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19th August 1873.

No. 124. Read the following letter from G. D. LEMAN, Esq., President of the Municipal Commissions, Kistna District, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Masulipatam, 2nd August 1873, No. 1226 :—

Adverting to paragraph 4 of G. O., dated 4th June 1873, No. 774, Financial Department, I have the honour to report that, beyond what is provided under sanitary repairs, the Guntoor Municipality did not consider it necessary to allot any large sums on the Red and Black Tanks for the following reasons.

2. The only method of improving them that has been before the Board is that of increasing their capacity by deepening and digging reservoirs in them.

3. This work can, of course, only be done in the hot weather and when the tanks are empty; and the Board report that they have always found great difficulty in getting coolies, and also are fearful of further injury to the Black Tank bank if attempts are again made to empty it to admit of work.

4. The frequent breaching of the tanks is said to be due to the cut in the bank, made to drain out all of the water, never having got firm and hard as it was before.

5. In my letter forwarding the Budget, I informed the Government, as indeed I was told at Guntoor, that there was no calingulah to the Black Tank. The Vice-President tells me I was misinformed, and that there is one. I would recommend Government to impress on the Municipality the necessity to have it looked after, for it is not, in my opinion, properly effective. The bank may have been weakened (it is far from unlikely) by the cut made in it; but the water was so dangerously high upon the bank (if my memory does not fail me, it was said to have been running over it in places) before it gave way that it must, if left as it is, always be in great danger when heavy local rains fall.

6. The Municipality desire to point out that a good deal has been done to improve the water supply: the Red Tank has been deepened, and a cut-stone reservoir made in it; also iron pipes have been laid down, bringing two reservoirs in the town in connexion with the Black Tank. A filter (it does not work yet) has been made at the mouth of the pipe through which this water passes.

7. The Municipal Board desire me to say that, if the Government still wish it, they will allot 4,000 Rupees to be taken from " School Buildings " and applied to the tank improvements, but they would wish for a professional opinion (for which I shall apply to the District Engineer) before committing themselves to any particular scheme. It is estimated that the Black Tank will, except in very dry seasons, hold sufficient water for the town for one year.

No. 125. ORDER THEREON, 19th August 1873, No. 1172.

The Governor in Council defers passing orders on this letter until the receipt of the opinion (to be submitted as soon as possible) of the District Engineer regarding the improvement of the tanks in question.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Guntoor.
,, Public Works Department.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Govt. of {1873} Madras

FINANCIAL.

To

The PRESIDENT of the
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Guntoor,
&c., &c.

Dated August, 1873.

Read.

G. O., 19*th August* 1873, *No.* 1172.

AUGUST.
Nos. 124-125.

Guntoor Municipality.—The opinion of the District Engineer regarding the improvement of the Red and Black Tanks awaited, before passing orders on the President's letter stating the willingness of the Commissioners to make an allotment for that purpose.

No. 1226

KISTNA DISTRICT COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

MASULIPATAM 25 August 1873

From,

G. D. Leman Esquire
President Collector of the Kistna District.

To,

Municipalities
The Honorable W. Huddleston
Chief Secretary to Government
Financial Department
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7. The Municipal Boards desire me to say that if the Government still wish it, they will allot 4000 Rs to be taken from "School Buildings" and applied to the Tank improvements, but they would wish for a professional opinion (for which I shall apply to the District Engineer) before committing themselves to any particular scheme. It is estimated that the Black Tank will, except in very dry seasons, hold sufficient water for the Town for one year.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obt Servant.

[signature]

President

1873 DEPARTMENT.

No. 1428

From,

The ~~Collector~~ President of the Municipalities of Kistna District.

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Dept.

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Dated 2d August 1873

Received 9.

No. 1226

Enclosure

informing that the Commissioners of Guntoor Town have agreed to allot Rupees 4000 out of the provision for School Buildings for the Red and Black Tank Projects, if the Government still wish it.

With ref

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Govt. of {1873} Madras.

Financial

To

The Presdt. of the Gumtoor Commrs

&c.

Dated Augt. 19

Recd. Read

G.O. 19 Augt. 1873, No. 1172.

Nos. 124 - 125.

Gumtoor Commrs. The opinion of the Dt. Engr. regarding the improvement of the Red & Black Tanks, await before passing orders on the Presdt. Letter stating the willingness of the Commrs to make an allotment for that purpose.