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Dated 1st June 1877

Read the following

B.S.L.R. No 5805 N^o 363

From

W. S. Whiteside Esquire

Collector of North Arcot.

To

M. E. Stokes Esquire

Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Madras

Sir

I have the honor to state that
as required in Board's Proceedings dated
28th Ultimo N^o 1977, I addressed the
District Engineer on the subject of
the advisability of completing the
construction of the causeway between
Sengal

Lengal and Keelminnel and a copy
of his letter of the 11th Instant N^o 570
is enclosed together with the estimate & To be returned
relating to the work.

2 The District Engineer is clearly
of opinion that the causeway in
question will, if completed, last for
a few years without being materially
damaged by the small freshes that
ordinarily come down the wide sandy
bed of the river. The freshes will
doubtless bring down the sand from
above the causeway line and deposit
it to a certain extent. This
accumulation of sand can, however,
be very easily removed at no great
outlay after the subsidence of the
freshes.

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3 The construction of a similar
causeway from the Local Funds
across the Bar between Rainspell
and Acreb was sanctioned by the
Board of Revenue in their Proceedings
of the 26th April 1876 N^o 3400
after obtaining the professional opinion
of the late District Engineer Captain
Pennington and the Causeway having
been accordingly constructed is now
of the utmost convenience to the
Public and continues greatly to facilitate
traffic. The breadth of the river between
Lengal and Keelminnel is much
greater than near Acreb and the
causeway now under construction
at the former place will, therefore
be

be of greater public utility and
convenience.

It is now under the consideration
of the Local Fund Board to levy
a small toll on carriages passing
over the causeways in this District.

With this view the Arcot Tahsildar
was ordered to prepare a list of
carts passing on the causeway
between Arcot and Ranipett and
his Returns from April 1876 to
March 1877 show that 84637 laden
carts and 19687 empty carts passed
the causeway during a period of
8 months and that too at a time
when owing to short cultivation,
traffic was infinitely less than in
Ordinary

Ordinary seasons. Levying a toll at
the rate of 3 annas for a laden
cart and one anna per each empty
one the total yearly collection for
the Arcot Causeway would thus
amount to Rupees 11810-0-0. The new
causeway between Tungal & Keelmin
will doubtless be made use of by a
larger number of carriages and its
income will be proportionately
greater. But supposing that a
lower rate of toll were decided on
the Revenue derived from it, will,
beyond all doubt, be amply sufficient
to cover the cost of maintaining the
causeway in a thorough state of
repair.

repair throughout the year.

Under these circumstances, I earnestly solicit the Board's early sanction for the completion of the causeway between Fergal and the Keelminnet at an additional outlay of Rupees 3000 as requested in my letter of the 18th ultimo No 264.

N. Arcab Colby Office } I have &c
Camp Darnaganam } D. W. S. Whitehead
23^d May 1877 } Collector

Enclosure

No 540

From

The District Engineer

North Arcab

To

The Collector of

North Arcab

Sir

In reply to your letter No 177 of the 8th instant, I have the honor to state

that that without doubt, a heavy fresh would probably damage considerably a causeway such as that delineated, for the crossing at Keelminnet. But from our experience of our causeways at other places on the same river and near Ponny on the river of that name an inexpensive causeway may last for a few years, with only a small expenditure being required for maintenance. The small freshes that ordinarily come down the wide sandy beds of our rivers leave a great portion of the length of causeway untouched, and when they deposit sand in the causeway this can be left till the

Enclosure 1
Estimate

but this is not the case in this river - In this river no water is lost in the ground

the rainy season is over and then
cleared for the usually many months
when the river bed is dry.

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Dt Engrs Office } Lt Col R.E.
Vellore 14th May 1877 } Dt Engineer N. Arcot

(True Copy)

Lt J. S. Whitehead
Collector

Under the explanation now
furnished the Board sanction the
estimate Rs 5000 for the construction
of a causeway across the Talav
between Thengal and Keelminnel

(True Copy & Contract)

Lt H. E. Stokes
Secretary

To
The Collector of N. Arcot

with estimate returned

(True Copy)

Lt J.

The addl Secy to Govt Bd.
with copy of Bd Order of 28th April 1877

W. J. Thomas
Secretary

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Sanctifying the

estimate of \$5000, for

the construction of a

conveyance between

Stungat & St. Lawrence

in State of Mass.

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