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Read the following papers:—

No. 28. From J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector and President of the Municipal Commission, Bellary, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Bellary, 22nd July 1874, No. 81.

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2. A well, in which to immerse the earth plates, is a necessity to the Department.

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4. In granting the site, I expressly informed the Superintending Engineer that the well belonged to the Municipality, and that I had no power to give it over.

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10. The latter alternative would be inconvenient, as the well is situated so close to the new office.

11. I myself am under the impression that the Commissioners did, originally in 1871, not object to the well being made over to the Department, for, when their opinion was asked as to the eligibility of the site, a memorandum prepared by the Superintendent of Telegraphs (copy enclosed) was laid before them, the third paragraph of which runs thus:—"There is an old well in the land, which, although useless for other purposes, can be utilized for the earth wire."

12. There is, however, nothing on record, and none of the other Commissioners who were then present can recollect that even verbal permission was given to hand over the well.

13. The Commissioners desire me to place the matter before Government for their orders, as the dispute is with a Government Department.

14. It is true that the well is the only one contiguous to that portion of Brucepettah which is near the Collector's Cutcherry. There is, however, a tank, called Mainwaring's tank, about a couple of hundred yards further off, and the water of this tank is universally used by the townspeople for drinking purposes.

Another small piece of water, called the Wudderbunda tank, lies close too, but this is apt to dry up in the hot weather.

15. From the plan of the Cantonment of Bellary, which is enclosed, the relative positions of the Telegraph Office compound, Brucepettah, and the tanks above mentioned will be easily seen. I request that this plan may be returned.

16. The well is a necessity to the Telegraph Department. I do not think it is a necessity to the townspeople, but naturally they do not like being deprived of rights which they have once enjoyed. If the Government are of opinion that the public ought not to be deprived of the well, the simplest mode would be to sanction the sinking of another in the space between the Telegraph Office compound and Brucepettah.

17. I beg to enclose the correspondence on the subject, and also copy of a letter received by me from the Superintendent of Telegraphs.

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No. 30. ORDER THEREON, 1st September 1874, No. 1472.

As the Municipal Commissioners have never expressly sanctioned the exclusive appropriation of the well in question, the Government consider that another well should be provided, as proposed in paragraph 16 of the Collector's letter,* and made over to the Municipality, in lieu of that which has been enclosed in the compound of the Telegraph Office.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

* Dated 22nd July 1874, No. 81.

To the Collector of Bellary, with original enclosures returned.

Exd. J. H Burns.

Govt. of 1874 Mem

FINANCIAL.

To THE COLLECTOR OF BELLARY.

Dated September, 1st.

Recd.

G.O., 1st September 1874, No. 1472.

SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 28—30.

Bellary Municipality.—With reference to the correspondence submitted connected with a well claimed by the Telegraph Department, the Collector directed to provide another well, as proposed by him, and make it over to the Municipality, in lieu of that which has been enclosed in the compound of the Telegraph Office.

No 762

To

J. B. Master Esquire
Collector and Magistrate of
Bellary

Dated Bangalore the 27th of October 1871

Sir,

With reference to the conversation I had the pleasure of having with you on the subject of a site for a Telegraph office building at Bellary, I have the honor to inform you that the piece of ground to the East of your Cutcherry on which there are some trees, is the one that appears both to the Superintending Engineer and myself, to be most eligible in every respect for the required purpose. Its proximity to the Pettah from which the traffic of the office is chiefly derived is especially favorable and it is the interest of Government to endeavour, by every lawful means possible, to increase the revenue, which is now only about a fourth of the expenditure of the office.

Its position with reference to the courts and cutcherries to the office of the officer Commanding the Ceded Districts to the Railway and Bank &c. is most central and Colonel Mollerly is of opinion that water will be more easily found there than at the other spots inspected.

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I beg therefore you will be so good as to grant the necessary sanction to a building being erected thereon.

I understand that it was at one time under consideration to build a market on the site in question and that the proposal met with very general approval but fell through in consequence of its having been found impracticable to at any time raise funds for the purpose. I beg to point out that for sanitary and other reasons, it will be far more preferable to have a Telegraph office than a market there.

The wires can also be extended to that spot with very little difficulty

Have &c. &c. &c.

(S.) W. C. Darling.

Offg Supdt. of Telegraphs

Bangalore Division

No. 1361

Bellary Collector's Office

Dated 30 October 1871

To

The Superintending Engineer

3d Division Bellary

Sir,

With reference to the enclosed letter from the Superintendent of Telegraphs I have the honor to request you will give me your opinion on the subject, albeit it is graded in the letter, as unless absolutely necessary, I should be averse to the grant of any part of the lots preferred for building purposes.

Have &c. &c.

(S.) J. H. Master

Asst Collector

Superintending Engineer's Office

No. 1168. 3d Division

Bellary 2d November 1871.

To

The Collector of Bellary

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 30th Ultimo, No. 1361, I have the honor to inform you that the site selected for the building of a New Telegraph Office at Bellary, appears to me in every way the best available for the reasons urged by the Superintendent of Telegraphs in his letter to your address and which I herewith return.

2. Except removing a few trees on that portion of the ground on which the building is to be erected, I may observe, that there will be no necessity to meddle with the other trees, I therefore trust you will accord your sanction to the ground in question being transferred for the purpose indicated.

Have &c. &c.

(S.) A. L. Molesworth Lt. R.E.

Supg. Engineer 3d Div.

No. 1404 Bellary Collector's office
8th November 1871

To

The Superintendent of Telegraphs
Bangalore Division

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter No. 762 dated the 27th Ultimo. I have consulted the Superintending Engineer on the subject. He approves of your selection. I have the honor to request you will be good enough to let me have a plan shewing the exact amount of land you require. I shall then be better able to give an answer.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd.) J. H. Master
Ag Collector.

No. 1 Bellary Collector's office
To. 3d January 1872

The Superintendent of Telegraphs
Bangalore Division

Sir

With reference to my letter No. 1404 dated 8th November last, I have the honor to inform you that the Executive Engineer has sent me a plan of the whole lot, but he has not stated how much land exactly you require.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd.) J. H. Master
Ag Collector

No. 953 Dated Bangalore 6 January 1872.

To

The Collector of Bellary.

Sir,

With reference to the last para of your letter No. 1404 dated 8th November last, I have the honor to enquire if the Public Works Department have furnished you with a plan shewing the extent of land required as requested in my letter No. 813 of the 18th November to the address of the Superintending Engineer E. Division, and if so that you will be so good as to favor me with a reply to my letter No. 762 dated 27th October last, applying for the piece of Government land to the East of your tent cherry where-on to erect a building for a Telegraph office at Bellary

I have &c. &c.
(Sd) John Bruce
Superintendent of Telgs.
Bangalore D.

No. 29. Dated 10 January 1872.

To

The Superintendent of Telegraphs
Bangalore Division

Your letter No. 953 dated 6th Instant.

Has the honor in reply to refer him to this office letter No. 1 dated the 4th Instant.

I have &c.
(Sd.) J. H. Master
Ag Collector

No. 960 Dated Bangalore 8 January 1872

To

The Collector of Bellary

Sir,

In reply to your No. 1 of the 5th instant, I have the honor to inform you that the piece of land to the east of your Cutcherry was chosen as the most eligible site for the new Telegraph office.

The Superintending Engineer is the best judge of the extent of land that will be required for the building, out houses, and compound. I beg therefore to refer you to that officer.

I have &c.
(Sd.) John Bruce.
Superintendent.

No 1892. Camp Cumlum Supg: Engrs Office
11th January 1872.

To,

The Collector of Bellary.

Sir,

The Executive Engineer in charge of Bellary Range informs me that the site for the New Telegraph Office has not been finally settled upon, I therefore beg to draw your attention to my letter marginally noted and trust that the site selected may be handed over at an early date to enable the Executive Engineer to at once commence with the work as he has a sum of Rs 11,000 to spend on this building by the 31st March 1872.

† No 1460 dated 2d November 1871

I have &c.
(Sd.) A. S. Moberly L.C.E.
Supg: Engineer 3d D.
Bellary Collectors Office
Camp Kamalapur
13 January 1872.

No. 42

To

The Supdt: of Telegraphs
Bangalore

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 960 dated 8 Instant, I have the honor to inform you that the Superintending Engineer is not at Bellary.

2. I beg to enclose the plan received from his office and to request that you will be good enough at your convenience to answer my question.

I have &c.
(Sd.) J. H. Master
Collector

No. 13.

Bellary Collector's Office
Camp Emmberhally
22d. January 1872

To

The Vice President
Bellary Municipal Commission

Sir,

The Superintendent of Telegraphs has applied to me for a site for a New Telegraph Office at this station. He, in communication with the Superintending Engineer, has selected the piece of ground to the East to the Collector's Kutcheery on which Robertson's Lope is situated.

2. I have the honor to request that the Commissioners will favour me with their opinion as to the advisability or otherwise of this ground being taken up for building purposes.

I request an early reply.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd.) J. B. Master
Ag. Collector & President

To, No. 666

The President Municipal Commission
Bellary

Dated 29 January 1872

Your letter No. 13 dated 22d January 1872.

The opinion of the members on the subject

subject of erecting a New Telegraph office is herewith forwarded

(Sd.) W. R. Weld
Vice President
Camp Bellary
30 January 1872

No. 574

To

The Collector of Bellary

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me whether you have fixed definitely on the site for a new Telegraph station: thinking that the site on the east of your Cutchery had been fixed upon I directed Materials to be carted thereto; but when I saw, on Saturday last, the papers circulated amongst the Municipal Commissioners, I cancelled that order:

The time is so short within which I have to expend the amount allotted that I am obliged to press for a decision as speedily as possible.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd.) William Fraser C.E.
Executive Engineer &c. &c.

P.S. I may mention that Mr. Caldwell the Deputy Director General of Telegraphs was here a few days ago and approved of the site selected:

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and I think there would be some trouble in getting it altered.

No. 1029 Dated Bangalore the 31st January/72

To

The Collector of Bellary

Sir,

In reply to your No. 42 dated the 13th instant, I have the honor to inform you that the Deputy Director General, who is on his tour, took the plan you enclosed with him to Bellary with the intention of seeing you regarding the extent of land required for the New Telegraph office building at that station. I hope he was able to do so and that the matter has been arranged.

I may add that the piece I marked out was from the road on the North to the back of the old well on the South and from the road on the west to about 350 feet East.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd.) W. C. Darling

Superintendent

No. 160

Bellary Collector's Office

Dated 3rd February 1872.

To,

The Superintendent of Telegraphs.

Sir,

The Executive Engineer Bellary has again

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again addressed me, asking me whether the site for the New Telegraph office at Bellary has been fixed upon.

I have answered him to the effect that it is not, that you have never yet furnished me with a plan of the ground which you wish to take up.

2. In all applications for sites for buildings, as you may be aware, the chief thing necessary before orders of any kind, can be passed or an answer given, is a plan of the land required

3. As however this has not yet been furnished, and as the subject appears important, I have the honor to inform you that I referred the subject of a building being erected at all on the locality selected, to the Municipal Commissioners of the town of Bellary.

The majority of them express an opinion against the building being in that locality, and deprecate the destruction of trees in one of the only topes which are left at Bellary.

4. I must say I concur with them, and should regret extremely the removal of any of the trees of the tope.

I request therefore that you will be

good

good enough to select another spot or obtain the orders of Government to the occupation of the topes.

I have &c &c &c
(Sd) J. H. Master
Ag Collector

No 164

Bellary Collectors office
Camp Holgh
3d February 1872

To

The Executive Engineer
Bellary

Sir,

With reference to your letter No 574 dated 30th Ultimo, I have the honour to inform you that the site for the New Telegraph Station has not yet been decided.

2. The fault lies with the Superintendent of Telegraphs, who has never answered my question, as to the exact quantity of land required in the spot he selected.

3. I have however now addressed him stating that the majority of the Municipal Commissioners are against the destruction of the topes or of any of the trees, and against the location of a Telegraph office on the site in question.

I have therefore requested him to fix upon another place.

I have &c &c
(Sd) J. H. Master
Ag Collector

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Bellary Collectors Office
Camp Nabanagal Rayadrudg Taluk
Dated 5th February 1872

No 165.

To

The Superintendent of Telegraphs
Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter No 1029 dated 31st Ultimo, and with reference thereto to refer you to my letter No 160 dated the 3d Instant.

I have &c &c
(Sd) J. H. Master
Ag Collector

To

The Collector of Bellary

No 1083, dated Bangalore 17th Feby 1872

Sir,

In reply to your No 160 of the 3d Instant, I have the honor to refer you to the latter part of my letter No 1029 dated 31st Ultimo regarding the extent of ground required and I do not think that it will be necessary to shift, they need not be destroyed, more than half a dozen trees.

I beg to be informed if the above piece can be made available without referring the matter to the Supreme Government through the

the Director General of Telegraphs in India.

I must add that it is a matter of great importance to have the new office completed as early as possible and the Deputy Director General, who was at Bellary the other day and hoped to see you regarding the land, has arranged with the Public Works Department to finish the office building in 3 months from date of commencement.

I have &c.
(Sd.) W. L. Darling
Offg. Supdt. of Telegraphs.
Bangalore Division
Superintending Engrs Office
S. Division

No. 2168. Bellary 21st February 1872
To. Encs: (1)
The Collector of Bellary

Sir,

In forwarding for information Extract (para 5) from letter dated 16th Instant No. 622 from the Executive Engineer Bellary, I have the honor to request you will definitely inform me if the site selected by the Superintendent of Telegraphs, Executive Engineer & myself, jointly, for the New Telegraph office at Bellary, is to be made over to this Department as the Executive Engineer appears to experience difficulties in Casting materials.

2. I am not aware whence Mr Fraser obtained his information, that you requested the

the Telegraph Superintendent to select another site, as there is no record in this office on this point.

I have &c.
(Sd.) A. S. Moberly Lt. R.E.
Asstg: Engineer 3rd D.

Extract from a letter No. 622 dated 16th February 1872 from the Officer in charge Bellary Range, to the Asstg: Engineer 3rd D.

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5. I regret to say that I have been obliged to stop carting stone to the site selected as the Collector has requested the Telegraph Superintendent to select another one. I am not aware of what is being done in the matter only that I am delayed.

(True Extract)
(Sd.) A.S. Moberly Lt R.E.
Asstg: Engr 3rd D.

Bellary
21st Febry 72

Bellary Collector's Office
No. 243 Kottur Dated 22nd Febry 1872

To,
The Superintendent of Telegraphs,
Bangalore Division

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter No. 1083 dated 17th Instant and to

to state that the site selected by you is objected to altogether by the majority of the Commissioners of the Bellary Municipality, whose opinion I sought.

2. It was for that reason that I requested you in my letter No. 160 of the 3d instant to select another site, and I have now the honour to repeat that request.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd) J.K. Master
Ag: Collector

No. 259
To,

Bellary Collector's Office
Kudligi Dated 23d Feby 1872

The Superintending Engineer
Bellary

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter No. 2168 dated 21st Instant and to state that I have requested the Supdt: of Telegraphs to select another site for a Telegraph office.

2. The Majority of the Municipal Commissioners, the favour of whose opinion I sought were opposed to any building being erected on the site selected, and I could not help thinking that their opinion was correct.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd) J.K. Master
Ag Collector

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Telegram.

No. 258. From. Supdt: Bangalore D.
To. The Collector of Bellary.

Forwards following message from Director General of telegraphs.

" Send following to Collector by fastest means From D.G. Superintendent reports that the site agreed upon for Telegraph Office Bellary is now objected to. Unless objections are serious and insurmountable, I beg you will not now change the site which is in every way suitable, any further delay will result in forfeiture of the grant and we shall be most seriously inconvenienced.

To

The Collector of Bellary
No. 1117, dated Bangalore 23d Feby 72

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. 1083 of the 17th Instant, I have the honour herewith to forward copy of a Telegram from the Director General of Telegraphs in India, and to inform you that the Executive Engineer, Bellary has been requested to forward to you the plan of the Site, to the East of the Cutcherry, with the price

required

required by this Department marked with pencil

The Superintending Engineer informs me that the Executive Engineer experiences difficulty in carting materials and I beg to repeat that it is of the utmost importance the new office should be completed as early as practicable and that there is no other site in Bellary more suitable for our purposes than the one selected.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd.) W. C. Darling
Offg: Supdt: of Telegraphs

To Bangalore — Bangalore D.
From Calcutta
No. 5915.

Your message of (15th) plan with Executive Engineer - we object to change of site and to any further delay which will result in lapse of the Grant.

(True Copy)
(Sd.) W. C. Darling
Offg: Supdt: of Telegraphs.

No. 269. Bellary Collectors office
Hudlighi 26th February 1872.

To
The Superintendent of Telegraphs
Bangalore Division

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your telegram of the 23d instant, and in

reply to state that my final answer has been communicated to you more than once.

2. It is therefore hardly reasonable to suppose that a second or third application will do away with the objections which in the opinion of qualified persons do exist to the site selected.

3. I regret that this year's grant should lapse, but this is a necessary consequence and I should hope that a fresh one will be allowed in the ensuing year.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd.) J. H. Master
Collector.

Bellary Collector's office
No. 288. Hudlighi 28th February 1872.

To
The Supdt. of Telegraphs
Bangalore Division

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter No. 117 dated 23d instant and to refer you to my letter No. 269 dated 26th inst.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd.) J. H. Master
Collector.

Offg: Engineers Office
No. 2370. S. D. Bellary 13th March 1872

To
The President M. C.
Bellary

Sir

Sir,

In returning with thanks the accompanying paper, I have the honor to observe that a copy of the letter on which the opinion of the members of the Commission is asked, is not attached and so I am unable to see in what manner the question was put before them.

2. As several of the members have written in a vague manner and as it is very necessary to have this question settled at an early date, a great deal of valuable time during which work might have been carried out, having been lost and part of the money granted having to be given up, I would beg to suggest that the question should be fully discussed at a Special meeting to be held at as early a date as possible so that some work should be done before the end of this Official year.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd.) A. S. Moberly Esqr.
Supt: Engr: 3rd D.

No. 29. Bellary Collector's Office
Dated 13th March 1872

To,

The Vice President Bellary
Municipal Commission

Sir,

With reference to my letter No. 18 dated 22d January last and to your reply No. 666 dated 29th Idem, I have the honor to forward copy of a letter No. 2370 dated 5th Instant from the Superintending Engineer and to request that you will lay the matter before the Commissioners at a meeting and obtain their decisive opinion on the subject. A notice that it will be discussed should be circulated previous to the meeting.

The original papers containing the individual opinions of certain of the members is enclosed for reference.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd.) J. B. Master
Collector & President

Supt'g: Engineer's Office
3rd Division
Bellary 9th March 1872

No. 2241

To,

The Collector of Bellary

Sir,

At the meeting of the Municipal Commissioners held this morning, it was decided unanimously

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to approve of the site East of the Collectors Cutcherry for the New Telegraph Office, I have the honor to request you will issue instructions this day, if possible, to make the ground over to the Executive Engineer So that he may commence with the work at once; and fill in at least the foundations for the New Building by the end of this official year.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd.) A. L. Moberly Lt. R.E.
Supg: Engineer
3d. Division

No. 411

Bellary Collectors office
Dated 19th March 1872

To

The Superintending Engineer
3d. Division
Bellary.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 2441 dated this day, I have the honor to state that the ground as marked by the Deputy Director General in the map furnished to this office by the Executive Engineer may be taken by that

that officer for the New Telegraph Office.

2. The well belongs to the Municipality

(Sd.) J. H. Master
Acting Collector

True copies.
J H Master
Collector.

Ex: H.I.H.
by.

Pol. 1472.

Enclosure to Letter No
87 dated 5 August
1874 from the Collector
of Bellary to the Chief
Secretary to Government
of Madras.

Pol. 1617/74.
Proc. 1st Sept. 1874 No 2.

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BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

No. 87 Dated { Bellary 5 August 1874.

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Sir,
Your Most Obt. Servant
R. Master
Collector
& President Mc.

No. 29.—
Ex? H.L.H.
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From Superintending Engineer
Line Branch DEPARTMENT.

BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
No. 87
Dated 5 August 1874

To,
The Superintending Engineer
Telegraph Department
Cuddapah
Enclosure. 1 No.
Received 7 August 1874

Forwarded with compliments.
Collector's Kachery Cuddapah
with a sketch plan
by the Electric Telegraph
Department.

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BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

No. 81 B. Camp

Dated 22 July 1874.

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From,

THE COLLECTOR OF BELLARY.

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government.

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9. This the Superintendent of Telegraphs says cannot be allowed. He must either have sole control over the well or give it up altogether.

10. The latter alternative would be inconvenient, as the well is situated so close to the new Office.

11 I myself am under the impression that the Commissioners did, originally, in 1871, not object to the well being made over to the Department, for when their opinion was asked as to the eligibility of the site, a Memorandum prepared by the Superintendent of Telegraphs (Copy enclosed) was laid before them; the 3d para of which runs thus; "There is an old well in the land which although useless for other purposes, can be utilized for the earth wire."

12 There is however nothing on record, and none of the other Commissioners who were then present can recollect that even verbal permission was given to hand over the well.

13. The Commissioners desire me to place the matter before Government for their orders, as the dispute is with a Government Department.

14 It is true that the well is the only one contiguous to that portion of Bruce pettah which is near the Collectors Kutcherry. There is however a tank called Main waring's tank, about a couple of hundred yards further off, & the water of this tank is universally used by the townspeople for drinking purposes.

Another small piece of water called the Wuddenbunda tank lies close to, but this is apt to dry up in the hot weather.

15. From the plan of the Cantonment of Bellary which is enclosed, the relative positions of the Telegraph Office Compound, Bruce pettah and the tanks above mentioned will be easily seen. I request that this plan may be returned.

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16 The well is a necessity to the Telegraph Department: I do not think it is a necessity to the towns-people, but naturally they do not like being deprived of rights which they have once enjoyed. If the Government are of opinion that the public might not be deprived of the well, the simplest mode would be to sanction the sinking of another in the space between the Telegraph Office Compound and Bruce pettah.

17 I beg to enclose the correspondence on the subject and also copy of a letter received by me from the Superintendent of Telegraphs.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant.

R Master

President. M. C.

Encl. H. L. H. by.

Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Bellary dated 22nd July 1874. No. 81 and 5th August 1874. No. 87.

Order thereon dated 1 Sept 1874 No 1472

As the Municipal Commissioners have never expressly sanctioned the exclusive appropriation of the well in question, the Govt consider that another well should be provided as proposed in para 16 of the Collector's letter, and made over to the Municipality in lieu of that which has been enclosed in the compound of the Telegraph Office.

J. D. L.

× dated 22nd July 74, No. 81.

To

The Collector of Bellary with my Secretary's compliments

Plan returned from Madras Nov 21/74.

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DEPARTMENT
BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Dated 22nd July 1874 No. 81

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government

Enclosure 2 as noted

Received 24 July 1874

No. 28.

Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letters from the Collector of Bellary, dated 22nd July 1874. No 81, & 5th August 1874. No 87.

Order thereon

I think we have sanction to the transfer

dup. I. & L.

To

The Collector of Bellary.

The Govt are satisfied that the Superintendent of Telegraphs had good ground for believing that the consent of the Commissioners to the transfer of the well was impliedly given by their making no objection to the grant of the site – the fact of the well being on the land selected having been expressly mentioned in the memorandum laid before them.

It was doubtless this consideration also which led to the ground being enclosed without any more formal consent being applied for, and had such

application been made there
seems ~~to~~ no reason to doubt
that ~~no~~ no objection would
have been raised the well
being ~~to~~ supposed to be
useless for drinking purposes

Under these circumstances
this Ct. consider that the
claim now preferred by
the Municipality is un-
tenable.

J.L.
12/8.

Gobt. of {187 } Madras.

To

Dated } 187 , No.
Recd.

Nos.

Govt. of {1874} Madras.

Financial.

To

The Collector of Bellary.

Dated Sept. 1 } 1874, No. 1472.
Recd.

Nos. 28. 30.

Bellary Municipality.

With ref. to the correspondence submitted connected with a well claimed by the Telegraph Dept. the Coll. directed to provide another well as proposed by him & make it over to the Municipality in lieu of that which has been enclosed in the compound of the Telegraph office -

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