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to the 3^d Circle for report
with reference to paras 7 to 10
of Mr. Gordon's letter

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L.C. Shridhar

24TH OCTOBER 1883, No 2437, FINANCIAL

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To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
THIRD CIRCLE,
&c, &c, &c

Dated March, 28th

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G O, 28th March 1882, No 815 W

MARCH.

Nos. 222-223.

Bellary Tank rights land, &c — Proceeding, Financial Department, sanctioning the transfer to the Bellary Municipality of the —, communicated to the officers of the Public Works Department concerned

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Civil Works

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No. 222 Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department,
dated 26th April 1881, No 726

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th February 1881,
No 1254 Miscellaneous

Read the following letter from the Collector of Bellary, to the Secretary to the
Board of Revenue, dated 27th January 1881, No 326.

I HAVE the honor to propose that the Bellary Tank should be declared, under
Section 15 of the Towns Improvement Act, to be transferred to the Municipal Com-
missioners of the town of Bellary

The tank in question is used purely for domestic purposes, the large bazaar of
Bruce Pettah being situated immediately below the bund There are the remains of
an old sluice in the bund, but no irrigation has been carried on from it for many years
past, and it is now blocked up

It has never been formally made over to the Commissioners so far as I can
discover, and it is especially desirable that the ownership of it and the consequent
obligation to keep the bund in repair should be definitely settled, because a breach of
the bund would probably cause immense damage to property. The bund is in fair
order at present, although the tank has not hitherto been transferred, Commissioners
some years ago incurred a large expenditure in an attempt to improve its supply

* With plan attached

A draft notification * is enclosed for
publication in the event of my proposal
being approved

Copy of a resolution of the Commissioners, expressing their readiness to take
over the tank, is appended

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government

2 The Board support the proposal

(True Copy and Extract)

(Signed) C A GALTON,
Secretary

Mis No. 893

APPROVED so far as the Revenue Department is concerned, and transferred to the
Financial Department for the issue of further orders

31st March 1881

(Signed) C G MASTER,
Secretary to Government

THE preliminary notification of the intention to transfer the property required by
Section 15, Act III of 1871, will be published in the *Bellary District Gazette* in
English and in the vernacular language of the district.

(True Extract)

(Signed) C G MASTER,
Acting Chief Secretary

To the Public Works Department

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Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st September 1881,
No 399 R

Read the following letter from the Collector of Bellary, to the Secretary to the
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WITH reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Miscellaneous
No 4725, dated 5th May 1881, communicating G O, Financial Department, No. 726,
dated 26th April 1881, I have the honor to report that the preliminary Notification
of the intention to transfer the Bellary Tank to the Municipal Commissioners has been
duly published in the District Gazette on the 4th June 1881, both in English and in
Telugu, the vernacular language of the district.

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(True Copy and Extract)

(Signed) C D MACLEAN,
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Read also Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd March 1882, No 1875 Mis.

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WITH reference to my letter No 3795, dated 3rd August 1881, I have the
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Bellary, as proposed in my letter No 326, dated 27th January 1881.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G O, dated 26th April 1881,
No 726, F D

(True Copy and Extract)

(Signed) C A GALTON,
Secretary

Ordered accordingly

(True Extract)

(Signed) C. D MACLEAN,
Under Secretary

No 223 ORDER THEREON, 28th March 1882, No 815 W

COMMUNICATED to the officers of the Public Works Department concerned

(True Extract)

(Signed) R H SANKEY, Colonel, R E,
Secretary to Government, P W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle
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