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12th January 1871.*

No. 175. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th November 1870, No. 6,531 :—

Read the following letters :—

From the Acting Sub-Collector in charge of the Godavery District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 29th August 1870, No. 257.

I HAVE the honour, with my recommendation, to submit the letter of the Acting Sub-Collector under date the 16th instant, No. 144, urging the desirability of completing the wells begun last year, and soliciting the sanction of Government to a grant-in-aid for that purpose, the amount sanctioned in the past official year for the works having lapsed on the 31st March 1870.

2. As the Board are aware, the construction of twenty-three tanks and twenty-two wells was undertaken last year by the Acting Sub-Collector for providing drinking water in parts of his division, where generally distress is experienced by man and beast from want of good water, and the more especially in seasons of scarcity, such as those we had in late years. For these works, Government sanctioned a special grant of Rs. 15,000 in their Proceedings, No. 3,209, dated 30th December 1868, and of this, Rs. 10,000 were advanced in 1869-70 to him to proceed with the works. Rs. 7,360-7-9 were expended on account of Government contribution within the year, and have been accounted for by a bill sent to the Accountant-General for Rs. 7,044-15-7 on the 19th February 1870, and by another bill for Rs. 315-8-2 now to be despatched.—The balance remaining on the 31st March 1870, to be accounted for was Rs. 2,639-8-3. Under the belief that the expiration of the official year would not affect the special works sanctioned, an outlay of Rs. 763-6-11 was incurred in this year prior to the receipt of the Government Proceedings, No. 639, dated 4th May 1870. Those shown in the subjoined Statement are the wells requiring completion. The estimated cost cannot be depended on much, and the actual expenditure may differ from the above estimate. On the whole, a grant of Rs. 2,500 in this year, besides the Rs. 7,360-7-9 already accounted for, being the Government share of expenditure in the past year, will suffice to complete all the works. A final report will, on the completion of the works, be submitted, after making a clear adjustment of the sums received from Government and the villagers in this year as well as in the year previous :—

Village and Work.		Estimated cost.	Government grant.	Villagers' contribution.
		RS.	RS.	RS.
Rajahmundry Taluq...	1. Kanavarem—Well...	800	400	400
	2. Tokada—Well	800	400	400
	3. Srikrustnapatnam Well	1,000	500	500
	4. Radhayyapalem—Well	800	400	400
	5. Gadilapalem—Well ...	400	200	200
Yerranagudem Taluq.	1. Puchikapadu, hamlet of Ankagudem—Well ...	600	300	300
	2. Ankampalem—Well ...	600	300	300
Total ...		5,000	2,500	2,500

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3. Adverting to paragraph 5 of the Sub-Collector's letter, I have the honour to recommend that a Government contribution of Rs. 105-12-10 be sanctioned to the Rajahmundry Municipality to be expended by them, together with the unexpended subscriptions, viz., Rs. 105-12-10, which will be made over to them, on the Kambala tank quite recently included in the Municipal limits.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Acting Sub-Collector, to the Acting Sub-Collector, in charge of the Godavery District, dated Cocanada, 16th August 1870, No. 144.

WITH reference to your letter of the 18th May last, No. 81, and its enclosures (herewith returned), I have the honour to forward two bills, one showing that part of the expenditure in the last official year not accounted for, and the other for expenditure in the current official year.

2. Out of Rs. 10,000 drawn by me on account of these works, Rs. 7,044-15-7 were already accounted for in my bill forwarded to your office under date the 9th February last, and the remaining sum, namely, Rs. 2,955-0-5, has now to be adjusted. Of this, Rs. 315-8-2 were spent before the close of the last official year and subsequent to the despatch of the above bill, leaving a balance at the beginning of the current official year of Rs. 2,639-8-3.

3. Of this, Rs. 763-6-11 were spent prior to the receipt of the Government Order, dated 4th May 1870, No. 639, directing the stoppage of expenditure from Imperial Funds, leaving a sum of Rs. 1,876-1-4 on hand up to date. This does not include the value of a quantity of bricks which are no longer required, and the sale of which has been directed, but the result is not yet known, as also a sum of Rs. 29-14-5 over-collected and consisting of different petty items which may be merged with the general account. Of this, Rs. 149-8-4 have been advanced to the villagers of Ramachendrapur in the Rajahmundry Taluq to enable them to meet their contribution demanded from them and on condition of their re-paying it when the November kists fall due. This is the only village which has failed to pay up its contribution in full.

	Rs.	A.	P.
1. Kanavarem—Well...	407	3	9
2. Tokada—Well	327	4	0
3. Srikrustanapatnam—Well	434	10	11
4. Radhayyapalem—Well	307	15	9
5. Gadilapalem—Well	104	7	5
6. Rajahmundry Kambala tank	188	6	4
Total	2,270	0	2

4. All the works of the Peddapur Taluq have been completed. Of the works undertaken in the Rajahmundry and Yerranagudem Taluqs, those noted in the margin are still to be completed, and the figures against them show the expenditure already incurred on their account. I think it extremely undesirable that these works should be left in their present state for the following reasons:—

1stly.—Large sums have already been spent upon them without any return so far.

2ndly.—The villagers are too poor to complete them without the aid of Government.

3rdly.—Want of water is ever felt in these villages. Stone worth about Rs. 600 has already been purchased for these works, and the cost of completing them will not therefore be much. Under these circumstances, I have the honour to request that you will obtain sanction of Government for the continuation of the above works with the remaining sum on hand.

5. For the repairs of Kambala tank of Rajahmundry, the villagers paid Rs. 200, half the cost of work done in the past official year is Rs. 94-3-2, and the balance of subscription in favour of this work is Rs. 105-12-10. This sum should, I think, be made over to the Rajahmundry Municipality with a Government grant equal to it for the completion of repairs of the above tank, and I request that you will obtain sanction of Government for the same.

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From the Acting Sub-Collector, in charge of the Godavery District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 15th September 1870, No. 290.

As stated in paragraph 2 of my letter, dated 29th ultimo, No. 257, I have despatched a bill for Rs. 315-8-2 to the Accountant-General, being part of the expenditure incurred on Famine Relief works; but the Accountant-General has, in his letter of the 8th instant, No. 3,523, informed me that the bill cannot be admitted without the sanction of Government. A grant of Rs. 15,000 having been sanctioned for 1869-70, I was under the impression that the expenditure actually incurred in that year, though accounted for in this year, would be a charge against the allotment, but the Accountant-General has ruled otherwise, and I therefore request that this sum may be added to the amount for which I have solicited sanction of Government, viz., that Rs. 2,815-8-2 may be authorized for expenditure in this year instead of Rs. 2,500. Copies of the Accountant-General's last communication and the one referred to therein are submitted for perusal.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Accountant-General, to the Collector of the Godavery District, dated Fort Saint George, 10th May 1870, No. 782.

WITH reference to your letter, No. 110, of 29th April last, I have the honour to refer you to the orders of the Government of India, published in the Supplement of the *Fort Saint George Gazette* of 23rd November 1869, page 366, and to state that the expenditure cannot be admitted under "Public Works Department" by this office, as funds for Famine Relief works under those orders must be obtained from Public Works Officers. You should, however, obtain the sanction of Government for the admission, by the Controller of Public Works, of the expenditure you are incurring, without which you must be held personally responsible for the adjustment of all the expenditure incurred subsequent to the receipt of the orders above quoted.

From the same officer, dated 8th September 1870, No. 3,523.

Vide your office letter, No. 61, dated 29th August 1870.

The expenditure on Famine Relief works, for which a bill for Rs. 315-8-2 is sent, cannot be admitted under "Public Works Department" before the sanction of Government is obtained for the same—*Vide* letter to your office, dated 10th May 1870, No. 782.

From the Collector of the Godavery District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 12th October 1870, No. 322.

I HAVE the honour to submit an explanation on the points adverted to in the official memorandum, No. 1,046, dated 16th ultimo. At the time my letter, No. 328, of the 11th December 1869, recorded in the Board's Proceedings, 18th March 1870, No. 1,854, was written, the Acting Sub-Collector, who had the supervision of the wells and tanks, believed that the works could be completed at a cost of Rs. 16,286, viz., Rs. 8,637 being contributed by Government and Rs. 7,649 by the villagers; but the estimate has been exceeded owing to the great depth to which some wells had to be dug before the water could be reached. The estimate of Rs. 16,286 includes the actual expenditure of Rs. 13,122. The balance of Rs. 3,380 stated as due by villagers, was computed with reference to the entire

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estimated expenditure, but the whole was not actually due, since the works were not finished and the entire expenditure incurred. Such portion only as was due was realized with the exception of Rs. 149. The system on which the works were executed is by an advance in the first instance from the Government funds to be adjusted afterwards.

2. The case now stands thus: the entire expenditure on works from the beginning, until they were stopped lately, was Rs. 15,261, namely, Rs. 12,991 on completed and abandoned works, and Rs. 2,270 on works in progress, namely, those indicated in paragraph 5 of the Sub-Collector's letter of the 16th August 1870, No. 144, forwarded with the letter of this office, dated 29th idem, No. 257. These works, exclusive of the Kumbala tank regarding which the Sub-Collector made a recommendation, it is estimated would cost Rs. 5,000 inclusive of the expenditure already incurred. The aggregate cost would be Rs. 18,179 and not Rs. 16,286 as originally estimated. The ryots' contribution should be Rs. 8,596 and that of Government Rs. 9,583, as illustrated by the Statement herewith sent.

3. In 1869-70, out of the Rs. 15,000 sanctioned in the Government Proceedings, No. 3,209, dated 30th December 1868, Rs. 7,360-7-9 were actually expended on account of Government contribution, and two bills submitted to the Accountant-General, one for Rs. 7,044-15-7 on the 19th February 1870, and the other for Rs. 315-8-2 on the 29th August 1870; but the remainder of the grant having lapsed to Government at the end of the year, it has become necessary to apply for a further sanction of Rs. 2,500 on account of sums already expended and yet to be spent, which, if sanctioned, will likely suffice to adjust the accounts and complete the works.

4. Regarding the bill for Rs. 315-8-2 which the Accountant-General objected to admit though it was expended in 1869-70, the Board were addressed on the 15th ultimo.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Statement showing the estimated and actual expenditure of completed and incomplete Famine Relief works.

SUBMITTED to Government, with reference to Government Order, 4th May 1870, No. 639.

2. When the Board reported on this subject in March, it was estimated that the total cost of the tanks and wells in the Godavery District, constructed under Government Order, 30th December 1868, No. 3,209, would be Rs. 16,286, and it was stated that Rs. 8,637 out of the Government grant had been already expended, and that the remainder of the cost had been or would be contributed by the villagers.

3. It now appears that only Rs. 7,360 out of the Government grant was really expended in 1869-70, and that Rs. 316 of this was not accounted for within the year, and has still to be sanctioned. The Sub-Collector states that five wells in the Rajahmundry Taluk and two in the Yernagudem Taluk are still unfinished, that it will cost Rs. 5,000 to finish them, and that this must be shared equally between the villagers and Government.

4. In the last letter recorded above, the Collector states that the cost of the works completed, abandoned, and in hand, will be Rs. 18,179 instead of Rs. 16,280, and that the ryots' contribution will be Rs. 8,596.

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5. Hence the account now stands as follows:—

	RS.
Cost of works	18,179
Village contributions	8,596
Expenditure from Government Grant in 1869-70, duly accounted for and passed	7,044
Expenditure from do. do. not yet passed. 316	2,539
Grant now applied for 2,223	
	18,179

6. Although the sum granted by Government Order, 30th December 1868, No. 3,209, was Rs. 15,000, and the expenditure reported when Government Order, 4th May 1870, No. 639, was passed, was only Rs. 8,637, Government directed that expenditure from Imperial Funds should then cease. The Board are strongly of opinion that it would be unwise not to help the villagers to finish the wells referred to in paragraph 3, and they accordingly resolve to request Government to sanction payment, from Imperial Funds, of the Rs. 316 which has only escaped sanction hitherto by accident from Imperial Funds, and from the Road Fund of such further sum not exceeding Rs. 2,500 as may be required.

7. The Sub-Collector recommends a contribution of Rs. 105-12-10 to the Rajahmundry Municipality to be expended on the Kambala tank, but the Board cannot support this proposal. Subscriptions received for the tank from the villagers should be returned to them.

No. 176. ORDER THEREON, 12th January 1871, No. 85.

Miscellaneous.

UNDER the circumstances now reported by the Collector, the Government, in modification of G. O., dated 4th

May 1870, No. 639, authorize the Accountant-General to admit the charge of Rs. 315-8-2 already expended on these works, in addition to the sum already passed.

2. The Government do not, however, see how the proposed grant of Rs. 2,500 from the District Road Fund for the completion of the unfinished works, can legally or equitably be made, and desire that the Board will re-consider the matter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ the Accountant-General.

„ the Public Works Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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 Under date the 12 January 1871

Read the following
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Requesting to sanction
 payt from Imperial Funds
 of Rs. 315 unaccounted for
 portion of expenditure actually
 incurred in 1869-70 in construction
 of Tanks and wells in Godavery
 District.

H.E. 7. Nov. 1870. No. 6531

Under the circumstances
 now reported by the collector,
 the Govt in modification
 of G. O. dated 4. May 1870
 No. 639 authorize the
 Accountant General to
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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Ac., Ac., &c.

Dated January 12th,

Recd.

G. O., 12th January 1871, No. 85.

JANUARY,
 Nos. 175-176.

Tanks and Wells in Godavery District.
 Accountant-General authorized to admit the charge
 already expended in connection with them
 Board of Revenue to re-consider the question of a
 grant of Rs. 2,500 from the District Road Fund

expended on these works,
in addition to the sums
already passed.

2. The Govt do not,
however, see how the pro-

posed grant of Rs 2500
from the B. Road Fund

for the completion of the
unfinished works, can
or equitably

legally be made, and

desire that the Board
will reconsider the matter.

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Hon. Mr. Gove

Draftsman