Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
18th October 1873.

No. 158. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd September 1873, No. 1,906:—

Read the following letter from G. VANSAGNEW, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd August 1873, No. 1,926:—

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the consideration of the Board, copies of the marginally noted correspondence between the Municipal Commissioners of Nellore and myself, and myself and the District Engineer, together with an original sketch (to be returned) illustrative of the point in issue.

Letter from Vice-President, Municipal Commission, to Collector, No. 168, dated 9th March 1873.
Letter from Collector, to District Engineer, No. 586, dated 15th March 1873.
Letter from District Engineer, to Collector, No. 26, dated 31st May 1873.

2. The Municipal Commissioners put forward on behalf of the public a claim against Imperial Funds, for an accommodation bridge over the Survapally Channel, where it has intercepted (at point B on the sketch) the road between the important suburbs of Ranganaikulupett and Stonehousepett, and Nabobpett. I communicated my concurrence in the justice of this claim to the District Engineer, and asked him what steps he was prepared to take towards meeting it. Not admitting the claim, the District Engineer has declined to take any step in his department, and accordingly I think it behoves me to request the Board to submit the question to the consideration of Government, in the Revenue Department.

3. The intercepted road is a regular broad road, along which even the large Car belonging to the Ranganaikulupett Pagoda used to to be taken, till stopped by the excavation of the channel, and the latter is a broad and deep canal. The interception to all traffic is complete.

4. A glance at the sketch, and the table of distances given thereon, will render superfluous further exposition of the substantial injury inflicted upon the public by the execution of this Imperial work, and the palliations thereof attempted by Mr. R. Smith, only expose the inherent weakness of his case, and are really not worth comment.

5. The only plausible ground, it seems to me, for refusing to admit the claim, is the quiescense for so long a time of the local authorities, other than those connected with the Public Works Department, and of the public concerned. Why the Collector of the day did not interfere in time, I cannot say; but I can well understand why, when he kept quiet, no member of the Nellore public ventured to raise his voice; and it must be set down to the credit of Municipal institutions that they have awakened sufficient public spirit to have called forth even at the eleventh hour this protest against a long endured public injury.

6. The tendency of the Public Works Department in framing projects even in late years to ignore the rights and interests of the people concerned, is very deplorable. I could give instances, but the Board are well aware of the cruel way in which the people were treated in respect to accommodation bridges in the Kurnool and Kistna Districts, and I may add that throughout the Nellore Delta, scarcely anything has been done for them.

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The G. in C is pleased to direct that steps be taken in P.W.D. for the erection of the bridge under reference, the cost being charged to the Swarnapully irrigation project. The Board of Revenue will be moved accordingly to issue under intimation to this office.

The only consideration

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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 23RD SEPTEMBER 1873, No. 1,906.

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Letter to Mr. Collector (& enclosures).

Received 29th Sept. 1873.

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No. 1,906.

Bridge.—Letter from Collector of Nellore forwarding claim of Municipal Commissioners of Nellore against Imperial Funds for an accommodation bridge across Survapally Channel where it has intercepted road between suburbs of Runganaikulupett and Stonehousepett and Nabobpett, submitted for favourable consideration of Government.

S.O. No 1127 - 18 Oct 73.

Why did not the Collector represent the case at the time? And why not demand the money from the Collectors grounds?

The G. in C is pleased to direct that steps be taken in P.W.D. for the erection of the bridge under reference, the cost being charged to the Swarnapully Irrigation project.

of such any similar
cases in other Districts.

The remarks of the
Collector in Nos 6
of his letter will be
considered in the
P. W. Dept.

PDS.

14 To the Sd of Rev dtd 24th Oct/73
21 " P. W. Deptt "