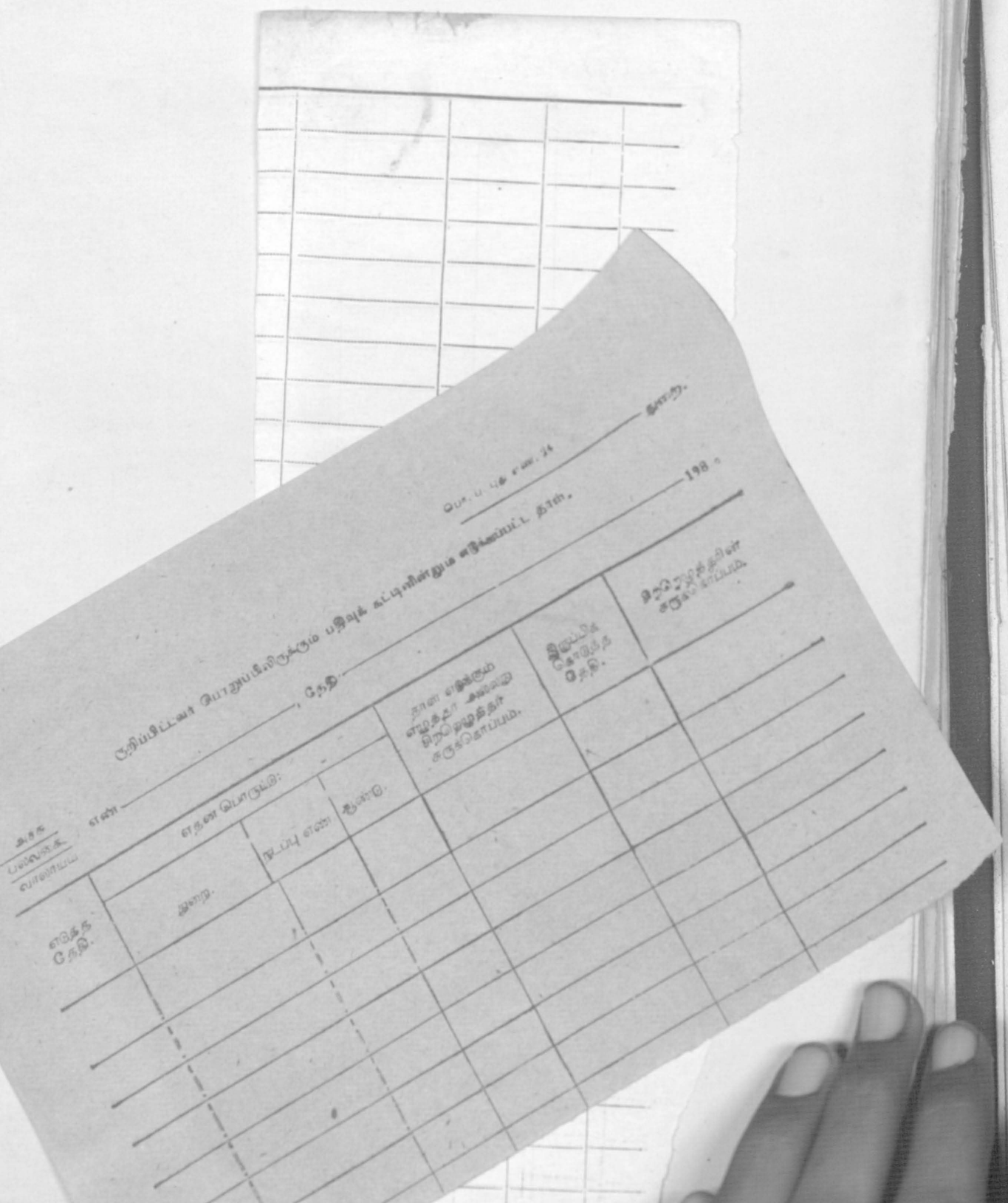


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No. 126. Read the following lett he Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Departn igation), to the Acting Joint-Secretary to the Government of Ma blic Works Department, Irrigation Branch, dated Simla, 10th N 1871, No. 695 I. :—

In reply to your letters, Nos. 2,17 2,393, dated respectively the 23rd August and 20th September last, submi he revised estimate for the Red Hill Tank Project for combined water-suppl the city of Madras and irrigation of the neighbouring country, and reporti the works have not been stopped, I am directed to state as follows :—

2. The Government of India reg find that the estimates have proved so unreliable that the cost of the project double what was originally expected, while the income expected from it is r to scarcely more than half of what was at first calculated on.

3. In regard to the estimated retu the Government of Madras has been convinced by the Revenue authorities he cultivators cannot be expected to pay more than a additional sum of Rs. 7 per annum for the water supplied them, while the city of Madras taxed it i derstood only at the same rate bulk for bulk of water supplied as to the vators will pay 32,000 Rupees per annum. The total returns thus availa will be Rupees 56,877, from which, deducting Rupees 11,500 for maintenan re will be a surplus of only Rupees 45,377 per annum to meet the charge st.

4. It appears that it is intended t 32,000,000 cubic yards, or 5,400 million gallons of water to the city o t a charge of only 32,000 Rupees per annum. In regard to this low c vernment of Madras remark that they cannot expect a higher price fo rom the Municipality of Madras than that which is paid by the cultiv

5. But I am to remark that the undertaken principally in behalf of the city of Madras, and that if rn for the outlay cannot be got from the cultivators, it is reasonabl the city for such an additional payment as will make up the defic d the Government a reasonable reimbursement for the outlay incurr

6. The city of Calcutta pays a s per annum for its water-supply, which, at present, is at the rate of al llions of gallons per annum, and at which rate the consumption of wa increasing. The price, which is willingly paid by the city, is therefo gallons per Rupee.

7. The city of Bombay has ater not requiring continuous pumping as in Calcutta, but more under construction for Madras. At Bombay the supply is about 9,6 s per diem, or 3,300 millions of gallons annually. The city pays s per annum for this, being at the rate of rather more than 8,000 Rupee. But even this price, which is scarcely one-fourth of the p paid in Calcutta, is twenty times the rate which the Government of Ma nnot be increased in the case of the city of Madras.

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8. I am therefore directed t... reconsideration of the matter in this point of view. It is proposed in ...our letters under reply to charge 4- lakhs of the cost of the project to t... ...ial Funds assigned to Madras, which is to deprive the people of that ... ...r of 4 lakhs of the general taxation assigned for their benefit. But it a... ...ir thus to tax the public in the Madras Presidency generally with one thir... ...st of this project undertaken princi- pally on behalf of the city of Madr... ...or which, as seems to the Government of India, there is no doubt the city ... ...l afford to pay.

9. Pending your reply the G... ...nt of India will not object to the works going on on the revised estimate.

No. 127. ORDER THERE... January 1872, No. 65.

IRRIGATION, No. 4.

ORDERED that the Government of ...ndia be addressed on the subject of ...his letter :—

Here enter No. ... 10th January 1872.

(T... ...ract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Controller of Public Works Ac...
" Superintending Engineer, 4th ...
" Revenue Department.

Fad. E. C. Shunker.

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To

THE CHIEF ENGINEER FOR IRRIGATION.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated January, 10th.

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