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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
30th March 1868.

No. 553. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Communicating to Revenue Department a communication from Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, reporting that immediate measures are being taken for repairing the Manemungalum tank, in Madras District, out of Famine funds. (Here enter 17th March 1868, No. 871.)

No. 554. ORDER THEREON, 30th March 1868, No. 828.

Irrigation, No. 9.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue, whose attention is requested to Mr. MacGregor's suggestion that a Railway feeder be carried through the centre of the Conjeveram talook to Trivellore.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 871.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Note by the Honorable A. J. Balfour.

No notice has been taken of the suggestion made in the 20th para of Lt. Col. Gregor's letter that a Railway feeder should be constructed from the centre of the Talbot to Trincomalee.

(Signed) A. J. B.

No. 366. Read the following Endorsement of the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, dated Camp at Naidupett, Nellore District, 3rd March 1868, No. 5,395 :—

Read the following letter from the Sub-Engineer in charge of No. 3 Range, to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, dated Padapay, 20th February 1868, No. 524.

1. In reply to your No. 5,220, of 15th instant, with G. O. No. 503, of 13th idem, I beg to report that the "Manemungalum tank" does need very extensive repairs and improvements. I would compute those repairs, &c., at full 15,000 Rupees. It is, I believe, some twenty years since the tank was regularly repaired, though in last year, and some years prior thereto, some little expenditure was incurred on emergent repairs alone. All the masonry works are leaky and out of order. The tank has very great capacity, with room for improvement, but unfortunately it is without certain means of supply, nor is its drainage basin very extensive. I have had the matter of the repairs and improvements of the tank under consideration for some time, and only recently hit upon a method for providing it with something of a proper supply. The Overseer of the talook has been instructed to take some levels for the purpose, and prepare the estimate which will be forthcoming shortly. In the meanwhile I beg to state that I am in a position to lay out 3,000 Rupees on the tank by the 31st March next, and I trust provision will be made for continuing and completing the work next year. The improvement of the tank will increase the revenue materially, I am led to expect, by an increase in acreage of cultivation; the revenue at present is some 14,000 Rupees I believe. I inspected the tank yesterday in order to write with greater certainty this reply to your inquiry. I have a large body of "Wooparas" and "Wudders" at command just now, whom I have arranged, should commence with the work at once, under the authority which yours, under acknowledgment, conveys. Notwithstanding there is a large amount of "famine work" going on, the above class of work-people are without employ, as Mr. Robinson objects to "skilled labor" on the works named above. I presume, I am at liberty to give them the tank-work under notice, which does require such labor. Also, because village-labor is employed on "famine works" in the neighbourhood.

2. I beg to mention, also, that in consultation with Messrs. Robinson and MacGregor last week at Chingleput, a sum of 2,000 Rupees was entered for "famine" operations on the tank under notice in the "Special Budget," being prepared by the former Officer for submission to Government. This latter grant, when received, will, I believe, be laid out independently of this department; but such work, as may therefrom be performed, will be considered in the general estimate I am preparing.

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1. Submitted to Government with reference to their Order No. 503, 13th February 1868.

2. The Government will note that immediate measures are being taken for repairing the tank out of Famine Funds, and that a full estimate, embracing, all requirements, will be submitted in due course.

(Signed) A. J. M. BOILEAU, Colonel, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
17th March 1868.

No. 367. ORDER THEREON, 17th March 1868, No. 871.

IRRIGATION, No. 15.

1. Communicated to the Revenue Department.

2. The Superintending Engineer will report distinctly whether he requires a special allotment of funds to adjust the outlay which is being incurred by the Public Works Department, on the improvement of the Manemurgalum tank.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department, with note by the Honorable A. J. Arbuthnot.
Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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Report from Lord Lawrence
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Proceedings of the
Govt. of India

Dated 17th March
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No. 871

Forwards Copy of Letter
from Secy to Govt of India
Dept of Revenue Customs
and Salt, submitting
the annexed Draft Treaty
for the Establishment
of a Land Customs Line
between British India
and Portuguese Territory

No. 828.
Dated 5th March 1868

Rec'd 30th March

Copy of Letter from Secy to Govt of India Dept of Revenue Customs and Salt

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