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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
23rd January 1872.*

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ORDER THEREON, 23rd January 1872, No. 213.

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(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division
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PROCEEDINGS, 15TH DECEMBER 1871, No. 5,009.

May 21 1882

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Received. ~~17th~~ November 1891.

DECEMBER.
No. 5,009.

Tanks.—Letter from Collector of Tinnevely reporting on his inspection of works carried out by villagers of Kilianutham in Tinnevely Taluk in order to connect two small tanks in their village so as to form one large tank to head up a large water supply, and requesting sanction for refund to villagers of moiety, Rupees 1,500, of estimated amount of work, minus Rupees 500 or 600 required to complete it, submitted for orders of Government.

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The Superintendent
8th Division

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G. O. 23rd Aug 1872 No. 213.

Nos. 4178418

Banks. Rev. Mr. B^d of
Rev. requesting funds for
the work of converting his
banks in the Province
of St. Com² & the Bishop
of the same with instructions.