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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

11th September 1878, No. 1,486.

Read the following paper :—

No. 139. Endorsement of the Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 9th September 1878, No. 1,041.

Read the following letter from Major H. R. MEAD, R.E., District Engineer, South Arcot, to Colonel E. A. BOGRD, R.E., Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Cuddalore, 4th September 1878, No. 209.

I have the honor to forward an extract of a letter from the Salt Commissioner requesting me to stop the work of repairing the Thambakam causeway bridge sanctioned in G.O., Revenue Department, No. 347, dated 6th June 1878.

The Salt Commissioner also objects to the head sluice for the brine channel sanctioned in G.O., Revenue Department, No. 934, dated 20th June 1878, being built with a road-way over it at an extra cost of Rs. 250, as he considers the place where the road-way (close to the causeway) crosses the brine channel not a good site for it, and that the extra cost (Rs. 250) should not be charged to Salt.

2. As the work of repairing the bridge is in progress, and as it was regularly sanctioned, I have deemed to stop the work except under orders from you, and request to be informed if I am to do so.

3. I have already in my letter, No. 83, dated 16th July 1877, printed in G.O., No. 479-W, dated 24th July, given my opinion that the causeway might be abandoned as a communication, as there is a passage across the valley about four miles to the west of it. But the Salt Department and the Collector thought differently, and Government, in G.O., Financial Department, No. 1,208, dated 2nd July 1877, directed that measures should be taken to put the causeway in order, and Government have since sanctioned the work from Salt Funds.

4. With regard to Mr. Bliss's idea that the Thambakam causeway is a positive injury to the Salt Department in stopping the free flow of the tide to the western pans, I can only remark that the idea is an old one, that I do not agree with it; the water-way is ample for the flow of the tide, and the removal of the causeway would not, in my opinion, make any difference to the pans.

5. If the causeway is abandoned, the head sluice might be built for Rs. 1,750 without the road-way and the site altered as proposed by Mr. Bliss; but I cannot think that this site has any advantage to speak of over the other, and therefore, if the causeway is kept up, the sluice should be, I consider, built with a road-way at an extra cost of Rs. 250, or total cost Rs. 2,000.

I request early orders regarding stopping the bridge repairs.

Enclosure No. 1.

Extract from a letter from H. W. BLISS, Esq., Commissioner of Salt Revenue, to Major H. R. MEAD, R.E., District Engineer, South Arcot, dated 1st September 1878, No. 1,145.

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3. The Thambakam causeway I regard as a positive injury to the Salt Department, as stopping the free flow of the tide up the back-water to the Chunampet and Kondadu pans. The road leading to it from Markanam on the one side and from Chunampet on the other is quite useless for salt purposes. It, therefore, the Local Fund Board have declined, as I understand,

to keep up the road, on which I have no intention whatever of proposing any expenditure from Salt Funds, it is a simple waste of money to spend any thing on repairing the causeway bridge. I request, therefore, that you will be so good as to stop the further progress of the work now going on there under G.O., 6th June 1878, No. 847, Revenue Department, until I have been able to represent the circumstances and to solicit orders through the proper channel.

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5. Paragraph 3 of your letter seems to have been written under some misapprehension. I never objected to the head sluice being built from Salt Funds. What I objected to was its being widened at the cost of this department so as to act as a bridge in a road which is quite useless to this department. Of course, if my proposition to abolish the Thamboon causeway altogether is approved, no road-way over the sluice will be required and (subject to your opinion) it can be built in the place in which I should like to see it, viz., at the mouth of the channel. In any case I will endeavour to arrange for funds being placed at your disposal for the prosecution of the work.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. R. MEAD, Major, R.E.,
District Engineer.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department, with the remark that Major Mead's professional opinion expressed in paragraph 4 may be accepted.

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer and Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

No. 140. ORDER THEREON, 11th September 1878, No. 1,436.

Separate Revenue, No. 13
Salt.

FORWARDED to the Board of Revenue for communication to the Salt Commissioner.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. A. CAMPBELL,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

Extd. T. R. Bartleman.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

2nd July 1877, No. 1303.

Salt Roads.

Read the following paper:—

No. 3. *Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd June 1877, No. 2973.*

Read the following:—

SOUTH ARCOT DISTRICT, SALT DEPARTMENT.

Report on Salt Roads for the Official Year 1876-77.

1.	Approach from the 21st mile in Tindivanam-Markanum Road to Kandadu Pans.	Has been repaired and is now in good order.	
2.	Road from Kandadu Bridge to Markanum Salt pans.	Do.	do. do.
3.	Road from Markanum Village to Salt-pans and Salt Kutchery.	Do.	do. do.
4.	Road from Markanum Pans to Sea-shore.	Do.	do. do.
5.	Approach from Chunampett Road to No. 2 Salt Platform.	Good order.	
6.	Approach from Chunampett Road to No. 3 Salt Platform.	Do.	
7.	Approach from Chunampett Road to No. 4 Salt Platform.	Do.	
8.	Approach to Gundalam Pans and Platforms from Lawford's Canal.	In fair order; requires a little repair,	which will be attended to this year.

I take this opportunity to bring to notice the unsatisfactory state of the bridge over the Kandadu backwater. It has not been open for traffic since the 29th March last. The little culvert in the Tembakam causeway is perfectly rotten. I had some difficulty in passing over it on my way back from Chunampett on the 29th ultimo, and I am told it has since become perfectly impassable. The wooden bridge connected with that causeway wants repair. The rails in some places have been removed. It should not be a matter for surprise if from these causes there be a falling off in the sales, inasmuch as Madras salt is now being brought down by rail as far almost as Cuddalore and sold almost as cheap as the Markanum salt is sold at the pans.

PONDICHERRY,
1st June 1877.

(Signed) W. FREER,
Deputy Collector.

No. 260.

Submitted to the Board of Revenue, Madras.

2. The attention of the District Engineer has been drawn to the subject of rectifying the defects brought to notice.

CUDDALORE,
11th June 1877.

(Signed) H. SHARP,
Acting Collector.

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Submitted for the information of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Sub-Secretary.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 2nd July 1877, No. 1808.

Communicated to the Public Works Department, in which department orders will be issued in view to remedying the defects pointed out.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Public Works Department.

Rad. A. S. Rodgers.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

24th July 1877, No. 479 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following paper :—

No. 325. From Major H. R. MEAD, R.E., District Engineer, South Arcot, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Cuddalore, 16th July 1877, No. 63.

With reference to G.O., No. 63 W, dated 11th July 1877, I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter addressed to the Collector on the receipt of his informing me of the bad state of the Thembakum causeway.

2. The bridge over the Kandadu backwater, commonly called the Merkanum lattice bridge, has been temporarily repaired at a cost of Rupees 450; it was reopened on the 11th June 1877, and is now available for traffic.

The Local Fund Board have directed that no more expenditure be incurred on the bridge, which they consider they are not interested in.

3. With regard to the Thembakum causeway, it is almost impassable; it is, however, but little used, and as there is a passage across the valley (by means of two road dams) about 4 miles to the west of it, I consider it might be abandoned.

From Major H. R. MEAD, R.E., District Engineer, South Arcot, to the Collector of South Arcot, dated Cuddalore, 16th June 1877, No. 112.

With reference to your letter No. 126, dated 11th June 1877, I have the honor to bring to your notice that there is no provision made in the Local Fund Budget for the maintenance of road No. 3, or the road round the salt platforms at Merkanum. Last year there was a provision for these 4 miles of road at Rupees 75 or Rupees 300 for the road, but this year this road and also road No. 4, or the road from Allatore to Thembakum, a distance of 2 miles, nothing was allowed, as they were considered to be salt roads.

2. The Thembakum causeway bridges are in very bad order indeed, and have been so for some time; they require a heavy expenditure to put them in fair passable order, and I do not think it likely that the Local Fund Board will be willing to incur any expenditure on them, as they at their meeting on the 12th of May 1877 declined to thoroughly repair or reconstruct the wooden bridge on road No. 2 near Merkanum, because they considered it only useful for salt traffic and directed no more expenditure to be incurred on it.

3. As this is the case I would suggest you should bring the matter to the notice of Government, as I suppose you are aware that, if the causeway and the bridge on road No. 2 are impassable, Merkanum salt pans will be left with only one road to Tondicherry available.

No. 326. ORDER THEREON, 24th July 1877, No. 479 W.

COMMUNICATED to the Financial Department, with reference to the Order in that Department, No. 1,808, dated 2nd July 1877.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, South Arcot.
" Financial Department, with copy of Note by the Hon. W. Hudleston.

Encl. E. C. Shunker.

Spare Copies

Order thereon 24 July 1877 No 479 W

Communicated to the District Engineer South Arcot for early attention

True Extract

Sd/ W. F.

for the Sec.t Govt. South Arcot

JULY
Nos. 106-108.

Bridge over the Tweed at Ancrum and Causeway, Causeway, Sanitary District. Letter from the Minister forwarding copy of the Report made by Mr. Hope, and requesting to be informed if the Board have any objection to the Bridge and Causeway being proceeded with.

Extract from a letter from J. M. Bliss Esqr. Commissioners of Sale Ground, to Major R. E. Head, R. E. Dated Victoria Square, Dated 20th September 1848 Rec 1145

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3. Sir Thomas Freemantle presents his respects to Mr Hope Secretary to the Board of Ordnance & begs to inform him that the Commissioners of Sale of Woolwich Common have received a letter from Colonel Boxer, Royal Engineer, Woolwich, stating that the Road Trustees of Plumstead are desirous of stopping the Foot Path leading from the Plumstead Road to the Plumstead Marshes, & that the Road leading from Plumstead Common to the Marshes is quite useless for all purposes. If, therefore the Board have no objection to withdraw their opposition to the proposed stopping up of the Foot Path, Sir Thomas will write to the Commissioners of Sale to withdraw their opposition to the proposed stopping up of the Foot Path. Sir Thomas requests to be informed if the Board have any objection to withdraw their opposition to the proposed stopping up of the Foot Path.

Sir Thomas Freemantle presents his respects to Mr Hope Secretary to the Board of Ordnance & begs to inform him that the Commissioners of Sale of Woolwich Common have received a letter from Colonel Boxer, Royal Engineer, Woolwich, stating that the Road Trustees of Plumstead are desirous of stopping the Foot Path leading from the Plumstead Road to the Plumstead Marshes, & that the Road leading from Plumstead Common to the Marshes is quite useless for all purposes. If, therefore the Board have no objection to withdraw their opposition to the proposed stopping up of the Foot Path, Sir Thomas will write to the Commissioners of Sale to withdraw their opposition to the proposed stopping up of the Foot Path. Sir Thomas requests to be informed if the Board have any objection to withdraw their opposition to the proposed stopping up of the Foot Path.

6th June 1891, at 2 p.m. R.D. unable to leave home. Able to superintend the removal and Bds laid across through the proper channel.

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5. Para 8 of your letter seems to have been written under some misapprehension. Somers objected to the Headchannel being built from Salt Finds. What Subjects was the being widened at the east of the Department to an east and a Bridge in a road which is quite useless to the Department. Of course if my proposition to abolish the Headchannel Causeway altogether is approved, no roadway over the channel will be required and (subject to your opinion) it can be built in the place in which I should like to see it, viz, at the mouth of the channel. In any case I will endeavour to arrange for funds being placed at your disposal

for

for the Premature Issue of the Warrants

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District Engineer

Roads & Buildings

Enclosure in Letter
No 20 of 4th Sept 1878
from the Dist Engineer
South Arcot to
Chief Engineer & Sup Dt

Despatched 7th

Extract from a letter
from the Commissioner of
Salt Revenue to the Chief
Engineer, South Arcot
No 142 dated 19th Aug 1878
regarding the Pambanam
Causeway Bridge

D. P. W.
SOUTH ARCOT. No. 220

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S OFFICE

Camp Cuddalore

Dated 4th September 1878

FROM

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,

SOUTH ARCOT.

Roads & Buildings

TO

THE CHIEF ENGINEER

Enclosures

1. Extract

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an Extract of a letter from the Salt Commissioner regarding the Bridge over the Pambanam Causeway

M.R. Bridge mentioned in G.O. No 384 dated 20th June 1878 being built with a Roadway raised at an extra Cost of Rs 250 and the Commissioner therefore (since the Roadway is also the Causeway) proposes the Bridge work a gun Powder proof and that the extra Cost Rs 250 should not be charged to Salt.

C.D. 2. I beg to report that the Bridge is in progress and no extra

Engineer

begin early considered it best to stop the work enough until I hear from you and request to be informed if I am to do so.

9. I have already in my letter No 93 dated 16th July 99 pointed out to you dated 26 July gave my opinion that the Causeway might be abandoned as a communication, as there is a passage across the valley a little to the N. of the Church of Ch. Both the Lieut Department and the Resident thought differently and Col. in his Report of 23 July 99 stated that measures should be taken before the Causeway in ruin and Lieut Lane directed to withdraw from all further to have regard to the Report dem. that the Commissariat Causeway is a positive injury to the Lieut Department in stopping the free flow of the tide to the Eastern part of town only remarks that the idea of the old sea the Causeway as regards the flow of tide

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and the removal of the Causeway would in my opinion make no difference to the present

If the Causeway is abandoned the Road line might be built for 1000 feet and the ditch and the side Wall as proposed by Col Colvin but I cannot think that this may damage but of the sea the other and therefore if the Causeway is kept up the Causeway should be removed built with a road way at an extra cost of Rs 2500 total cost Rs 2000.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Colin Campbell

Ex 2986 Ltr Encl 98
Ex 3420 - 4th July 1878.

Ponnaveram Bridge

FROM DISTRICT ENGINEER,
SOUTH ARCOT.

No. 200

Dated 4th
Despatched 4th } September 1878
Received 6th

No. of Enclosures One

Thambukum Causeway Bridge. — Forwarding for orders extract from a letter from the Commissioner of Salt Revenue regarding to stop the repair work to the ——

Ex Engr

P. W. D.

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No. 4041

Letter from the District Engineer South Arcot, No. 200, dated 4th September 1878.

Forwarded to the Revenue Department with the remarks that Major Beadle's professional opinion as expressed in paragraph 4 may be accepted.

Ex Secd Feb 6th
Chief Engineer and Secy. Board
P. W. D.

Catalogued
9th Sept 1878-3

A.J.S.
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Romney 18th Sept.

No 8991.

From
The Chief Engineer
1 Encl.

Dated 9th
Rec'd 10th } Sept. 1870.

Subject
Transferring with remarks
letter from Chief Engineer
Brecknock forwarding for orders
extract from a letter from
the Comm.rs of Dallas Romney
respecting the shortness of
work to the Thames Romney
Causeway Bridges.

Action
Minuted to the
Board of Revenue
for communication
to the Dallas Romney
Causeway

Entered

Ent. Book Out Letter 11 Sept. 1870
to Chief Engineer Brecknock