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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
17th November 1863.

No. 41. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated
7th November 1863, No. 2002.

*Authorizing the issue of a grant-in-aid amount-
ing to Rupees 2150 (equivalent to subscrip-
tions collected) for the Municipal improve-
ments of the town of Kurnool.* } (Vide Proceedings Revenue Department, dated
7th November 1863, Nos. 81 and 82.)

No. 42.

ORDER THEREON, 17th November 1863, No. 735.

To be recorded.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
7th November 1863.*

No. 51. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th October 1863:—

Read the following letter from J. I. MINCHIN, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Kurnool, 22nd October 1863, No. 169.

SIR,

1. On the consideration of certain correspondence regarding sanitary improvements in the Fort of Kurnool, the Government in their Order of the 21st May last, No. 884, Revenue Department, directed that the sums realized by the sale of a ruined rampart could not be applied for the improvement of the town, but intimated that if the people of Kurnool would raise a fund for the purpose of carrying out Municipal improvements in the town, they would be prepared to sanction a grant-in-aid of the fund on the principles laid down in the Order dated 20th June 1859, No. 813.

2. I have now the honor to intimate that a subscription for this purpose has been opened, and that a sum of Rupees 2,241 has been collected up to the present date, to which, under the Order above quoted, an equal grant should be given from the Local Funds of the District.

3. I regret, however, to state that there are no means to make such a grant from the Local Funds, the whole of which for the current official year have been allotted to the carrying out of various District roads.

4. I can only, therefore, request sanction for the payment of the grant, partly from sums allotted for expenditure, but not spent in the current official year, and the balance as soon as assets from the Local Funds may be available.

5. I beg to forward a report of a Meeting held on the 15th ultimo, which will explain the objects of the Municipal Association, and the principles on which it will be worked. Our chief aim has been to leave the management in the hands of the people, guided but not controlled by the Officers of Government. The Association being purely voluntary in its character could only be maintained by being carried on through and with the inhabitants of the town, as a work of their own, and not a Government Institution. While gladly accepting Government support for the Association, I would deprecate any undue interference with its working by Government Officers.

6. It is necessary for me only to allude further to the proposal that the funds of the Association should be placed in the hands of certain Sowkars, without security for the same, the funds to bear interest at 6 per cent. and to be held payable on demand.

7. The feeling of the Native gentlemen who attended the Meeting was unanimous on this point, that any demand for security from the Bankers in question was unnecessary: the funds are accepted on those terms not as a matter of business, but to further the objects of the Association; considering that the money is merely held as a deposit, payable on demand, the rate of interest allowed is high; and each of the Bankers, who has offered to hold the funds on these terms, is a man of unquestionable wealth and respectability.

8. I cannot conclude without stating that the successful institution of the Association is owing to the strenuous exertions of the Deputy Collector, Ragoonadha Row, and the urgent appeals made on the subject by the Zillah Surgeon, Dr. Keess, to all within his influence.

Ordered to be submitted to Government, with the Board's recommendation that the Collector be authorized to place the equivalent of the subscriptions at the disposal of the Committee, charging the amount in his accounts as an advance to be adjusted hereafter from the Local Funds, the income of which in the past year was Rupees 6,520, while the Road Fund per centage on the revised assessment of the Talooks likely to be affected by the Irrigation Company's works may be assumed at Rupees 12,000 per annum as a minimum, so that the means of re-placing the advance will be available at an early date.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
7th November 1863.*

No. 82.

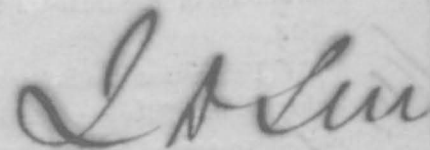
ORDER THEREON, 7th November 1863, No. 2,002.

1. The Governor in Council learns with much gratification that the residents of Kurnool have united to carry out Municipal improvements in that town, and in order to encourage them to renewed and persistent efforts authorizes a grant from the Treasury of Rupees 2,150, the equivalent of their subscriptions.

2. The grant will be made from the Reserve under F IX Miscellaneous in the current year's Budget. In the Budget of 1864-65 the Board of Revenue will enter a sum of Rupees 3,500 for the same purpose, and the Governor in Council trusts that the people of Kurnool with this proof of the interest which the Government take in their Association, will concert measures of a permanent character for the sanitary improvement of their town.

3. Mr. Minchin will convey the acknowledgments of Government to Dr. Keess and R. Ragoonadha Row.

(True Extract.)



Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ Accountant General.

„ Civil Paymaster.

„ Financial Department. ✓

„ Public Department.

