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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
19th January 1865.

No. 191. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 11th January 1865, No. 36.

Noticing favorably the large amount contributed by the inhabitants of Kurnool for the Municipal improvement of their Town, and approving of a supplemental grant from Government being given conditionally. } (Vide Proceedings, Revenue Department, dated 11th Jan. 1865, Nos. 83 and 84.)

No. 192. ORDER THEREON, 19th January 1865, No. 114.
To be recorded.

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

Exd. J. Tulloch.

No. 83. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th December 1864, No. 7,932.

Read the following letter from J. I. MINCHIN, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 12th November 1864, No. 180 :—

1. I have the honor to forward for the Board's consideration, and submission to Government, a report of the Proceedings of a Public Meeting held in Kurnool on the 31st October, for the consideration of the past and future operations of the Municipal Association of the town.

2. The Association was founded by voluntary contributions in October 1863, and the Government, in their Proceedings dated 7th November 1863, No. 2,002, while supplementing the local collections by an equivalent grant, directed that the sum of Rupees 3,500 should be provided in the Budget of 1864-65 for a like purpose, trusting that the people of Kurnool, with this proof of the interest which the Government take in their Association, would concert measures of a permanent character for the sanitary improvement of their town.

3. The Association is still supported on the purely voluntary principle, but donations within the current official year, either collected or promised, amount already to Rupees 4,952, and there is no doubt that before the close of the year they will exceed Rupees 5,000.

4. I trust that this amount may, as in the last year, be supplemented by an equal grant from the Government of the reserve.

5. With this sum at their disposal, it will be seen that the Association are prepared to take on themselves the task of distributing the water supplied to the town by the Irrigation Company, and of paying for the same according to volume, out of some local taxation that may be devised.

6. With regard to the construction of the works for distributing the water, Colonel Cotton has kindly made over to the Association the plans devised by his officers, and by postponing the more expensive portion of those plans, we find that the funds at the disposal of the Association [redacted] at Rupees 8,000, will suffice for the construction of the necessary portion of the works.

7. For the ultimate completion of these works, and for the yearly payments to the Company, the Association has now accepted liabilities which necessitate its being placed on a permanent footing, and the occasion appears to me a fit one to put in practice the principles enunciated in the Circular of the Supreme Government No. 2,246, dated 31st August 1864, for local legislation, to authorize the inhabitants of the town of Kurnool to raise the funds required for Municipal purposes.

8. I do not propose that action should be taken under Act XXVI of 1850, as I doubt whether the required unanimity on the part of the inhabitants could be obtained ; but as steps must be taken to legalize some local taxation, in order to pay the Irrigation Company for the water, I think the opportunity should not be lost for consolidating the Municipal system in the [redacted] Supreme Government.

9. According to the principles laid down, the cost of the Police of the town would be the first charge to be defrayed out of Municipal funds ; and this, not including the salary of the Inspector, amounts to Rupees 368 and Annas 8 monthly, or Rupees 4,422 per year. The cost of the water to be paid to the Irrigation Company will probably not exceed Rupees 2,000. A like sum will be required for purely sanitary measures, the sweeping of the streets, &c. The gradual completion of the works for distributing water throughout the town, and other works of improvement, will require a yearly outlay, and, on the whole, for the satisfactory performance of its duties, the Municipal Association would require to raise an income of at least Rupees 12,000 yearly.

10. In the scheme laid down, by the Supreme Government, it is intended that the Municipality shall raise the necessary funds, in such manner as they may think proper, subject to the approval of the local Government. It would probably be thought necessary to enumerate in the Act the modes of taxation available to the Association. I will now, therefore, suggest what appears to me the least objectionable means for the required end.

11. Supposing the Income Tax to be abolished at the promised term, the one per cent., at present credited to Public Works, might be continued as a local charge for Municipal purposes. This item amounted to Rupees 3,360 in the last official year, below which it would probably not much descend.

12. The License Tax on Arts and Professions might also be revived within the limits of the town, as imposed in the official year 1861-62; this would have afforded an income, if collected, of Rupees 2,555.

13. A House Tax would be another equitable mode of raising the necessary funds. This tax might range from 4 Annas to Rupees 12 on each house according to its value, and as the town contains 5,567 houses, according to the census taken in 1862, the required income might be completed from this source in the least oppressive manner.

14. The following are the limits of the town which it would be necessary to define for the purposes of the Act :—

The Military Cantonment.
The Fort.
Bazir Pettah.
Somavaram Pettah.
Chingiry Pettah.
Boodavaram Pettah.
Zorapoor.

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1. Ordered to be submitted for the consideration of Government. It does not appear to the Board that the subject comes within their province to discuss, although they feel much interest in all that relates to the progress of Municipal action in the country.

2. The Board trust that the Government may be willing to aid the Association in this year to the extent required, but they think it should be clearly stated how far any support of this kind in future years may be anticipated, to prevent miscalculation of probable income.

No. 84. ORDER THEREON, 11th January 1865,

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government are gratified to learn that the people of Kurnool have subscribed so liberally for the improvement of their town, and will raise their promised grant to Rupees 5,000 if an equal amount is paid by the residents within the official year.

2. The Collector will be careful to draw the Government contribution before the 30th April next and report the amount.

3. The Governor in Council observes that the necessary preliminary Notification for bringing Act XXVI of 1850 into force in Kurnool was published in the Gazette of the 20th ultimo.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ Collector of Kurnool.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Proceedings of Govt in the
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Stating generally, the
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their town & approving of
a supplemental grant
from Govt Funds Recommended

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