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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	<i>478</i>	Press ~~Mis.~~
Dated	<i>13-4-</i>	<i>19/56</i>

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
13th April 1869.

No. 119. Read the following letter from the Officiating Magistrate of Madura, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Madura, 2nd March 1869, No. 66.

With reference to the Order of Government in the Public Department, dated 17th November last, No. 1421, I have the honor, at the instance of the Head Assistant Magistrate, to request you to be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government for the payment of Rupees 480, required for improving the water-supply intended for the use of visitors to the four annual festivals at Ramaswaram ; besides being required for these feasts, it is necessary to keep a supply of good water all the year round for the use of the pilgrims who resort to Ramaswaram at all seasons.

2. Rupees 330 of the above amount is intended to be spent in the construction of a new tank for drinking water, which is much needed at Mantapam ; from which place the people cross over to Paumben. At present the only water procurable there is brackish and unwholesome.

3. The Head Assistant Magistrate proposes to make use of the remaining 150 Rupees in cleaning the wells and small tanks on the road from Paumben to Ramaswaram.

4. I have the honor to submit, for sanction, an estimate for these works.

No. 120. ORDER THEREON, 13th April 1869, No. 478.

The Government are of opinion that Rupees 480, the amount required to afford an adequate supply of pure water to the town of Ramaswaram, and to the pilgrims who frequent the shrines there, should be contributed from the funds of the Pagodas at Ramaswaram, which are believed to be richly endowed, and which benefit by the annual advent of pilgrims.

2. The Collector will ascertain whether the Managers of the Pagodas, the Dhurmacurtas, are willing to contribute the whole or the major part of the sum required. The Collector will also state whether, in his opinion, the condition of the town of Ramaswaram is such as would render it expedient to apply to it the Towns' Improvement Act No. X. of 1865.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Madura, with the estimate.

„ Board of Revenue.

Govt. of Madras

PUBLIC.

To

THE COLLECTOR OF MADURA.

Sec. Sec. Sec.

Dated April, 13th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 13th April 1869, No. 478.

APRIL.

Nos. 119-120.

Passing orders on an application for the grant of Rupees 480, for improving the water-supply to the visitors to the annual festivals at Ramaswaram.

The Commission
made by the
(Chief Engineer)
might be required
in the application
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Memo for order

The City Engineer recommends
an expenditure of Rs. 480.
for improving the water supply
at Ramamaram.
From the reports received &
embodied in the Sanitary
Comm^{rs} report it appears that
the pilgrimages to this once
famous shrine are rapidly
falling off. As a shrine it
is going out of fashion
On the other hand the
permanent inhabitants
number 5000. It seems

therefore proper to apply to
them the known improvement
act & by a light taxation
to make them themselves
pay for the improvements
which are essentially necessary
for the protection of the
residents health of the Town.
I submit it is not a case
for a full grant

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judging from what we
have seen in the Bellary
District I doubt the
advisability of applying
the Town Improvement
Act to a town with only
5000 inhabitants. -
The most proper source
proposed to draw funds
for the improvements proposed
of the H. A. M. is the
Board of Superintendence
of the P. & A. - the Dharm-
makartas. The P. & A.
is rich & endowed, having
land in several districts
to the Southward & the
Dharmakartas make sums
of large amount at each
festival from the offerings
of the pilgrims. They had
been called on to act in
Chalera in consultation
for the benefit of the
pilgrims. They again

§ should not the
Rannad Jemundar
assist? He probably
would do so, if requested.

W. B. J.

I think with W. Phillips
that the Collector might
be directed to call upon
the P. & A. authorities

to make the moderate provision
required. I am, I think,
in the Rannad Jemundar
in my favor. I have signed

Public Department. 73

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the

Ag. Master of Madurai
(Received 2 March 1887)

Order thereon No. 780/13 April 1887

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 No 2 of 1865

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 Revenue Board

Cont. of 186 } **Quarries**

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To
The M^{rs} of the Quarries
Spain

Dated *15th Apr* }
Recd. 186

Nos. 119772.

*Receiving order on an apple
- basket for the fruit of 186.
Presenting the
to the visitor to the Quarries
Fountain at the Quarries*

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Sir
Your Most Obedt Servt

[Signature]
Offg Magistrate

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tank for drinking water which is much needed at
Thantapam; from which place the people cross over
to

1869 Dillee
From Pro-13 Apr
The offg Magistrate
Madras
To the Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George
Dated 2nd March/69
Road 6
No 66 W
Enclosure one
No 376
requesting to obtain
the sanction of
Government for
the payment of
Rs 480 required for
improving the
water supply in-
tended for the use
of Visitors to the 4
Annual Festivals at
Ramaswaram