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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
27th January 1869.*

No. 488. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the  
Public Works Department :—

Ordering to abandon the proposed restoration of  
the tank at Cumboor or Cadumboor in the } (Here enter 22nd January 1869, No. 202.)  
Ahtoor Talook of the Salem District.

No. 489. ORDER THEREON, 27th January 1869, No. 235.

Irrigation, No. 14.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. WIGRAM,  
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 202.

Ezd. G. A. Turton.

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22nd January 1869.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 402. From the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Cuddalore, 10th February 1868, No. 223.

1. I have the honor to state, with reference to paragraph 9 of G. O., No. 1,490, of the 17th May 1867, that there are no letters or reports in this office relative to the restoration of the Cadumbur tank in the Ahtoor Talook, Salem.

2. The tank has been inspected by the Supervisor in charge of the Range, who reports that it might be repaired at a cost of 70,000 Rupees, and would yield a revenue of about 10,000 Rupees. But as a set off, the village of Cadumbur in the bed of the tank would be destroyed, and the revenue derived from it, about Rupees 4,000, would be lost, and heavy compensation would have to be paid. The stream now running through the breach in the bund, drains a very small extent of country, and the tank would, therefore, receive a very scanty supply of water.

3. The Supervisor adds that, if the bund were raised about ten yards, and a channel were cut to the tank from an anicut to be built about ten miles off, the restoration of the tank would be a profitable work, but the cost would be very great.

No. 403. From the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Cuddalore, 15th April 1868, No. 11.

1. With reference to your Memorandum of the 14th of February, No. 25, I have the honor to inform you that I have instructed Sub-Engineer Blacker, as soon as he has finished the work he is now engaged on, to examine and report on the Cadumbur tank. I intend also to visit it on my way to Salem.

2. I forward a rough sketch lately received from the Executive Agent of the Range, from which it will be seen that the drainage basin is shut in by a range of hills, and that should a channel from the river ever be brought to the tank, its cost is likely to be very large, as the range of hills will have to be cut through. It is not known when the tank was abandoned. The reason is supposed to have been the inadequate supply of water.

No. 404. From the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Salem, 20th November 1868, No. 154.

1. In continuation of my letter of the 15th of April, No. 11, I have the honor to inform you that the Cadumbur tank has been partially surveyed by Sub-Engineer Blacker, and approximate estimates of the cost of restoring it have been made.

2. The tank has at present a very small drainage area. The supply may be improved by a channel from the river, but to bring this channel into the tank, it will be necessary to cut through the hills bounding the drainage basin. The cutting will have to be 112 feet deep, and is estimated to cost nearly four lacs. Without this channel the cost of the tank would be 1,37,700 Rupees, and considerably less if the bund is not to be any higher than it appears to have been originally.

3. The Collector has informed me that the amount to be paid as compensation for land in the bed of the tank would be Rupees 9,054, and for houses Rupees 10,132, besides an annual loss of existing revenue to Government of Rupees 1,696.

Oct. of 1869

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated January, 27th.

Recd.

A. C.

G. O., 27th January 1869, No. 235.

JANUARY.

Nos. 488-489.

Cadumbur Tank in Salem District.—Order  
abandoning the proposal for its restoration, 1868.  
Submitted to Board of Revenue.

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MEMORANDUM.

No. 101.

1. In G. O., No. 1,490, dated 17th May 1867, paragraph 9, the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, was directed to furnish any information in his possession regarding the restoration of the tank at Cumboor, or Cadumboor in the Ahtoor Talook, Salem District.

2. Colonel Foord reported on the 10th February 1868, that there were no records in his office on the subject, but that he had caused the Range Officer to inspect the site of the work, and that a report to the following effect had been received. The restoration of the tank would cost about 70,000 Rupees, and a revenue of about 10,000 Rupees might be obtained from it. Further particulars having been called for, Colonel Foord now reports that the tank has been partially surveyed; that its drainage area is very small; and that to provide an adequate supply by means of an anicut and channel from the river which runs past the southern extremity of the valley in which the tank is situated, a very heavy outlay would have to be incurred.

3. On reference to the Trigonometrical map, I learn that the area of the drainage basin of the tank is barely ten square miles, and it may reasonably be concluded that the tank was purposely allowed to fall into ruin in consequence of the insufficiency of the supply of water.

(Signed) J. C. ANDERSON, Colonel, R. E.,  
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

FORT ST. GEORGE,  
24th November 1868.

No. 405. Minute by the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT.  
(Here enter .)

No. 406. Minute by the Right Honorable the President.  
(Here enter .)

No. 407. Minute by the Honorable H. D. PHILLIPS.  
(Here enter .)

No. 408. ORDER THEREON, 22nd January 1869, No. 202.

IRRIGATION, No. 33.

1. In his letter, above recorded, the Chief Engineer for Irrigation reports the result of the investigations which, in compliance with the orders of Government, the Superintending Engineer of the 5th Division has had made to determine the expediency or otherwise of restoring the Cumboor, or Cadumboor, tank in the Ahtoor Talook of the Salem District.

2. This work is one of those for the alleged neglect of which the Public Works Department and the Government have been alike blamed. It is specially mentioned by the Collector in the communication quoted by Mr. Ellis in his letter of the 27th April 1867, No. 63, when explaining the grounds on which he had stated in his report of the 13th September 1866 on the condition of parts of the North Arcot and Salem Districts, that there were on the records of the Public Works Department and Board of Revenue plans of Irrigation Works which, if they had been carried out, would have made the serious failure of rain that had occurred that year result in only a partial instead of a total loss of crops, and it is again

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brought to notice as a useful and remunerative work in the Collector's report on the operations of the Public Works Department for 1866-67.

3. From the terms in which the advantages to be derived from restoring this tank were thus urged, the Government considered it necessary to order a full professional examination to be made of its capabilities. That examination, although not yet completed, has now been carried sufficiently far to conclusively show that, neither as respects its position nor the nature of its water supply is the tank capable of being made of any irrigational importance, or a work of a remunerative character, and His Excellency the Governor in Council regrets that the proposal to restore it must be definitively abandoned.

(True Extract.)

*Colonel, R. E.,*

Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.  
.. Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.  
.. Revenue Department.

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Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To  
THE CHIEF ENGINEER FOR IRRIGATION

cc. cc. cc.

Dated January, 22nd.

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JANUARY.

Nos. 492-493

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Order of the Government.—The proposed restoration of the tank at Chidambaram or Chidambaram, in the Abtore Taluk of the Salem District, ordered to be abandoned.

With Order