

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
26th August 1870.*

No. 387. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th July 1870, No. 4,762:—

Read the following letter from the Acting Sub-Collector in charge of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 8th June 1870, No. 1,977.

BETWEEN the villages of Balusulapad and Lingapuram of Sattanapally Talook there is a ruined tank from which runs a surplus channel separating the latter village from a well on the southern side, which forms the principal supply of water to the village. The villagers having been put to much inconvenience by the flow of water in the canal having prevented them from resorting to the well, they applied for a tunnel over the surplus channel of the tank. On the suggestion of the late Sub-Collector Mr. Wilson, the Officer in charge of the 3rd Range of the Department Public Works has prepared the enclosed plan and estimate, amounting to Rupees 1,170, for the tunnel in question. The Superintending Engineer, while approving the project and counter-signing the estimate, makes the following observation with regard to the source from which the expenditure should be incurred:—

“I should not have hesitated as to disallowing the claim on Local Funds, but after the precedent of Nagayatippa and Repalli villages, I do not know where to draw the limit.” In the case of these villages, the Government, as the Board are aware, directed* that the cost for repairing the embankment should be met from District Road Fund.

* Proceedings, dated 19th March 1870, No. 374.

2. The Board will observe that the excavation of the surplus canal, which now interferes with the free resort of villagers to the well, was an Imperial act. The Government have, on a former occasion, I believe, ruled that when a Government canal intersects a pre-existing communication the cost of restoration should be at the expense of the State. In paragraph 12 of Government Order, dated 11th November 1868, Revenue Department, again the Government approved the Board's proposal that half the cost of bridges over irrigation channels on district roads should be contributed from Imperial Funds. As the difficulty now felt by the villagers would not have arisen if the channel had not been cut, and as the excavation of the canal was not a Local Fund work, I am of opinion that the cost of the tunnel should be met from Imperial Funds. The Superintending Engineer recognizes the propriety of the measure while expressing his apprehension that, after the precedent of Nagayatippa and Repalli villages, the Government would wish this work to be undertaken from Local Funds.

3. I have therefore the honour to request the Board will be pleased to forward this estimate to Government, with recommendation that the work may be executed from Imperial Funds.

4. Should the present state of financial circumstances preclude the Government from allotting the amount required from Imperial Funds, I would propose that a loan be granted from Local Funds to be repaid at such subsequent date as the Board may fix. The resources of the Road Fund of this district have already

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been taxed heavily by the protection of the Kistna embankments and the extension of the Sectanagaram and Numbur canal having been directed to be undertaken from this source, and I do not see how we can fairly add to the burden.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Plan.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Estimate.

THE question as to whether the cost of the tunnel should be met from Local or Imperial Funds will be submitted for the orders of Government.

2. There can be no doubt but what on the principles which have been laid down by Government it should be met from Imperial Funds.

No. 388.

ORDER THEREON, 26th August 1870, No. 1,327.

Irrigation, No. 1.

THE Right Honourable the Governor in Council concurs with the Board of Revenue in considering that the cost of the tunnel in question should be met from Imperial Funds. The estimate will accordingly be transferred to the Public Works Department for sanction and for the allotment of the necessary funds.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.

Edw. F. R. Bantleman.

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26-Aug-1900

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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Rs., &c., &c.

Dated August, 26th.

Recd.

For.

G. O., 26th August 1870, No. 1,327.

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*Tunnel over surplus channel of a tank in
Kishna.*—Cost of its construction ordered to be
met from Imperial funds. Estimate transferred
to Public Works Department for sanction and
allotment of funds.