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No. 403. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th February 1863, No. 884:—

Read the following letter from the Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Salem, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Attur, 23rd January 1863, No. 10.

SIR,

1. With reference to your Circular Memorandum dated the 10th ultimo, No. 951, I have the honor to state that the surplus Pagoda Funds in this District amounted to Rupees 43,000, and that this sum was under the Order of Government dated the 27th November 1858, No. 1,675, invested in the 5 per cent. loan.

2. The Government in the Order above referred to, directed that from the interest a sum should be placed at the disposal of the Sanitary Association for cleansing the Town of Salem, equal to the amount raised by local subcriptions. From the date of this Order the Sanitary Association have applied only twice for a sum equivalent to that raised by them, and the sum paid to them on these two occasions amounts to Rupees 850. The last instalment drawn by them was at the end of last month.

3. The interest accruing upon the Notes up to the end of last month amounted to Rupees 9,316. Deducting from this sum Rupees 850 drawn and paid to the Sanitary Association, there remains a balance of Rupees 8,466 undrawn. I request the Board will authorize my drawing this sum and crediting the same to the Local Funds to be appropriated for local purposes in the District, such as repairing town roads, constructing street gutters, &c.

4. I take this opportunity to lay before the Board copies of two letters* from the Sub-Collector at Ossoor. In the first of the two letters the Sub-Collector reports that the people of Ossoor have subscribed Rupees 395 for sinking two wells in the village for the benefit of the different classes of the inhabitants, and requests that a similar sum may be allowed from the interest of the surplus Pagoda Funds. In the second letter the Sub-Collector reports the formation of a Sanitary Association at Ossoor, and requests on their behalf the grant of a sum equal to the amount raised by local subscriptions. As the Government have more than once expressed their willingness to help the people in such undertakings, I beg that the requests of the inhabitants of Ossoor, both as regards the wells and also the Sanitary Association, may be complied with.

* 1. Dated 15th November 1862, No. 244.
2. Dated 17th January 1863, ,, 11.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From H. G. SMITH, Esq., Sub-Collector of Salem, to Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Salem, dated Ossoor, 15th November 1862, No. 244.

SIR,

1. Prior to the recent rains, the scarcity of water was much felt in this place, so much so that there was only water in one well and that from the tank (being so very low) was not drinkable. The people therefore were induced to raise among themselves a small subscription towards the construction of two wells for the common use of all classes, in order to guard against the occurrence of so great a privation as they have suffered from this year. One of these wells is intended for the exclusive use of the Bramins and other high caste people, and the other for the lower orders of the people. The amount thus subscribed amounts to Rupees 395, of which 309 Rupees have been already realized, and the rest is in course of collection. The wells are now being dug at two different spots chosen with reference to the convenience of the particular classes of people for whose benefit they are respectively intended.

2. The owners of the site of the two wells, who are also parties interested in the work, have executed Kararnamas resigning their right to their respective lands thus taken up for the benefit of the people; and the Kararnamas are herewith sent (in original).

3. Of the two wells, the one that is intended for the use of the Brahmins and other high caste people has been already commenced upon and the work is in progress. Its cost is estimated at Rupees 250. The site of the other well being situated in a hard soil, is estimated to cost a great

deal more than the first mentioned one. In the case of this well, the work has been postponed in consequence of the recent heavy rains.

4. This is the first instance, within my knowledge in which the people of this place have come forward to interest themselves in matters affecting their own welfare, and to tax themselves for their own comforts; and it being very desirable that such good beginnings on the part of the people should be encouraged by grants-in-aid from the State, and as from my own estimate of the work which I have personally inspected, it cannot be completed without an additional sum equal to that raised by the people, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to obtain the necessary sanction for the grant of a similar sum from the accumulated interest of the Pagoda Funds, which is available for all such purposes.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) D. ARBUTHNOTT, *Collector.*

Enclosure No. 2.

From H. G. SMITH, Esq., Sub-Collector of Salem, to Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Salem, dated Irmuthur, 11th January 1863, No. 11.

1. Since the promulgation of the Municipal Act No. XXVI of 1850, it has, I understand, been contemplated by the people of the Town of Ossoor to form a Municipal Association similar to those in existence in Vizagapatam and other large Towns, but owing partly to the ignorance of the people, and partly to the want of interested persons to lead them, the project has never been carried out. Lately however owing to a short but severe visitation of Cholera, which ceased almost as suddenly as it appeared owing to immediate measures having been taken to cleanse the Town throughout, and also a few of the influential people interesting themselves in the matter, it has been taken up more in earnest and their endeavors I am glad to say have met with considerable success, and my own observation and knowledge of the people warrant me in hoping that should their efforts to keep the Town clean and healthily be met with some support from Government they will not relax in them.

2. The Town you are aware is a small one and the people generally very poor, the subscriptions therefore must be necessarily small; but though small will, if met by Government assistance in the way I trust they will, be found sufficient.

3. At a recent meeting held among themselves a subscription has been entered into [illegible] 20 Rupees per mensem raised collectively, which is about 6 Pice per each house. [illegible] and

4. The objects sought to be accomplished are cleaning the Town of Oss[illegible] carts to pass through the Town twice a day, and should the funds permit to [illegible]or by keeping erected at each end. [illegible] have a lamp post

5. The cost of this is estimated at 500 Rupees per a[illegible]

6. I shall feel obliged therefore by your takin[illegible]num.

should yo[illegible] this letter into your consideration, and to Gove[illegible] see no objection by your forwarding it* that sub[illegible]rnment, with a request that a sum equal to may be met by a similar sum from Government [illegible]scribed monthly by the inhabitants of Ossoor now in hand. [illegible]out of the interest of surplus Pagoda Funds

7. It is not contemplated that a regular regist[illegible]ered Municipal Association should be formed but merely a Sanitary Association, and as the sub[illegible]scription is paid a similar sum may be paid by Government.

8. A committee will be formed of the influ[illegible]ntial people of the Town, of whom the Sub-Clerk (2 Collector) will be one to whom subscrip[illegible]on will be paid, and who will duly report to the Collector the subscription raised monthly in order that he may remit any sum allowed by Government.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) D. ARBUTHNOTT, *Collector.*

* According to Order of Government, dated 20th June 1859, No. 813.

1. Ordered that the above letter be submitted to Government, with the Board's recommendation that the accumulated past interest, and the future receipts from the invested surplus Pagoda Funds in the Salem District be credited to the District Local Fund, and that any sums required as contributions from Government to the Salem Town Sanitary Association be provided from the Local Fund. The invested Pagoda Funds are, as at present employed, almost barren of useful results to the public.

2. The Board further recommend that the Collector be authorized to contribute from the District Local Fund a sum equal to that raised by the private subscriptions of the inhabitants of Ossoor for the construction of wells at that place, and for the operations of the Town Sanitary Association now in course of organization there.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 404. Order thereon, 27th February 1863, No. 424.

1. The Government accede to the Board's recommendations.

2. The *principal* of the invested Pagoda Funds will remain intact, the annual interest only being passed to the credit of the Local Fund.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

No. 4244.

For order. The Grants respectively might be made and the Balance of the accumulated interest might be transferred to the Local Funds, but I should myself think that I should keep the principal as it is for a few years till it be seen what the people will do any thing for themselves in the way of Municipal self government. It is convenient to have a fund for such purposes at the unfettered command of Govt.

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