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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th March 1864.*

No. 204. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department:—

Approving of the proposal to cut a channel from a ruined tank on the boundary of the Cantonment at Bellary in order to fill a large Goontah near the Sepoy Butting Lines, and from which source the Native Troops and followers chiefly obtain water. } (Here enter 3rd March 1864, No. 747.)

No. 205. ORDER THEREON, 8th March 1864, No. 708.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, with a request that the work may be carried out without delay.

2. In lieu of the Estimate for four wells required in Proceedings Nos. 102 and 602, dated 12th January and 29th February 1864 respectively, Colonel Hemery will be good enough to submit two Estimates, one for two wells in accordance with paragraph 2 of the letter from the Officer Commanding Ceded Districts, recorded in the foregoing Proceedings, and another for the work now authorized to be proceeded with, reporting at the same time whether any and what funds are available from the allotments for the Districts comprised in the 3rd Division.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

„ Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.
„ Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

Memorandum from the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George, 1st March 1864, No. 2528; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

Forwarded to Government with His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief's approval.

From the Officer Commanding Ceded Districts, Bellary, 24th February 1864, No. 20; to the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George.

Adverting to the water supply of this Cantonment, I have the honor to forward for submission to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, a letter from Captain Fischer, R. E. Executive Engineer, suggesting the great advantage that would accrue from cutting a channel from a ruined tank on the boundary of the Cantonment in order to fill a large Ghoontah near the Sepoy Hutting Lines, and from which source the Native Troops and Followers will chiefly obtain water. This Ghoontah is now nearly dry, but I am informed if once filled, will contain nearly two years' supply of water, so soon as the improvements to it, now in course of completion, are finished.

I therefore beg to solicit the sanction of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for this work, in lieu of two of the four Wells already authorised, as it certainly appears a more certain plan of securing a continued supply of water, than from the Wells I proposed to dig in that vicinity; as the uncertainty of the latter holding out in seasons of great drought like the present is very great.

The Ghoontah in question has been greatly enlarged, improved and cleansed out by Lieutenant Colonel McDonell with the aid of Convicts within the last year, and the bottom is granite which will retain the water when once filled; the plan appears perfectly feasible and will be very advantageous in every respect, and I therefore recommend its adoption and immediate sanction, in order to secure the first rain fall which we may hope for in a month or six weeks.

Now that we are to have the aid of Sappers, the expense will be less than Captain Fischer has estimated.

From the Executive Engineer 1st Class, Bellary, 23rd February 1864, No. 163; to the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Ceded Districts.

Having ascertained by levels that a supply channel can be taken off from an old ruined tank near the Race Course to the small tank in the Native Infantry Lines, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to submit the project for the favorable consideration of the Major General Commanding the Division, with a view to the sanction of Government being solicited for the immediate execution of the work, in addition to the Wells already sanctioned, as I consider a permanent benefit, will be obtained by storing a large quantity of water in the Native Infantry Ghoontah.

2. If the supply channel I propose is cut, the tank in the Native Infantry Lines will be very well supplied, as it is taken out of a Nullah down which a large quantity of water always flow in the season, this can be ascertained by a glance at the Bridges, in the Courtiny road across the Nullah, and the water way which had to be given to them.

3. I estimate the cost of work approximately at Rupees 6,000, but no time should be lost in getting on with it, as we may look for rain in a month or six weeks.

ORDER, No. 747, 3rd March 1864.

Approved for immediate execution.

2. It is observed that the A Company Sappers and Miners may be employed on the work in question.

(True Extract.)

Thurman
Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.

Public Works Dept.

Adjutant General, for information.

Exd. W. Regel.

