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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 68. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th June 1870, No. 4,410:—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Coimbatore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 9th May 1870, No. 108.

I HAVE the honour to forward estimates and plans as per margin for bridging the Ooppar River on the road to Dharapoorum and for new roads of approach to it from the directions of Dharapoorum, Konghiem, and Tirpoor, and to request that the Board of Revenue will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government for the same.

1 Survey of proposed roads to Tirpoor Railway Station and to Konghiem.
1 Plan of bridges proposed to be built across the Ooppar River.
1 Plan of culverts proposed to be constructed on the roads from Dharapoorum to Tirpoor Railway Station and to Konghiem.
1 Estimate, No. 11, for constructing a road from Dharapoorum to Tirpoor Railway Station and to Konghiem, *viâ* the proposed bridge over Ooppar at Nunjianpollicm, Rupees 36,090.
1 Estimate of details for the above.
1 Estimate, No. 10, for constructing a bridge of 9 arches across the Ooppar River, amounting to Rupees 21,140.

2. The bridge in question is the same for which a sum of Rupees 5,000 was sanctioned in the District Road Fund Budget for 1869-70, but which was not undertaken in that year. A copy of Colonel Walker's letter, dated 22nd January 1870, No. 144, regarding the above bridge and roads is forwarded herewith.

3. The aggregate amount required for the work is Rupees 57,230, of which Rupees 7,230 are proposed to be spent during the current official year from the unappropriated balance of 1869-70, and this sum has been provided in the list of incomplete works, forwarded with my letter of this day's date, No. 111. The remaining Rupees 50,000 will be provided in the District Road Fund Budgets of the next three years in the proportions noted in the margin.

Years.	Rs.
1871-72	20,000
1872-73	20,000
1873-74	10,000
Total...	50,000

4. The work is proposed to be executed by the Public Works Department.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Acting Collector of Coimbatore, dated Coonoor, 22nd January 1870, No. 144.

I HAVE the honour to forward, for disposal by you, an estimate of Rupees 21,140 for bridging the Ooppar River, with another estimate of Rupees 36,090 for new roads of approach to it from the directions of Dharapoorum, Konghiem, and Tirpoor (or Pulladom), together with a survey and plans (forwarded by banghy) illustrative of the details of the project.

1 Survey.
2 Plans.
1 Estimate, No. 10 of 1869-70.
1 Do. „ 11 of „

2. At present the roads from Konghiem and Tirpoor cross the Ooppar at two different points. That river is reputed a very dangerous one, and in planning a bridge over it, I have selected not only a good natural site, but one that shall accommodate traffic in both directions equally. The amount, viz., Rupees 57,230, involved may appear to be large; but the object in view cannot efficiently be attained at a smaller cost, and now that the road from Oodoomalpettah by Pulladom to Tirpoor is approaching completion, funds for its execution in three seasons are likely to be available.

3. The Caroor Range Officer has prepared two designs for Ooppar Bridge—one of timber, the other of nine of 30 feet arches—and as he reports brick, earth, and stone of the best quality to be available near the spot, and as the cost will be less, I have approved the latter design ; but in its actual execution would have two of the eight piers constructed as abutment-piers, so as to admit of their standing the thrust of the arches, and of a third portion of the arch-work being undertaken and completed at one time to lessen the danger of damage from freshes. The extra expense will probably be covered by the amount allotted for contingencies. I would recommend an appropriation of 7,000 Rupees from the reserve of 1870-71 and unexpended balances of the current year, 20,000 Rupees in 1871-72, 20,000 Rupees in 1872-73, and 10,000 Rupees in 1873-74, early in which season the whole should be completed, but long before which time the new lines will be available for traffic.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Survey.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 3 and 4.—Plans.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 5 and 6.—Estimates.

THE estimates, amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 57,230, for the undermentioned works, are submitted for the sanction of Government :—

	RS.
For constructing a bridge of nine arches across the Ooppar River	21,140
Do. ——— a road from Dharapoorum to Tirpoor Railway Station and to Konghiem *viâ* the proposed bridge over Ooppar at Nunjianpolliem...	36,090
Total ...	57,230

2. The estimate for the second work is made up of the following items :—

	RS.
1. Earth-work	9,563
2. Gravelling	3,019
3. Turfing	1,850
4. Clearing rock	150
5. Mile-stones	40
6. Compensation for land to be taken up	2,200
7. Sundries	1,268
8. Culverts	18,000
Total...	36,090

3. In paragraph 3 of his letter the Acting Collector proposes to spend during the current year Rupees 7,230 on the works under reference, and states that he has provided for the amount in the list of incomplete works which are to be undertaken from the unappropriated balance of the Fund. The works have, however, been omitted from the list as corrected in this office, because they are new and unsanctioned works, and cannot be called incomplete works in any sense. On the receipt of the sanction of Government the Board will make the necessary allotment.

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12th July 1870.

4. The Acting Collector is requested to ascertain and report what portion of the cost of culverts is chargeable to Imperial Funds. This information should have been furnished in the present letter. To guard against such omissions the Board, in paragraph 2 of their Proceedings, dated 7th January 1870, No. 109, have specially drawn the attention of Collectors to the subject.

No. 69. ORDER THEREON, 12th July 1870, No. 1,044.

Local Funds, No. 1.
Civil Works.

AGREEABLY to the recommendation of the local officers and the Board of Revenue the Government sanction the under-mentioned estimates :—

	RS.
For constructing a bridge of 9 arches across the Ooppar River...	21,140
For constructing a road from Dharapoorum to Tirpoor Railway Station and to Konghiem, viâ the proposed bridge over Ooppar	36,090
Total...	57,230

2. The length of the road should have been stated in the estimate.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated July, 1870.

Read.

Ends.

G. O., 12th July 1870, No. 1044.

JULY.

Nos. 63-69.

Bridge across Oppar River and road from Dharapooram to Tirpoor Railway Station via the Oppar Bridge in Coimbatore.—Estimates, amounting to Rupees 57,230, for construction of these works, sanctioned.

Revenue Department

No. 1044

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 12th July 1870.

Read the following
Proceedings of the Board of
Revenue.—

Submitting for sanction Estimates for construction of Bridge across Oppar river in Coimbatore District and of new roads of approach to it amounting together to Rs. 57,230.

(Here enter 27th June 1870 No. 1440)

S. D. S.

Agreeably to the
recommendation of
the local Officers &
the Board of Revenue,
the Government
sanction the
undermentioned
estimates

estimates (A)

For constructing a
bridge of 9 arches across
the Copper river. Rs. 21,140

(1)
For constructing a
road from Dharapooram
to Tirpoor Railway station
and to Kongkum via
the proposed bridge
over Copper - - - - 36,090

Total 57,230

2. The lengths of the road
should have been started
in the estimate. —

Rs. 7,170

To Board of Revenue with Sketch Dept. W
2 P. W. Department
& Accountant General.

Sd/ W. Dodd