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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
20th April 1874.

No. 159. Read the following letter from J. G. COLEMAN, Esq., Officiating President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Honourable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 1st April 1874, No. 3 :—

I have the honour to request that you will be good enough to submit this letter for the favourable consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council.

2. In 1868 Colonel Denison suggested the removal of the Spur Tank bund and the opening out of roads through the ground now submerged ; but, owing to other works of more urgent nature then engaging the attention of the Commissioners, the subject was allowed to lie over for future consideration.

3. Surgeon-General Balfour also suggested the abandoning of the tank (*vide* letter, dated 18th October 1868), and the Collector of Madras reported in 1868 that the revenue realized from the lands irrigated by the tank was only Rupees 350. Since the date of the above letter a portion of the land has been taken up under G. O., No. 1380, dated 4th October 1869, for a road ; the whole of the fields near the Egmore Orphan Asylums are being taken up under G. O., No. 1380, dated 4th October 1869, and the Carnatic Railway works will considerably reduce the remaining portion of the arable land, so that the compensation to be paid to the ryots on the tank being abandoned will amount to a very small sum.

4. The Carnatic Railway line passes through the centre of the tank, and, if it is to be retained, the ground that will be required by the Railway Company must be of considerable width in order to admit of the necessary earth being excavated to form an embankment, on the average, ten feet high.

5. It therefore appears to me that this is the most favourable time for deciding as to whether the tank should be retained or not.

6. Apart from all consideration of the advantages that the Railway Company would derive from the tank being abandoned as a reservoir, I have to bring to notice that the experience we have had in the working of our water-supply scheme shows the absolute necessity for compensation reservoirs, and the Executive Engineer reports that the north-eastern corner of the Spur Tank is very favourably situated for such a purpose.

7. During heavy rains the water in the storage reservoir and delivery channel is highly discoloured. At these times the water has to be cut off, and all the districts, with the exception of Black Town (for which a supply is stored in the Trevelyan Cistern), have their supply stopped.

8. It is proposed to construct a reservoir, 600×500 feet, at the spot shown in the accompanying plan,* which it is calculated will store a week's supply for all the districts west of the River Cooum.

* Coloured green.

9. I have, therefore, the honour to request that His Excellency in Council may be moved to grant to the Municipality all that parcel of ground at present forming the bed of the Spur Tank and lying between the proposed line of the Carnatic Railway and the Poonamallee Road up to a line drawn towards the south in prolongation of Flower's Road.

10. The present is a most favourable time for commencing the construction of the reservoir bunds as the tank is dry.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
20th April 1874.

No. 160. ORDER THEREON, 20th April 1874, No. 635.

The Governor in Council is not prepared to pass any orders on this letter until the question of the abandonment of the Spur Tank, adverted to in G. O., Public Works Department, dated the 11th February 1874, No. 331, has been definitively settled.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Officiating President of the Municipal Commission, Madras.
,, Public Works Department.
,, Revenue do.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

No 3

Munpl Comrs Office
Madras 1st April 1874

From

J. G. Coleman Esqre
Offg President Munpl Comrs
Madras

To

W. Hudleston Esqre
Chief Secretary to Govt
Fort St George

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Govt. of {1874} Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE OFFICIATING PRESIDENT
OF THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Madras,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated April, 20*th*.

Recd.

Read.

G. O., 20th April 1874, *No.* 635.

APRIL.
Nos. 159-160.

Madras Municipality.—Orders on the application of the Municipality for certain parcels of land forming the bed of the Spur Tank, or in Egmore, for a reservoir of the Red Hill water, deferred until the question of the abandonment of the Spur Tank has been definitively settled in the Public Works Department.

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H. Sylvester
Offg. President
Municipal Commrs.

† Ch.C.

Financial Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Order thereon, dated 20th April 1874. No 635

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Reminder R & Co 4th May 74
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3 Pub Revenue Dept
2 — P. W. Department with the Draft Letter noted in the margin 2/5
1 — Secy to the Mun. Comrs, Madras. 6

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Done for the time

Rec'd 1st April 1874

Dated 1st April

No 3

Transmits

Solicits permission to make over to the Government certain assets of the Spur Tanks Scheme, and to levy a Water Rate on an equitable basis for a Reservoir of Real Utility

No 159.

Rec'd 4th April 1874

Rd 8th April

R 20th & 11th April 1874.

Govt. of 1874 Madras.

Financial.

To

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