

Government Revenue Department.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th August 1871.*

No. 285. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th July 1871, No. 3,159:—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Nizampatam, 27th June 1871, No. 1,847.

WITH reference to the Board's Miscellaneous No. 332, dated 30th January 1871, communicating orders of Government dated 12th January 1871, regarding the construction of a tunnel over the surplus channel of the Balusupad ruined tank, I have the honour to inform you that I have gone carefully through all the correspondence on this subject which took place last year during my absence on privilege leave, and requested the Acting Sub-Collector to report on the points noted by Government.

2. From the Acting Sub-Collector's reply, dated 7th June 1871, it appears that the tank in question has long been breached in the centre, and has been considered to be ruined for the last thirty years; that the ayacut of this tank is not shown in the accounts either under wet or dry; and that when the tank was originally breached, the surplus found a natural escape for itself, forming a surplus channel. This channel only contains water during the rains, when the villagers resorting to the well for good water, have to cross about half a yard depth of water. Most part of the tank-bund is now cultivated as dry, being demarcated in detail and occupied by the ryots.

3. Under the foregoing circumstances I am of opinion that the cost of the proposed tunnel should, if the work be undertaken, be met from Local Funds, or rather a grant be made from that source to supplement local subscriptions.

4. It appears that the estimate, amounting to Rs. 1,170, forwarded to Board with this Office letter No. 1,977, dated 8th June 1870, was prepared by the Department of Public Works, on the requisition of the Sub-Collector Mr. Wilson, to whom the villagers had represented the inconvenience they suffered in crossing the channel in wet weather.

5. If the villagers agree to contribute half of the estimated cost for the construction of the tunnel in question the grant of an equal moiety may be made from Local Funds under the head of "Miscellaneous Public Improvements" the work being purely a local one.

6. The whole of this correspondence has arisen from the Acting Sub-Collector in charge having misapprehended the character of the surplus channel of the ruined tank of Balusupad, which was simply a natural escape formed by the water when the tank breached, and in no sense "an Imperial Act."

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to Government Order dated 12th January 1871, No. 80.

2. It is clear that as urged by the Superintending Engineer the villagers have no claim on Imperial Funds for a bridge across the channel which divides their houses from the well.

3. The construction of the bridge must be left to the Local Fund Board.

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 No. 3,159.

Tunnel—over surplus channel of Bilasupad tank in Kistna District.—Letter from Collector, expressing opinion that if construction of, be undertaken, a grant should be made from Local Funds to supplement local subscriptions for that purpose, submitted to Government.

No 1464-23 August 1871
[Signature]

[Handwritten notes:]
 Subject: Tunnel to the tank.
 It is clear that the tank is
 the best place for the construction of the
 tunnel and the water will be
 sufficient for the purpose.
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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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 ceilings regarding the construction of a tunnel
 over its surplus channel.