

Read the following :—

No. 1,013.

No. 370. *Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.*

THE following estimate has been submitted for sanction by the District Engineer, Salem :—

Repairing the Onnamputty Tank	Rupees 274
Ayacut area	Acres 11½
„ assessment	Rupees 52
Average revenue	„ 52

No repairs have been done to this tank during the last ten years. On the receipt

No. 776, 19th July.

of the estimate the District Engineer was informed that, unless very good reasons could be adduced for the maintenance of this tank as an irrigation work, the estimate could not be recommended for sanction. It is not desirable to keep up these petty tanks as State works, and probably were the bed, in addition to the ayacut under the tank, brought under dry cultivation the loss of revenue would be very trifling, and apparently less than that which would result from the expenditure of the amount required for repairs. The District Engineer in his letter No. 48, of the 27th ultimo, recommends that the estimate should be sanctioned because,

1stly.—There are a great many petty tanks in the Oosoor Range which would have to be similarly dealt with were the Onnamputty tank to be abandoned on account of its small size.

The existence of numerous small tanks is objectionable from an economical point of view, but there is nothing to prevent any particular tank being dealt with on its merits, and generally the test would be: will abandonment occasion loss; also is the tank necessary for the convenience or health of the population.

2ndly.—There will be an increase of revenue sufficient to justify the expenditure. If the area of the catchment basin be as reported, 1 square mile, it is not improbable that the additional 6 or 7 acres required to secure Rupees 30 of additional revenue may be irrigated, as the total area would be under 20 acres.

3rdly.—A larger tank below will be endangered if this small one be neglected.

If the bed were converted into dry cultivation, and the tank ceased to exist, this reason for maintaining it would disappear.

There appears to be no special objection in this case to the sanction of the estimate, but had not some increase of revenue been attainable, as a result of the outlay, abandonment would have been recommended. The District Engineer should be specially careful in dealing with groups of tanks, not to propose the upkeep of any which can be conveniently got rid of without loss of revenue.

OOTACAMUND,
2nd September 1875.

(Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th September 1875.

No. 371. ORDER THEREON, 16th September 1875, No. 2,669.

IRRIGATION, No. 35.
Account.

THE following estimate is sanctioned:—
Repairing the Onnamputty Tank Rs. 274
The expenditure will be chargeable to
revenue. Attention should be given to the

circumstances of all petty tanks, and the question of their continued maintenance
should be considered carefully before submitting estimates for sanction.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Salem.
„ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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Enclosure

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Wm. L. Leatt, Esq.
Chief Engineer for Irrigation

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2nd Sept/40

To.

The Secy: Government
S.H.B.

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P. W. 1895-Sept.
No: 5990.

From

The Chief Mgr.
for Dugins,

Dated 2 Sept. 1895.
Recd. 18th in

No: 1012.

Note on Est. for re-
pairing the Annam-
putty Tank, Salem.

No. 2669. 16-9-75.

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Pro: of the Madras Government

Under date the 16th Sept 1895

Read the following:-

From the Ch. Engr. for S. (H.E. No 10138 2nd Sept 1895)

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M. S. S. S.

Salem

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G. O. 16 Sept. No. 2669.

Nos. 370-371

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Salem Dt. The Estimate

No. 274 for repairing

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No 370/71