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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 23rd December 1862.

No. 430. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 15th December 1862, No. 2,611 :—

Sanctioning a further grant from the Nellore Local Fund of Rupees 1,787-11-4, for certain improvements to the above Town. (Vide Revenue Proceedings, 15th December 1862, Nos. 210-211.)

No. 431. ORDER THEREON, 23rd December 1862, No. 3,070.

Communicated to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, for information and guidance.

(Signed.) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th November 1862:—

Read the following letter from J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Nellore, 10th November 1862, No. 281.

SIR,

1. In their Proceedings of the 7th February last, the Board recommended to Government, that the subscriptions of the inhabitants of Nellore for the improvement of the roads and water supply of the town may be supplemented by an equivalent Government grant.

2. The Government under date the 7th March (No. 383), sanctioned the grant from the Nellore Local Fund of Rupees 1,500, observing that the Native community had apparently come forward liberally on the occasion, and subscribed the sum of Rupees 1,495 in cash besides making large promises of materials, &c.

3. Since then additional subscriptions have been received to the amount of Rupees 1,599 in cash, Rupees 193-3-4 in kind, making total additional subscriptions to date Rupees 1,792-3-4, and the grand total Rupees 3,287-11-4.

4. And under these circumstances, I do myself the honor again to bring the town improvements of Nellore to the notice of the Board, and request that the Board will be pleased to recommend a further grant of Rupees 1,787-11-4, which would be the equivalent of the money subsequently subscribed, with subscriptions in kind, and I would add an appropriate recognition of the public spirit displayed.

5. I enclose two copies of the Supplement to the District Gazette of the 8th instant, which give full details of [illegible] expenditure, and show a balance in hand of Rupees 2,123-9-8 in cash, Rupees 283 purchased materials.

6. It may also be fitly mentioned here, that since I last brought the projected improvements to the notice of the Board, a further feature has been developed, that will make the successful carrying out of the scheme a matter of considerable importance to Government. Major Greenaway, the Acting District Engineer, has suggested carrying over the skew bridge aqueduct, with the supply for the town, the water from the tank that is now crossed over the drainage, for irrigation purposes, by an old aqueduct, at a level some 6 feet lower. The nature of the grounds on either side permits the channel itself to be banked up to correspond to this rise in levels at a trifling cost. And the result of the change would be the command of water for 1,500 Acres in some of our best land for irrigation, and lying comparatively near the tank, that we have never yet been able to get tank water to; whilst, coming at the time it does, for this increased irrigable area we have the supply, now available, that was previously required for villages to be watered this year and in future by the new Krishnapatam Canal.

7. In conclusion I have the pleasure to report that the work has I believe the general approval of the Deputy Chief Engineer of the Northern Circle, who was recently here on a tour of inspection, and kindly inspected these local improvements.

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1. Ordered to be submitted to Government with the Board's recommendation that the Collector be authorized to transfer from the Local Fund to the Town Improvement Fund the further sum of Rupees 1,787-11-4 as a contribution from Government, corresponding with the additional subscriptions of private individuals.

2. The movement on the part of the towns-people is deserving of all praise and encouragement, and the Board are glad to learn from the Collector's letter that more extended beneficial results are now anticipated from the works than were at first contemplated, and which will moreover afford a valuable return to Government for their share of the expense.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed.) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

ORDER THEREON, 15th December 1862, No. 2,611.

1. At the commencement of the present year the Collector of Nellore brought to the notice of Government, through the Board of Revenue, the result of a meeting convened at Nellore for the consideration of the best means of constructing a new approach to the town, and of maintaining a constant supply of good water. At the time of the Collector's report the private subscriptions for these objects amounted to Rupees 1,495, and the Governor in Council* was pleased to make a grant-in-aid of Rupees 1,500 from the Local Fund of the District.

* Proceedings 7th March 1862, No. 2,311.

2. Mr. Dykes now reports that the local contributions up to date had reached the sum of Rupees 3,287-11-4, and he recommends that the Government grant should also be increased to the same amount. It further appears that a larger extent of land, hitherto unirrigated, will be brought under the influence of the Nellore tank by the measures contemplated by the Local Improvement Committee, and that thus the Government will ultimately receive a valuable return for their share of the expense.

3. Under these circumstances His Excellency in Council sanctions a further grant from the Nellore Local Fund of Rupees (1,787-11-4) one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, Annas eleven and Pice four, on the understanding that this sum can be met from the Budget Estimate.

Subscriptions to date	3,287	11	4
Government grant-in-aid	1,500	0	0
	1,787	11	4

4. His Excellency in Council notices the praiseworthy exertions of the towns-people, and the active co-operation of the Collector, with great satisfaction.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Collector of Nellore.
" Accountant General.
" Civil Paymaster.
" Department Public Works.
" Judicial Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

R.E.W. 1802 Despatch
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Sanctioning a further grant from the Willard Loan Fund of £1787-11-4 for certain improvements in the above Town.

No. 4030-4031.

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