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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th May 1866.*

No. 169. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department:—

Sanctioning the purchase of a well, if actual
necessity arises, belonging to Reverend Mr.
Doyle at Bellary, for the use of the 76th
Regiment, and observing that in such case a
sufficient proportion of the ground will revert
to Government. (Here enter 1st May 1866, No. 1,532.)

No. 170.

ORDER THEREON, 9th May 1866, No. 1,104.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings, Military Department, No. 1,532.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

Memorandum from the Quarter Master General... Here enter 7th April 1866, No. $\frac{1}{3723}$
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Memorandum from the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 7th April 1866, No. $\frac{1}{3723}$; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

Forwarded to Government for sanction, should the want of water render the purchase necessary. The Executive Engineer reports that 1,000 Rupees is not too large a sum for the well, and that the Sappers can deepen it.

From the Officer Commanding Ceded Districts, Head Quarters, Bellary, 31st March 1866, No. 31; to the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George.

The deficiency of rain throughout this District last year has caused all the tanks and most of the water courses to dry up.

2. The troops and the inhabitants of the place have been for a considerable time entirely dependent on wells for water.

3. The draught has affected the springs about the place, and the water supply in all the wells in the Cantonment and elsewhere has gradually decreased. The Fort ditch, from which inhabitants of the Cowl Bazaar chiefly obtained their water, is nearly dry, and the old Cavalry well (not that used by the Cavalry at present) is that from which the people procure water, and this is low.

4. I have used every available means at my command to clear and deepen several wells about the place, and I am very sanguine that the troops will continue to be tolerably well supplied throughout the hot weather.

5. The Reverend Mr. Doyle, the Roman Catholic clergyman here, sunk a well six or seven years ago, on a piece of ground granted to him by Government, for the purpose of erecting a school on it. This he has given up doing now. The well is conveniently situated, the water is good and the Puckallies of the 76th Regiment are allowed to resort to it by the Reverend gentleman, who now offers to dispose of it to Government. A copy of Mr. Doyle's letter, and the Executive Engineer's report, which has received the approval of the Superintending Engineer, are enclosed.

6. The sides of the well are built up with stone and if deepened the cost of this will no doubt be small, it will be a great acquisition to Government for the use of the troops.

7. I, therefore, beg that I may be permitted to purchase this well, should the water supply run so short as to render it absolutely necessary to take possession of this well to the exclusion of all other parties, and reserving it for the sole use of the 76th Regiment. The artesian well from which the Barracks are chiefly supplied with water is very low, the depth in the morning before water

	Foot.	Inches.
is taken from it, being generally about...	1	4
which falls to...	1	0
in the evening.		

8. Sanction only is sought to prevent delay, but it is to be clearly understood that the purchase will only be made in case of extremity.

9. Some of the ground above spoken of will of course be required to be returned to make roads, &c., to the well.

From the Roman Catholic Chaplain, No. 12; to the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Ceded Districts.

With reference to a conversation I had with Major General W. C. McLeod, Commanding the Division, I have the honor to state that I will sell the well in my compound for the sum of Rupees one thousand.

From the Acting Assistant Engineer, Bellary, 5th March 1866, No. 1222; to the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Ceded Districts.

In answer to your memorandum No. 501 of the 2nd instant, [I beg to inform you that I have inspected the well in the compound of the School of the Roman Catholic Chaplain, as far as the labor and materials expended in its construction are concerned, I consider that 1000 Rupees is not too high a value. At the time of making my inspection, there was very little water in the well, and I am of opinion to obtain a good supply, the well should be deepened, this can easily be done by the Sapper Company, the soil is not very hard and the expense of sinking it about 6 or 10 feet need not be very great. As water is so very scarce, I think it would answer to buy the well if only on the consideration of the time it would take to sink one of similar depth and dimensions.

From the Roman Catholic Chaplain, Bellary, 9th March 1866, No. 14; to the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, Ceded Districts.

With reference to your memorandum, No. 545 of yesterday's date, I have the honor to state that the well was sunk, and lined with stones about 1860, and was not repaired since then. It was inspected lately by W. Porter, Esquire, the Executive Engineer, who is the best judge as to its present requirements.

I forward herewith the lease.

With report from the Controller of Military Accounts, 11th April 1866, D.

ORDER, No. 1532, 1st May 1866.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council will be prepared to sanction the purchase of the well in question, if the contemplated necessity arises. It is assumed that in such case a sufficient proportion of the ground will revert to Government.

Minutes of Consultation, No 174, 21st January 1853.

(True Extract.)

Hamilton Co.
Dy. Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
 „ Controller of Military Accounts.
 „ Revenue Department. *With 10 separate Copies*

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