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No. 36. Read the following letter from the Right Reverend J. M. TISSOT,
Bishop and Vicar Apostolic, Vizagapatam, dated 20th November 1868 :—

TRANSLATION.

1. With reference to the information which the Government have required of me, and which I have furnished with the least delay possible, permit me to state to your Excellency that the application I have made to the Government (for permission) to drain a portion of the swamp, is, as regards myself, not a matter of interest—speculation, but one of public utility. The sanitary condition of the town of Vizagapatam imperatively requires this measure. See what Dr. Adam, the Health Officer of Vizagapatam, has written to me on this subject :— “ I am able at present to “ set apart Wednesday next to meet you and learn of our suggestions about that most “ desirable measure, the reclaiming of that horrid swamp. I repeat that it has been “ an eyesore to me, since first I held charge here, and have frequently turned the matter over in my mind to see how best it could be accomplished.” Dr. Adam attributes most of the sickness which prevails at Vizagapatam, to the exhalations from the swamp.

2. Permit me, your Excellency, to add to this testimony that of Mr. Minchin, who has received my project with pleasure, since he perceived all the importance of it.

3. I do not conceal, your Excellency, the difficulties which such a colossal undertaking presents and the expenditure it will require. But when it is a matter of public utility, it appears to me that we should look at the difficulties in the face in order to solve them, and not to be discouraged at the view. This is what I am endeavouring to do.

4. I will not keep back from you, my Lord, what induces me, especially at this moment, to take up the project. It is the desire to commence and accomplish it under your wise and paternal administration, for I am aware from experience that your Excellency knows how to appreciate and encourage all truly useful works.

5. If my project merits your approbation, this is the favor I take the liberty to ask of you to ensure the success of it.

1st.—As I am about to be long absent, I want to learn the decision of your Council quickly, to enable me, in case my application should be taken into consideration, to make a plan and to consider the means of procuring the necessary funds to commence the work without delay, and to carry it on during my absence.

Sic.* 2nd.—I require authority to drain all that part of the swamp, which* the doctors believe needful for the sanitation of the city, and, in case the extent reclaimed shall exceed what I have applied for, the excess should be subject to the same assessment and be held on the same conditions as the rest. All this is not specified in my first application, but I leave it for your consideration.

6. Be pleased to accept, my Lord, the expression of my most distinguished consideration, and believe me to be, &c.

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No. 37. ORDER THEREON, 2nd February 1869, No. 282.

Miscellaneous.

The foregoing paper will be referred
to the Collector of Vizagapatam, through
the Board of Revenue, for his observations.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ the Right Reverend J. M. Tissot, Bishop and Vicar Apostolic of Vizagapatam.

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Translation

Vizagapatam, 20th Novem^r
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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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Drainage of a Swamp at Vizagapatam.—
Bishop Tissot's letter on this subject, referred to
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Vizagapatam 20 November 1868

Monsieur,

A l'occasion des renseignements que
tient de me demander le Gouvernement et
que j'ai envoyés, dans le plus court délai possible
qu'il me soit permis de faire observer à Votre
Excellence que la demande émise par le
Gouvernement d'une partie du swam pour
la destruction, n'est point de ma part, une spéculation
intéressée, mais d'utilité publique. L'assainissement
de la ville de Vizag demande impérieusement
cette mesure. Vous eussiez dû m'en venir à ce
sujet. M. le Docteur Adam l'Officier de Santé
de Vizag. I am able at present to set
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your suggestions about that most desirable
measure, the reclaiming of that horrid Swamp.
I repeat that it has been an eye sore to me,
since first I held charge here, and have
frequently turned the matter over in my mind
to see how best it could be accomplished.

M^r le Docteur et d'au^{tre} attribue aux exhalaisons
du Swamp la plus grande partie des maladies
qui regnent à Vique.

Qu'il me soit permis, Monseigneur, d'ajouter
à ce témoignage celui de M^r Minchin qui
a accueilli avec plaisir mon projet, parce qu'il
me a senti toute l'importance.

Je ne dissimule pas, Excellence, les
difficultés que présente une entreprise si colossale
et les débours qu'elle demandera. Mais quand il
est question d'utilité publique, il me semble
qu'il ne faut envisager les difficultés pour les
résoudre, mais non pour se décourager à leur
vue, c'est ce que j'ai tâché de faire.

Je ne vous dissimulerai pas, Monseigneur,
que ce qui m'engage surtout en ce moment à
l'entreprendre, c'est le désir de commencer et de
l'achever sous votre sage et paternelle Administration
car je suis par expérience que Votre Excellence
sait apprécier et encourager toutes les œuvres vraiment
utiles.

Si mon projet méritait votre approbation, voici
le faveur que je prend la liberté de solliciter de
Votre part pour en assurer l'exécution.

Comme je suis absent depuis un peu
longue absence, j'aurais besoin de vous dire un peu
vite la décision de Votre Conseil afin que, dans le
cas où ma demande serait prise en considération,
j'aie le temps de faire un plan et d'aviser aux
moyens d'améliorer les ressources nécessaires
pour commencer l'œuvre et la faire continuer
mon absence.

Je demande l'autorisation de dessiner

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The Board of Revenue
In his observation

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tout la partie du devant que les Medecins
voient necessaires à l'assainissement de la
ville et pour le cas ou la partie dessein
depasserait la demande que j'ai faite, que l'excédent
soit soumis à la même taxe et passé à une
même conditions que le reste. Cette demande
ne sera pas formelle dans ma première
demande, je l'abandonne donc à votre appréciation.

Je prie agréer, Monsieur, l'assurance
de ma considération la plus distinguée.

Je suis, Monsieur, avec toute la haute estime
de votre dévoué et fidèle serviteur
R. de J. 12-1-69
E. M.