

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Chicago

The President of the

University of Chicago

to

The day (Wednesday)

to Government

State 25 January 1870.

Received 4th February

No 155 No 30

conclusion here.

Ex: Q: v. No 1100 dated 12th August
 each copy of a letter from the
 Vice President, Chicago has
 his fax with recommendation
 for the proposed expenditure
 for the construction of a stone
 bridge in the back of the
 River Hospital.