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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,*
*3rd March* 1873.

No. 23. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th February 1873, No. 232:—

Read the following letter from C. G. MASTER, Esq., Acting President of the Local Fund Boards, Ganjam District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chetterpore, 4th January 1873, No. 5:—

Under Clause 10 of Section XXX of the Local Fund Rules, I have the honour to submit, for the sanction of the Board and Government, the papers marginally noted with an extract from the Proceedings of the Local Fund Board, Chetterpore Circle, dated 20th December 1872, on the subject of constructing a new bridge on the Korakory river and a deviation road between the 5th and 11th miles of the road from Ganjam to Aska.

1 Plan of bridge for Korakory River.
1 Tracing of Survey of deviation road between 5th and 11th miles of Aska and Ganjam Road.
1 Sheet of cross sections of Korakory River.
1 Longitudinal sections of deviation road.
1 Tracing plan of masonry works in do.
1 Do. of bridge of 3 arches of 15 feet span on do.
1 Tracing of sketch map.
1 Specification Report of Korakory Bridge.
1 Do. do. of new road near Korakory River.
1 Memorandum on proposed new road between 11th and 5th mile stones of Ganjam and Aska Road and Bridge over Korakory River.
1 Specification Report of minor masonry works.
1 Do. do. of deviation road.
9 Estimates.
1 List of masonry works.

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2. The District Engineer's Memorandum, which forms one of the enclosures, fully explains the circumstances of the case.

3. The new bridge now recommended is proposed to be built on a site now selected as a village called Sasanam in lieu of the one which was originally built in 1868 on the existing line of road and washed away in 1870. An estimate, amounting to Rupees 30,830, for re-placing the bridge washed away by a new one has already been prepared and submitted to Government by the Public Works Department, but it is now proposed to give that up in favour of the one now recommended. The river at the old site is said to be deep and the locality unsuitable for a bridge, inasmuch as it is subject to high floods, while the locality (at Sasanam) now selected is fordable and used for a ferry.

4. The proposed bridge has also another advantage of being situated on the way from Purshottampur to Kallicote, where a road might hereafter, when funds are available, be constructed and extended to Panditagam on the Great Northern Trunk Road. Such a road will afford immense benefit inasmuch as the traffic from the Bengal Presidency can then pass through it instead of going as now *via* Subiliya Ghaut which often proves an inconvenient obstruction.

5. The deviation road now proposed is intended both to meet the construction of the bridge on the new spot and to render the road more safe.

6. That portion of the road for which the deviation road now recommended is to be substituted is often unavoidably flooded by the Rushikulya and its tributaries which run close to it, while the line chosen for the deviation is situated further off the river and on a higher level, and is, therefore, less subject to floods. Moreover a road might hereafter be constructed from a point on the proposed deviation road to join the Great Northern Trunk Road at Rumba through Biridi, the residence of the Zemindar.

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| Cost of the bridge now proposed | ... | 12,820 |
| Do. of the deviation road do. | ... | 21,830 |
| | | 34,650 |
| Cost of the bridge from which estimate has already been sent | ... | 30,830 |
| | | 3,820 |

7. The present proposal only makes the road one mile longer and the expense larger by Rupees 3,820 ; but the advantages as above set forth more than counterbalance those disadvantages.

8. A sum of Rupees 3,000 has been provided in the Budget of the current year for the construction of bridge on Korakory river, and if the estimates and plans now submitted can be sanctioned at an early date, I will ask the Department Public Works to utilize the above allotment to the full extent. For the next year, however, the same amount of Rupees 3,000 has been provided in the budget lately sent to Board ; but I would beg to recommend that the work be prosecuted to completion from Imperial funds on condition of the amount expended being repaid by the Local Fund Board in two or three succeeding years. I request your early reply.

*P.S.*—Since the above was drafted, I have received from Major Beckley the further papers marginally noted. The District Engineer, it will be observed, suggests that the plans and estimates should be sent on for the approval of the Chief Engineer.

Letter from District Engineer, dated 27th December 1872, No. 48, with two sheets of Surveys and Sections.

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The estimates for constructing a bridge across the Korakory river at a cost of Rupees 12,820, and a deviation from the Ganjam and Aska road between the 5th and 11th miles at a cost of Rupees 21,830, will be submitted for the sanction of Government.

2. The bridge is to re-place an important one on a different site which was washed away in 1870. The reasons why the new site is chosen are carefully detailed in the papers submitted with the estimates and seem to the Board to be perfectly satisfactory.

3. In paragraph 2 of the President's letter he refers to another estimate for re-placing the old bridge at a cost of Rupees 30,830. It must have been submitted direct to Government.

4. The District Engineer's suggestion that the plans and estimates should be laid before the Chief Engineer seem to proceed from an impression that this is the usual course.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
for *Secretary*.

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No. 24. Order thereon, 3rd March 1873, No. 281.

The work is sanctioned.

2. Should the progress within 1873-74 absorb more than the two sums of Rupees 3,000 each, which will apparently be available for it within that time from



Local Funds, the Collector can renew his application for an advance of public funds to prevent any interruption to the work.

(True Extract.)

*Chief Secretary.*

To the Board of Revenue, with enclosures returned.
" Revenue Department.
" Public Works Department.
" Accountant-General.

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