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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department.

17th September 1869.

No. 111. Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of the Kistna district, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Masulipatam, 26th August 1869, No. 30.

With reference to G. O., dated 19th March 1869, No. 354, Public Department, directing that the repair of the Red and Black Tanks at Guntoor should be undertaken by the Municipal Commissioners, who were required to report to Government, at the end of three months, the progress made, I have the honour to forward, herewith, copy of a letter from the Vice-President, Major T. C. Bird, dated 13th August 1869, No. 120, with a plan showing the progress that has been made.

2. I may mention that I have received complaints from the Superintending Engineer that the prosecution of the work has taken away coolies from the Department of Public Works. He is totally opposed to the scheme which he thus characterizes: "to deepen a wide-spreading shallow tank which had been silted up; a procedure condemned by numerous authorities even for irrigation: a still greater mistake when it is intended to retain water for household purposes."

From Major T. C. BIRD, Vice-President of the Guntoor Municipal Commission, to the President of the Guntoor Municipal Commission, Masulipatam; dated Guntoor, 13th August 1869, No. 120.

With reference to paragraph 6 of Government Order, No. 354, dated 19th March 1869, calling for a report on the progress made after three months in the repairs of the Red and Black Tanks at the station, I have the honour to state as follows:—

2. The Order of Government directing the work to be commenced did not reach the Municipality until the 4th of April 1869. Considering that some delay must occur in procuring labour, the Commissioners, owing to the lateness of the season, did not think it advisable to commence immediately upon the Black Tank, because being a very large one, the heavy rains in June would, it was thought, inevitably spoil the work.

3. The case is different, however, with the Yerracherroo, or Red Tank. This tank is divided into three portions by two* roads running across it connecting the old and new towns of Guntoor, and, on or about 30th April 1869, the repairs on

* Vide plan.

the centre portion were commenced. The bed of this part contains an area of about 35,500 square yards, and up to the present date the whole of the portion A.B., coloured light red, has been excavated to an average depth of 1½ yard, giving in the aggregate 8212 cubic yards of excavation and carrying. The expenditure up to the 31st ultimo was about Rupees 955.

4. I would here mention that the Commissioners have not been able to execute this work so quickly as they wished in consequence of the very great difficulty they have experienced in procuring coolies, there being so much work going on in the district at this time of year in the Public Works and Revenue Departments. At the present date there are only twenty-five coolies at work, and the greatest number never exceeded 112. The Commissioners are, however, pushing on the work as quickly as they can, and it is hoped that next year the tank will be capable of holding an abundant supply for the people on that side of the town.

5. Although the repairs of the Black Tank have not been commenced, the Commissioners hope to put the work in hand as soon as possible after the rainy season. In the meantime a channel with head sluice connecting the deep part of the tank with a large stone-built reservoir is rapidly progressing, and will, doubtless, give an ample supply of good fresh-water for the wants of the people during the next hot weather.

No 112. ORDER THEREON, 17th September 1869, No. 1306.

With the foregoing letter, the Officiating Collector of the Kistna district submits the report called for in paragraph 6 of G. O., dated the 19th March last,

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,

17th September 1869.

No. 354, relative to the progress made in deepening and improving the Red Tank and Black Tank in the town of Guntoor.

2. It appears from the report that the improvements of the Black Tank has not yet been undertaken, and that owing to the difficulty experienced in procuring coolies the Municipal Commissioners for the town of Guntoor have not been able to execute the work in the Red Tank as quickly as they desired. The excavation already made extends over an area of 35,500 square yards of an average depth of $1\frac{1}{2}$ yard, and has cost Rupees 955. The Commissioners hope, however, that next year the tank will be capable of holding an abundant supply of water for the people. They also hope to undertake the improvement of the Black Tank "as soon as possible after the rainy season."

3. The Officiating Collector states that the Superintending Engineer "is totally opposed to the scheme which he thus characterizes: 'to deepen a wide spreading shallow tank which had been silted; a procedure condemned by numerous authorities even for irrigation: a still greater mistake when it is intended to retain water for household purposes.'"

4. The Officiating Collector has not expressed any opinion on the remarks of the Superintending Engineer. But as the advantages to be derived by the improvement of the tanks will depend in great measure on the depth and quantity of silt, and on the distance to which it has to be removed, His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves to request the Officiating Collector to submit, in communication with the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Guntoor, his views on the subject, with as little loss of time as possible.

(True Extract.)

Actg. Secy. to Govt.

To the Officiating Collector of the Kistna district,
with the plan.

„ Revenue Department.

„ Public Works do.

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Kistna District Collector's Kacheri.
Masulipatam 26th August 1869.

From J. A.C. Boswell Esq.
Officiating Collector, Kistna District.
To The Chief Secretary to Government.
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

1. With reference to G. O. dated 19th March 1869 No 354 Public Department directing the repair of the Red and Black tanks the work should be undertaken by the Municipal Commissioners who were required to report to Government at the end of three months the progress made. I have the honor to forward herewith copy of a letter from the Vice President Major J. C. Bird dated 13th Aug 1869 No 120 with a plan showing the progress that has been made.
2. I may mention that I have received complaints from the Superintending Engineer that the prosecution of the work has taken away coolies from the D.P.W. He is totally opposed to the scheme which he thus characterizes "to deepen a wide spreading shallow tank which had been silted up - a procedure condemned by numerous authorities even for irrigation - a still greater mistake when it is intended to retain water for household purposes."

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt Servant.
J. Boswell
Officiating Collector.

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A. H. C.

Cont. of 1869 Minutes.

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To

THE OFFG. COLLECTOR OF THE
GODAVERY DISTRICT.
&c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 17th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 17th September 1869, No. 1306.

SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 111-112.

Passing orders on the report submitted relative to the progress made in deepening and improving the Red and Black Tanks at Guntour.

No 120

Quinter 13th August 1869.

From The Vice President
of the Quinter Municipal Commission
To The President
of the Quinter Municipal Commission
Chiriquiatama.

Sir
With reference to Para 6 of Government
order No 354 dated 19th March 1869. Calling for a
report on the progress made after 3 months in
the repairs of the Red and Black Parks at
the Station, I have the honor to state as follows.

II The order of Government directing
the work to be commenced did not reach the
Municipality until the 4th of April 1869; Con-
sidering that some delay must occur in pro-
curing labour, the Commissioners, owing to the
lateness of the season did not think it advisable
to commence immediately upon the Black
Park, because being a very large one, the
heavy rains in June would it was thought, -
inevitably spoil the work.

III The case is different, however, with the
Yerracherros or Red Park. This Park is divided
into 3 portions by 2 Roads running across it
connecting the old and New Towns of Quinter
and on or about 30th April 1869 the repairs on
the centro portion were commenced. The bed
of

No 19 March 1869 Nos 152-153

Accepted 15th Aug 1869
By W. J. B. M. M. M.
of Station District
To Mr. B. M. M.
Secretary to the
Joint House
Quinter 26th Aug 1869.
W. J. B. M. M. M.
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and Black Parks
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copy of a letter from
the President with
a plan showing -
the -

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IV I would here mention that the Commission-ers have not been able to execute this work so quickly as they wished in consequence of the very great difficulty they have experienced in procuring Coolies there being so much work going on in the District at this time of year in the Public Works and Revenue Depart-ments. At the present date there are only 25 Coolies at work and the greatest number never exceeded 112. The Commissioners are how-ever pushing on the work, as quickly as they can and it is hoped that next year the tank will be capable of holding an abundant supply for the people on that side of the Town.

V Although the repairs of the Black Tank have not been commenced the Commissioners hope to put the work in hand as soon as possible after the rainy season. In the mean-time a Channel with Head & Sill connecting the deep part of the Tank with a large stone built reservoir is rapidly progressing and will

will doubtless give an ample supply of good fresh water for the wants of the people during the next hot weather.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
/s/ J. C. Bird. Mayor
Vice President.

True Copy.
L. Bruden
Officiating Collector.

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the
Ag. Collector of Kistna District.
(See under 26th Aug. 1889. No. 30)

Order thereon. 17 September 1889. No. 1236.

With the foregoing letter the
officiating Collector of the Kistna
District, submits the report
called for in paragraph 6 of
G. O. dated the 19th March last
No. 354, relative to the progress
made in deepening and improving
the Red Tank and Black^{Tank}, in
the town of Guntur.

2. It appears from the report
that the improvements of the
Black Tank, has not yet
been undertaken, and that
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Copy of a letter
from the Ag. Collector
of Kistna District
(see under 26th Aug. 1889)
relating to the progress
made in deepening
of Red & Black
Tanks.

1889 Sept.
In a letter from
the Ag. Collector of
Kistna District
dated 26th Aug. 1889.
No. 30

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3. The Officiating Collector states that the Superintending Engineer

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"is totally opposed to the scheme which he thus characterizes 'to deepen a wide spreading shallow tank which had been silted - a procedure condemned by numerous authorities even for irrigation - a still greater mistake when it is intended to retain water for household purposes.'"

4. The Officiating Collector has not expressed any opinion on the remarks of the Superintending Engineer. But, ^{as} the advantages to be derived by the improvement of the Tanks will depend in great measure on the amount of silt, and on the distance to which it has to be removed, His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves to request the Officiating Collector to submit, in communication with the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Guntur, his views on the subject, with as little loss of time as possible. MM

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The Offg. Collector of the }
Kistna District } dated 22/9
Rev. Secy. }
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To

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The Off. of the Secretary of

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Date *Sept. 17* } 1869, No. *1308*
Recd.

Nos. 111, 112

Passing orders on the
report submitted hereto.
-line to the progress made
in deepening & improving
the Red & Black Mills
at Canton.