Revenue Dept
No. 3225

Customs.

PUBLIC.

To

THE HON. COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS
GODAVERY DISTRICT
&c., &c., &c.

Dated September 17th.

Read on 23rd. Inst.

G. O., 17th September 1938, No. 1031

SENTENCED.
Recs. 111-112.

Pending orders on the report submitted relative to the procedure to be followed in keeping and improving the Sand Black Tanks at Cuttack.

With Order
No-88-28 Sept 16 Dd

No. 7,045.

From A. MACGREGOR, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit, herewith, for despatch to England, overland, their printed Proceedings for the month of August 1869.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary.

Revenue Board Office,
Madras,
22nd September 1869.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with copy of Board's Proceedings for the month of August 1869.

Exd/ T. Cartledge.

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Board of Revenue

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FROM THE AG. SECY. TO THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

TO THE AG. SECY. TO GOVERNMENT, R. D.

Dated 22*nd September* 1869.

Received Sept 22

Encl.

SEPTEMBER.

No. 7,045.

Board's printed Proceedings—for August 1869, submitted to Government for despatch to England.

111. Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of the Kistna district, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Masulipatam, 26th August 1869, No. 30.

With reference to G. O., dated 19th March 1869, No. 354, Public Department, ecting that the repair of the Red and Black Tanks at Guntoor should be undertaken the Municipal Commissioners, who were required to report to Government, at the d of three months, the progress made, I have the honour to forward, herewith, py of a letter from the Vice-President, Major T. C. Bird, dated 13th August 69, No. 120, with a plan showing the progress that has been made.

2. I may mention that I have received complaints from the Superintending gineer that the prosecution of the work has taken away coolies from the Depart- nt of Public Works. He is totally opposed to the scheme which he thus charac- izes: "to deepen a wide-spreading shallow tank which had been silted up; a cedure condemned by numerous authorities even for irrigation: a still greater stake when it is intended to retain water for household purposes."

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m Major T. C. BIRD, Vice-President of the Guntoor Municipal Commission, to the President of the Guntoor Municipal Commission, Masulipatam; dated Guntoor, 13th August 1869, No. 120.

With reference to paragraph 6 of Government Order, No. 354, dated 19th March 1869, calling a report on the progress made after three months in the repairs of the Red and Black Tanks the station, I have the honour to state as follows:—

2. The Order of Government directing the work to be commenced did not reach the Munici- ity until the 4th of April 1869. Considering that some delay must occur in procuring labour, Commissioners, owing to the lateness of the season, did not think it advisable to commence mediately upon the Black Tank, because being a very large one, the heavy rains in June would, was thought, inevitably spoil the work.

3. The case is different, however, with the Yerracherroo, or Red Tank. This tank is divided into three portions by two* roads running across it connecting the old and new towns of Guntoor, and, on or about 30th April 1869, the repairs on centre portion were commenced. The bed of this part contains an area of about 35,500 are yards, and up to the present date the whole of the portion A.B., coloured light red, has been avated to an average depth of 1½ yard, giving in the aggregate 8212 cubic yards of excavation l carrying. The expenditure up to the 31st ultimo was about Rupees 955.

* Vide plan.

4. I would here mention that the Commissioners have not been able to execute this work quickly as they wished in consequence of the very great difficulty they have experienced in curing coolies, there being so much work going on in the district at this time of year in the blic Works and Revenue Departments. At the present date there are only twenty-five coolies work, and the greatest number never exceeded 112. The Commissioners are, however, pushing the work as quickly as they can, and it is hoped that next year the tank will be capable of ding an abundant supply for the people on that side of the town.

5. Although the repairs of the Black Tank have not been commenced, the Commissioner e to put the work in hand as soon as possible after the rainy season. In the meantime a nnel with head sluice connecting the deep part of the tank with a large stone-built reservoir apidly progressing, and will, doubtless, give an ample supply of good fresh-water for the wants he people during the next hot weather.

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112. ORDER THEREON, 17th September 1869, No. 1306.

With the foregoing letter, the Officiating Collector of the Kistna district omits the report called for in paragraph 6 of G. O., dated the 19th March last,

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department, 17th September 1869.

No. 354, relative to the progress made in deepening and improving the Red Tank and Black Tank in the town of Guntoor.

2. It appears from the report that the improvements of the Black Tank has not yet been undertaken, and that owing to the difficulty experienced in procuring coolies the Municipal Commissioners for the town of Guntoor have not been able to execute the work in the Red Tank as quickly as they desired. The excavation already made extends over an area of 35,500 square yards of an average depth of 1½ yard, and has cost Rupees 955. The Commissioners hope, however, that next year the tank will be capable of holding an abundant supply of water for the people. They also hope to undertake the improvement of the Black Tank "as soon as possible after the rainy season."

3. The Officiating Collector states that the Superintending Engineer "is totally opposed to the scheme which he thus characterizes: 'to deepen a wide spreading shallow tank which had been silted; a procedure condemned by numerous authorities even for irrigation: a still greater mistake when it is intended to retain water for household purposes.'"

4. The Officiating Collector has not expressed any opinion on the remarks of the Superintening Engineer. But as the advantages to be derived by the improvement of the tanks will depend in great measure on the depth and quantity of silt, and on the distance to which it has to be removed, His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves to request the Officiating Collector to submit, in communication with the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Guntoor, his views on the subject, with as little loss of time as possible.

(True Extract.)

Actg. Secy. to Govt.

To the Officiating Collector of the Kistna district,
" Revenue Department. with the plan.
" Public Works do.

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Comm^r to the
Revenue Board.

Exd. J. Wright.

28 Dec^r/69