

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

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I have the honor to bring to your notice that in May 1886 I commenced the work of boring an artesian well in Place's Garden, situated in lat. $13^{\circ} 2'$ long. $79^{\circ} 54'$ on the right bank of the Cooum river, in the old valley of the Pálár river, immediately below and to the north of the large tank near the Cooum village. We have sunk our tubes 158 feet, and cannot go lower for want of funds. It is the general opinion that the well will be a success, if we attained at least a depth of 300 feet. We have all the necessary tools to continue, but cannot afford the money to prosecute the work to a successful issue. We have already spent over Rs. 1,000.

2. On the 4th April last I applied to the Local Fund Board of the Chingleput district for a grant of Rs. 500, but was informed that the funds of the Board will not admit of such a grant being made, as the demands on the Board were numerous. Under the circumstances, I appeal to you for such grant as you think expedient to sanction from Provincial Funds, on a work of such utility and importance. I am encouraged to hope that you will comply with my request as G.O., dated 15th November 1887, No. 2179 L., Local and Municipal, strongly recommends that help be given to works of this kind.

3. I beg to forward copies of letters that passed between me and the Local Fund Board on this subject, and trust to meet with a more favorable answer to my present application. I also forward a section of the boring. It would be a pity to abandon the work after having gone so far. I am quite prepared to give the engineer officer you may depute every information, when you send one to report on the boring. I may here add that, during the famine of 1887 with the help of the villagers, a large well was sunk in the village of Kamavaripollum (Pannoor) which lies about 6 miles S.S.E. of Place's Garden. Colonel J. F. Moberly, R.E., the Superintending Engineer, was so surprised with the extraordinary quantity of water obtained in this well, at a time when the wells and tanks in the surrounding country were quite dry, that he brought the matter to your notice. A full account of the undertaking appeared in the Proceedings of Government; but, beyond a few words of encouragement, we received nothing. I trust, however, that this application will meet with a more favorable reception, and that the help now solicited will not be refused.

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Reverend S. Dominic is informed that his application soliciting aid for the boring of an artesian well in Place's Garden has been transferred for the favorable consideration of the District Board and that the result will be duly communicated to him. The Collector will be glad to learn of the successful termination of this laudable undertaking.

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EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Chingleput District Board, No. 1, dated 27th April 1888.

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Resolution.—The Board regret their inability to make any special grant owing to the impoverished state of their funds, and the many calls upon them.

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President, District Board.

No. 236 L.

Communicated to the Rev. S. Dominic for information. The sketch received with his letter is herewith returned.

SAIDAPET,
2nd May 1888.

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Transferred to the Financial department for consideration.

The undersigned considers that the project is deserving of assistance from Provincial Funds.

OOTACAMUND,
28th June 1888.

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A grant of Rs. (500) five hundred from the Provincial Reserve is sanctioned in aid of the experiment.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Rev. S. Dominic.
" Accountant-General.
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Exd. W. H. French.

Gobt. of (1888) Madras.

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