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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
13th December 1864.*

No. 233. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department:—

Communicating to the Collector of Kurnool a letter from the Consulting Engineer Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, forwarding certain correspondence from the Chief Engineer and Manager, regarding the distribution and management of the water supply of the town of Kurnool. (Here enter 3rd December 1864, No. 2,194.)

No. 234.

ORDER THEREON, 13th December 1864, No. 3,550.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
3rd December 1864.*

No. 23. Read the following letter from Captain J. MULLINS, R. E., Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 17th November 1864, No. 149:—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Order of Government in the Revenue Department, No. 2,070 of the 11th instant, I have the honor to submit a letter, No. 1,831 of the 16th instant, from the Agent, Irrigation and Canal Company, together with the Chief Engineer's letter, No. 999 of the 3rd idem, on the subject of the water supply of the town of Kurnool.

2. From these letters it will be seen that a Public Meeting has been held at Kurnool, and that a resolution was passed in favor of the distribution and management of the town supply being carried out by Municipal arrangements, and it will also be observed that the responsible officers of the Company are prepared to deal with a Municipality, and that the specific terms on which the Company will supply water are that the charge shall be 10 Rupees per annum for each cubic yard of water per hour, which may be supplied. This rate the Chief Engineer bases upon the supposition that 5 Rupees per acre is a fair rate for land supplied with Irrigation water, but it may be sufficient to note here that it is equivalent to 1 Rupee for 876 cubic yards, and that it is a very reasonable charge.

3. I have written to the Agent to ascertain his opinion with regard to the maximum rate to be fixed by an Act of the Legislature for water supplied for purposes other than that of Irrigation, and, as soon as his reply is received, the information required by paragraph 11 of the Order of Government of the 11th instant, will be furnished.

From F. H. HENSLOWE, Esq., Agent and Manager, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to Captain J. MULLINS, R. E., Consulting Engineer, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Madras, 16th November 1864, No. 1,831:—

SIR,

1. I was about to request you to bring under the consideration of Government a plan for supplying Kurnool with water, upon which I had from time to time corresponded with the Chief Engineer, when I was suddenly called upon to leave Madras for the purpose of visiting the works.

2. I am now happy to find that the people of Kurnool have taken definite action in a manner which I think will simplify the question materially, and I enclose copy of a letter from the Chief Engineer which will enable you to lay the whole question before the Government.

No. 999, of 3rd November 1864.

3. The Plans and Estimates alluded to by Colonel Cotton, I did not submit for the reason above stated.

From Colonel H. C. COTTON, Chief Engineer, to F. H. HENSLOWE, Esq., Agent and Manager, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Kurnool, 3rd November 1864, No. 999:—

SIR,

1. A Public Meeting took place here on the 31st ultimo, the Collector in the chair, at which a resolution was passed that the proposed works for the distribution of water through the town should be constructed at the expense of the Municipality.

2. This absolves the Company from the execution of the works, and all that will be required will be to deliver at one summit Reservoir the quantity of water applied for.

3. I described to the Meeting the spot which commands the whole town and suburbs where I had originally proposed to form a filtering basin, and recommended it to the Collector as an available site.

4. Under these circumstances, the Company will have no further interest in the Act to be passed by the Legislative Council than as regards the levying by the Government of the value of the water to be supplied.

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See my letters 21st October 1863, No. 755, and 15th June 1864,
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5. In my estimate I calculated the supply required at about 3 cubic feet per diem per head of the population, and 200 cubic yards per hour for clearing the street gutters. I supposed the population to be rising to 40,000, but I am told that it is now computed at not more than 28,000. If therefore the rate of 3 cubic feet per head per diem is adopted, probably not more than 300 cubic yards per hour will be called for, which at 8 Rupees would be 2,400 Rupees; but as I have elsewhere urged the augmentation of the water-rate being raised to 5 Rupees per acre per crop, the value of the 300 cubic yards per hour through the year would be at 10 Rupees, 3,000 Rupees to be levied for the Company. The quantity however will of course be arranged by the inhabitants, and the rate I propose has not been yet considered by the Board of Directors or by the Government I believe.

6. My Plans and Estimates can now be withdrawn from the Government. The channel to the Town Reservoir will be merely one of the ordinary distribution channels.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) F. H. HENSLOWE,
Agent and Manager.

Referred to the Revenue Department.

CHEPAUK,
19th November 1864.

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

No. 24. ORDER THEREON, 3rd December 1864, No. 2,194.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of Kurnool, with reference to paragraph 9 of the Order of Government, dated 11th November 1864, No. 2,070. Mr. Minchin will report, as soon as possible, the wishes of the inhabitants of Kurnool as to the formation of a Municipality.

(True Extract.)


Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer, Irrigation and Canal Company. *with an enclosure*
„ Collector of Kurnool.
„ Public Works Department. ✓
„ Board of Revenue.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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communicating to
the collector of funds a
letter from the consulting
engineer, stating the
local company forward-
ing certain cash proceeds
from the chief engineer &
manager, regarding the
distribution and manage-
ment of the water supply
of the town of Sumner.

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E. Schumacher }
13th Decr. 1864 }

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