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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
4th January 1869.

No. 5. Read the following letter from the Acting Sub-Collector in charge of the Kistna District, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Masulipatam, 7th December 1868, No. 39.

With reference to paragraph 3, Government Order, No. 1465, dated 27th November 1868, calling for an explanation of the proposed outlay of 5000 Rupees on the repair of the Black Tank of Guntoor, I have the honor to inform you that in G. O., No. 2111, dated 22nd July 1864, an estimate, amounting to Rupees 4200, for the repair of the same tank, was sanctioned by Government. The work was to be executed from local contributions supplemented by a Government grant-in-aid : owing to the difficulty found in collecting the former, the work was never put in hand. The Commissioners now propose to take it up, as it is of great importance that a town like Guntoor, the water supply of which, for domestic purposes, is not always over good, should have it improved as much as possible. This matter was the subject of a letter, No. 358, dated 28th November 1868, recently addressed by me to the Board of Revenue for submission to Government. I beg to enclose copy thereof.

From the Acting Sub-Collector in charge of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras ; dated Masulipatam, 28th November 1868, No. 358.

In Proceedings of Government, No. 885, * dated 31st March 1864, Rupees 2500, half the estimated cost of repairing the Red Tank of Guntoor, was granted on the offer of the towns-people to contribute a like amount. Subscriptions to the

* Department Public Works.

amount of Rupees 2560 were promised : their collection was a troublesome and tedious matter, and in the end Rupees 1882-12-0 only were got together. The work was deemed so necessary, however, considering the difficulties of water supply under which Guntoor suffers, that its immediate commencement was sanctioned. It was at first executed in the Department Public Works, but in 1865 was transferred by the Collector, with the concurrence of the Superintending Engineer, to a Committee of the towns-people working under the supervision of the Tahsildar and Sub-Collector. The non-collection of the local contributions was the cause of serious delay. Up to date there has been executed work valued at Rupees 1485-6-3 ; of this the amount expended from Imperial Funds is Rupees 782-3-8, and from local collections Rupees 703-2-7. Of the local contribution there is

	RS.	A.	P.
† Department Public Works...	55	9	11
Committee.....	32	7	0
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now an unexpended balance of Rupees 1091-8-6 in deposit in the Taluq Cutcherry, under which Rupees 88-0-11† have to be recovered from the Department Public Works and the Committee.

I have the honor to suggest that Government may be requested to pay the difference, Rupees 1100-8-4, between the amount expended from Imperial Funds, and the amount of local contribution to the credit of the Repair Fund, and that this and the unexpended balance, Rupees 1179-9-5, of local contributions be made over to the Municipal Commissioners, who have undertaken to supplement the amount, Rupees 1179-9-5, necessary to make up the sum originally estimated for the work. The tank is within Municipal limits, and its repair now strictly belongs to the Commissioners ; but I think that what I have proposed may be fairly conceded to them : ordinarily Government contributes only one-fourth of the expenditure incurred on public works by Municipality ; but the circumstances of Guntoor are exceptional. When the north-east monsoon fails as it did in 1863, and as, I fear, it has in this year, the inhabitants are put to considerable straits for water. The Vice-President reports that the Red Tank is already drying up, and suggests that the work of deepening it be at once proceeded with to provide for the coming hot weather.

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2. In Government Order, No. 2111, dated 22nd July 1864, Government further promised a sum of Rupees 2100, being half the estimated cost (Rupees 4200) of improving the Black Tank in the same town. The repairs to the Black Tank were not undertaken owing to the refusal of certain of the subscribers to pay up the sums promised by them, and it was not thought desirable to apply to Government for its promised share of Rupees 2100 until there was a fair prospect of that of the inhabitants being realized. The subscriptions of the people received up to date amount to Rupees 1194-8-0, which are now held in deposit in the Taluq Cutcherry to the credit of the Repair Fund. As there is no prospect of the remainder Rupees 905-8-0 of the local subscriptions being realized, I have the honor to suggest that, in this case also, Government may be requested to pay up the Rupees 2100 already promised by them, the difference of the local subscriptions being made good from Municipal Funds.

No. 6.

ORDER THEREON, 4th January 1869, No. 3.

To be recorded,

(True Extract).

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
22nd July 1864.*

No. 406. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd July 1864, No. 4,092.

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Kistna District, dated Masulipatam, 2nd June 1864, No. 95:—

1. I have the honor to forward, for submission to the Board, copy of a letter and enclosure from the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, together with a Sketch and Estimate of the probable cost of deepening a portion of the Black Tank at Guntoor, in order to ensure a sufficient supply of water for the use of the inhabitants.

2. It appears from Colonel Anderson's letter that the inhabitants are prepared to contribute one-half of the estimated sum of Rupees 4,000, provided Government would give the other half as grant-in-aid. I therefore beg to recommend that the Board will be pleased to obtain the necessary sanction.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Lieutenant-Colonel J. C. ANDERSON, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to G. THORNHILL, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District, dated Masulipatam, 11th April 1864, No. 105.

1. I have the honor to forward a copy of a report from Mr. Supervisor Butler, together with a Sketch and an Estimate of the probable cost of deepening a portion of the Black Tank at Guntoor in the manner proposed by the Tahsildar of Guntoor. This work is quite distinct from that referred to in Government Order, No. 885, dated 31st ultimo, for which a grant-in-aid of Rupees 2,500 was sanctioned.

2. The bed of the Black Tank has been raised by successive annual deposits to such an extent as to render it incapable of retaining a supply of water during the dry weather; about half its area has been given up for dry cultivation, and the soil being loosened by ploughing a considerable quantity of earthy matter is removed when the tank is in process of being filled, and serves to raise the bed of the other half still more.

3. It is proposed to carry a bund across the bed of the tank so as to separate the cultivated portion from the other, and to excavate a trench twenty yards wide and two deep along the foot of the bund for a length of nearly 1,100 yards.

4. Any excavation of this nature must of course serve to increase the storing power of the tank, and if only as a temporary measure I would recommend it for execution. The amount of the estimate is 4,000 Rupees, and Mr. Butler states that the inhabitants are willing to contribute half on the supposition that Government will make up the sum.

5. For the permanent improvement of the water supply, I suggested, during a late visit to Guntoor, that a new tank should be formed, in extension of the present one; but objections were urged to the destruction of property which this would occasion. I would recommend however that the subject be taken into careful consideration by the Sub-Collector. The owners of the land will of course object to have it occupied, but it is cultivated with dry crops only, and cannot be of any great value. The levels are very favorable, and allowing that an average depth of only one yard of water were stored over the area of 105 acres proposed to be taken up, the quantity would be about twelve times as much, as will be held by the cut in the tank bed!

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. THORNHILL, Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From Sub-Conductor W. H. BUTLER, in charge of 3rd Range, Kistna District, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. C. ANDERSON, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, dated Guntoor, 4th April 1864, No. 107.

1. In reply to your Memorandum, No. 362, dated 28th ultimo, I have the honor to report, that I have, in company with the Tahsildar and Serishtadar of the Zillah Court of this place, inspected the Black Tank.

2. They, the Tahsildar and Serishtadar, state that private contributions to the amount of Rupees 2,000 can be obtained for the deepening, &c., of this tank, and request that this sum may be supplemented by a grant-in-aid from Government of a like amount.

3. The tank formerly extended over an area of 150 acres, and was partially wet cultivated to the westward, or head of the tank, but in consequence of the rise in the bed from annual deposits of silt brought down during the rains, it is now dry cultivated.

4. I have made a rough sketch of the tank showing the boundary line lately fixed by the Revenue Department, and along which line the Serishtadar wishes a bund may be raised so as to confine the water within the present limits of the tank, and to act as a preventative against the lower portions of the tank becoming so soon silted up, and the remaining portion of the

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G. O., 4th January 1869, No. 3.

JANUARY.
Nos. 5-6.

Recording letter from the Acting Sub-Collector in charge, Kistna District, furnishing explanation in regard to the proposed outlay of Rs. 5000 on the repair of the Black Tank at Ganboor.

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22nd July 1864.*

money to be expended in deepening the tank under the bund running parallel with the Madras road. I have enclosed an estimate for the work recommended to be done, viz., a small bund of two cubic yards per running yard across the tank, as per dotted line, and deepening the tank for 550 yards length, by 40 yards breadth and two yards depth. Should the grant-in-aid and estimate be sanctioned, I propose to bring up all the coolies from the road, and other works, so as to push on the work, and have it completed by the time the rains set in.

5. The sketch likewise shows the difference of level between the bed of the tank, and the fields lying to the eastward: having no B. M. to go by, I have assumed the bed of the tank to be 70 feet above H. W. mark. Should it be proposed to make a new tank, I would strongly recommend that the portion of the fields marked off by the dotted lines should be given for that purpose; it is well adapted for the formation of the tank; covers an area of about 105 acres, which I consider quite sufficient for the purpose; is nearly 4'-6" below the bed of the present tank at one point to which the levels were taken, and has a gradual slope to the eastward.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. C. ANDERSON, Lieutenant-Colonel,
Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. THORNHILL, Collector.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 3 & 4.—Sketch and Estimate.

1. Submitted for the sanction of Government.
2. The Board presume that the grant sought of Rupees 2,000 in aid of local subscriptions to a like amount can be made from the Income tax allotment.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, Secretary.

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

13th July 1864.

No. 407.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd July 1864, No. 2,111.

1. The Government sanction the Estimate of Rupees 4,200 for deepening a portion of the Black Tank at Guntur, in order to ensure an increased supply of drinking water for the use of the inhabitants of that town.
2. It is represented that the inhabitants are willing to contribute a sum of Rupees 2,000 towards the work, and the Board recommend that the balance of the Estimate may be sanctioned from the Income Tax allotment. The available funds from that source having already been appropriated, the Government are precluded from acceding to the Board's proposal; but should the Superintending Engineer be able to suggest such a re-distribution of the money placed at his disposal from that assignment as will admit of funds being provided for the improvement of the Guntur Black Tank they will be prepared to authorize the same.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.
" Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.
" Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
31st March 1864.*

No. 560. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th March 1864:—

Read the following letter from G. THORNHILL, Esq., Collector of Kistna District, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Bapatla, 12th March 1864, No. 27.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to bring to the notice of the Board that the town of Guntoor is now suffering greatly from scarcity of water. With a view to prevent the recurrence of this calamity the inhabitants have subscribed Rupees 2,500 for deepening the bed and repairing the bund of the Yerracheruvu or Red Tank, which sum they have requested may be supplemented by a grant-in-aid by Government of a like sum, as the whole amount estimated for restoring the tank is Rupees 5,000.

2. I have consulted the Superintending Engineer on the soundness of the project, and beg to enclose a copy of his letter.*

* Dated 7th March 1864, No. 83.

3. The Board will observe that the entire sum available from Local Funds for the current year has been expended, and that Colonel Anderson proposes to meet the cost of this work by transferring 1,500 Rupees from the allotment from 1 per cent. Income Tax Funds for the construction of Trunk Road No. 7, and 1,000 Rupees from savings on Imperial Works, the latter to be replaced by a grant from the Income Tax Funds of the current year.

4. The distress suffered by the inhabitants of Guntoor from want of water in seasons of drought is so great, that I trust the Board will accord their sanction to the project, and will obtain permission from Government for the necessary transfer of funds.

5. I venture to express a hope that this subject may receive early attention in order that the present working season may not be lost.

Ordered to be submitted to Government, with the Board's recommendation that the appropriation of Rupees 2,500 from the Income Tax grant, as proposed by Colonel Anderson, be sanctioned in aid of the local subscriptions to a like amount for improving the supply of drinking water to the town of Guntoor, and that the Superintending Engineer be authorized to arrange at once for the immediate execution of the necessary work within the aggregate amount of Rupees 5,000.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, Secretary.

Transferred to the Department of Public Works.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

18th March 1864.

No. 561.

ORDER THEREON, 31st March 1864, No. 885.

1. The Governor in Council approves of the measures proposed for improving the supply of drinking water to the town of Guntoor, and he authorizes the Superintending Engineer to proceed with the work at once.

2. With a view to meet the amount of the Government contribution towards the work, the Superintending Engineer is authorized to appropriate to that object the following sums:—

Rupees 1,500 from Rupees 5,000 allotted in Proceedings, dated 5th October 1863, No. 2,890, for Trunk Road No. 7.

„ 1,000 from Rupees 10,000, allotted in Proceedings 21st November 1863; No. 3,407, for Trunk Road No. 6.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.

„ Board of Revenue.

„ Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.

„ Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Dist. District
Collector's Office
Mamlatam
28th November 1868.

To, W. Wilson Esquire,
Selling Sub Collector in charge
S. S. Macgregor Esquire,
Selling Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras.

D. P. W.

Sir, In Proceedings of Government 27th 588 dated 31st March 1864, (Rs 2500 half the estimated cost of repairing the Rith tank of Guntur was granted on the offer of the towns people to contribute a like amount. Subscriptions to the amount of Rs 2560 were promised: their collection was a troublesome and tedious matter and in the end Rs 1882.12. only were got together. The work was deemed so necessary however considering the difficulties of water supply under which Guntur suffers that its immediate commencement was sanctioned. It was at first executed in the Department Public Works but in 1865 was transferred by the Collector with the concurrence of the Superintending Engineer to a Committee of the towns people working under the supervision of the Jaidar and Sub Collector. The non-collection of the local contributions was the cause of serious delay. Up to date there has been executed work valued at Rs 1485.6.3; of this the amount expended from Imperial funds is Rs 782.3.8, and from local collections Rs 703.2.7. Of the local contributions there is now an unexpended balance of Rs 1091.8.6 in deposit in the Taluk Kacheri under which (Rs 88.) have to be recovered from the D. P. W. and the Committee. I have the honor to suggest that Government may be requested to pay the difference (Rs 1100.8.4 between the amount expended from Imperial funds and the amount of local contributions to the credit of the Repair fund and that this and the unexpended balance Rs 1179.7.5 of local contributions be made over to the Municipal Commissioners who have undertaken to supplement the amount Rs 1179.7.5 necessary to make up the sum originally estimated for the work. The tank is within Municipal limits, and its repair now strictly belongs to the Commissioners but

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your most obed^t & serv^t

(Signed) W. Wilson
District Sub Collector
in charge

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District Sub Collector
in charge.

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Histna District
Collector's Office
Maulipatam
7th December 1868.

From, W. Wilson Esquire,
Selling Sub Collector in charge.
To, The Honorable R. J. Ellis Esq. M.P.
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George.

Sir,
With reference to para 3, Government Order 372/1865 dated 27th November 1868 calling for an explanation of the proposed outlay of 5000 Rs. on the repair of the Black tank of Guntur, I have the honor to inform you that in G. O. 272/211 dated 22nd July 1864, an estimate amounting to Rs. 4200. for the repair of the same tank was sanctioned by Government. The work was to be executed from local contributions supplemented by a Government grant-in-aid: owing to the difficulty found in collecting the former the work was never put in hand. The Commissioners now propose to take it up as it is of great importance that a town like Guntur the water supply of which for domestic purposes is not always over good should have it improved as much as possible. This matter was the subject of a letter 37355 dated 28th November 1868 recently addressed by me to the Board of Revenue for submission to Government; I enclose copy thereof.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
(Your most obed^t & serv^t)
W. Wilson
Selling Sub Collector
in charge.

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In a letter from the
Selling Sub Collector
in charge Histna District
dated 7th December 1868
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Copy of a letter
from the Sd. Collector
in charge regarding
the repairing of Black
Tank at Guntur.

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