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No. 797.

Read the following letter from R. K. PUCKLE, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely, to
the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Poravur, 3rd
February 1871, No. 47.

I HAVE the honour to forward, herewith, a plan and estimate for the repair of
the Solachanam bridge over the Tambrapurni river, and a plan and estimate for the
repair of the Ambasamudram bridge will follow immediately. These bridges were
destroyed in the flood of last year.

2. As the Board are aware both these bridges were built at the cost of
Natives of this part of the country, and the inconvenience experienced by the tem-
porary interruption of traffic is so great that the people of the Tinnevely Taluq
have subscribed and paid in 53,000 Rs., and those of the Ambasamudram Taluq
21,000 Rs., to get these bridges mended at once. These sums are sufficient to
meet all expenses, and all that the people ask in return is, that Government will pro-
vide supervision, and that the collection of labour and material may be left to
themselves and not to stranger contractors.

3. The Tambrapurni is at its lowest during February, March, April, and
May, and these are the only months in which foundations for the piers can be laid;
as the damaged piers may have to be re-built in both cases, no time should be lost
in commencing work if the bridges are to be completed this season.

4. Taking the nature of the river, the comparative cheapness of the material,
and the increased water-way they will give into consideration, iron girders are far
preferable to masonry arches; and as I have made all preliminary inquiries in
England, I know that I can get out the girders through the Suez Canal to
Colombo by the time that the piers are ready to receive them, or by about July
next. Estimates and specifications for these girders are herewith forwarded, and
all I need is sanction to write to order them out at once.

5. The Superintending Engineer prefers girders to masonry arches, and
as we are within a few miles of a port in daily communication with Colombo,
we can get the girders cheaper and more expeditiously from England than from
Madras.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 and 2.—Estimates.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 3 and 4.—Plans.

ENCLOSURE No. 5.—One photograph sketch of the ruins of Solachanam bridge at
Palamcottah.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The estimate is for re-building the Solachanam bridge which was
washed away in the flood of 1869.

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3. The people of the Tinnevely Taluq have subscribed Rs. 53,000 for this bridge, and those of the Ambasamudram Taluq Rs. 21,000 for the Ambasamudram bridge which was destroyed at the same time.

4. It is with great pleasure that the Board have heard of this instance of public spirit, which reflects great credit on the Natives of Tinnevely, and redounds to the honour of the Collector Mr. Puckle.

No. 250. From R. K. PUCKLE, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort. Saint George, dated Tinnevely, 4th March 1871, No. 79.

In reply to your telegram of this date, I have the honour to inform you that I have already submitted the specifications of the girder bridge furnished to me by one of the Engineers (Mr. Carr) engaged on the Blackfriars bridge in London. I forward herewith his sketches. The girders we require for the Solachanam bridge are of 60 feet span, with bearings of 2 feet, connected with cross girders 4 feet apart, giving a road-way of 18 feet clear, and floored with boiler plates bolted to the cross girders. The season for work has commenced, and, if we are to save this year, every day's delay now is of consequence. We have money enough in hand for the repair of both bridges, but the plans for the re-construction of the Ambasamudram bridge have not yet been matured.

No. 251. ORDER THEREON, 18th March 1871, No. 481.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government regret they are unable to meet the wishes of Mr. Puckle by sanctioning the repair of the "Solachanam" bridge in the manner advocated by him, viz., by replacing the destroyed masonry arches by iron girders. The result would, in the opinion of Government, greatly disfigure what formerly was a worthy memorial of Native munificence and public spirit, and they question whether ultimately the economy would be really as great as it is supposed.

2. The Government will, however, gladly co-operate as desired by supplying professional supervision for the work of restoring the bridge on the original design, and orders will be issued on the subject in the Department Public Works. The possibility of providing additional water-way should be kept in view.

3. The Government observe that the estimate for this purpose amounts to Rs. 80,000, while the subscriptions already paid up aggregate Rs. 53,000.

4. As the Collector states that the sum is sufficient to meet all expenses, the Government assume that the people interested are prepared to provide labour and carriage at a cheap rate, but they rely on Mr. Puckle to guard against any oppressive action in the matter.

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5. The Government concur in opinion with the Board that their liberality and public spirit reflect great credit on the inhabitants of the taluqs concerned, and the case testifies very satisfactorily to their confidence on Mr. Puckle, the Collector.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

to the Board of Revenue.
the Department Public Works
the Accountant-General.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 18th March 1871.

Read the following letter papers

From the Bd. of Revenue
Long letter from Joll. reporting
proposed by inhabitants
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for a construction of Sol.
+ Ambasamudra
in Muvvelly St. Howard
in estimate for first work.

18th Feb. 1871, No 49

From the Joll. of Muvvelly
sending sketches of the bridge
called for in Govt. Telegram
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In subr... the Statement showing the extent of private lands taken up for public purposes, and for which compensation has not been paid to the owners, for the office... 1860-70. I have the honour to bring to the notice of the Board that the such...

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