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24th January 1874.

No. 211. From C. J. LYALL, Esq., Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Agriculture, Revenue, and Commerce, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta 18th December 1873 No. 98.

Mr. Sturrock's letter, No. 351, dated the 10th September last, regarding a statement of fresh charges sanctioned by the Government of Madras during the month of July 1873; and, with reference to Item 2, relative to the permanent appointment of an establishment for the conservancy of eight tanks within Municipal limits in the Town of Madras, to state that the Governor-General in Council considers that any new establishments required for the tanks should not be paid for from imperial revenues, unless imperial receipts are thereby increased, but that the expenditure should be recovered from either the Municipality or the land-owners, to whom it appears to be fairly chargeable.

2. I am to invite an expression of the opinion of His Excellency the Governor in Council on this point.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. B. Bantleman.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
24th January 1874.

No. 111.

No. 212.

To

TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT

REVENUE, AND COMMERCE.

Miscellaneous.

SIR,—I am directed to reply to your
Under-Secretary's letter, No. 98, dated
18th ultimo, suggesting that the cost

of the Conservancy Establishment, recently sanctioned for certain tanks within the
limits of Madras, should either be borne by the Municipality or be recovered
from the land-holders.

2. As to the first suggestion, I am to remark that, as these tanks contribute
nothing to the resources of the Municipality, being primarily agricultural works,
it would not, in the opinion of His Excellency the Governor in Council, be equit-
able to require that body to defray any charge connected with them; and as to the
second, I am to observe that, while it is unlikely that the land-holders would
voluntarily undertake the expenditure, it does not appear that there are any legal
means by which they could be forced to do so. The "Village Service Cess Act"
(Madras No. IV. of 1864) can only be imposed in lieu of Village Service Fees, and
here the levy of such fees never obtained.

3. But the principal argument is, that this Conservancy Establishment is
imperatively required in the interests of the imperial revenue, which, there is
reason to believe, has hitherto suffered from a wasteful and unauthorized use of
the water in these tanks. In every other part of the Presidency, the *ayacut*, or
exact extent of land entitled to irrigation from any particular tank, is well known
and recorded; but within the Town of Madras it is otherwise. There is nothing
to prove, whatever may be surmised from differences in the assessment, that
certain lands only are within the old "*ayacut*" of the tanks. It will thus be
impossible to contest the right to the use of water in any case where it is now taken
by a land-holder; but the Revenue authorities have been directed to charge a water-
rate on every acre newly brought under "wet" cultivation. This will, of course,
extend with the conservancy of the tanks now ordered, inasmuch as the water
can no longer be applied to irrigation purposes nor wasted without immediate
detection.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

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From

C. J. Lyall, Esquire,
Under Secretary to the Government of India,
Department of Agriculture, Revenue & Commerce,
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The Chief Secretary to the Government of
Madras

Calcutta 18th December 1873

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Acting Under Secretary, Mr. Starrocks letter No 99, dated the 15th September last, forwarding a statement of fresh charges sanctioned by the Government of Madras during the month of July 1873, and with reference to item 2, relative to the permanent appointment of an establishment for the conservancy of eight tanks within Municipal limits in the town of Madras, to state, that the Government General in Council considers that any new establishments required for the tanks

tanks should not be paid for
Imperial revenues, unless Imperial
receipts are thereby increased, but that
the expenditure should be recovered
from either the Municipality, or the
landowners, to whom it appears to be
fairly chargeable.

2. I am to invite an expression
of the opinion of His Excellency the Governor
in Council on this point.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant,

Chas. L. Lyell

Under Secretary to the Government of India

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Revenue Department,
24 Aug 74

No. III.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

Department of Agriculture
Revenue & Commerce.

Sir,

I am directed to reply
to your Under Secretary's letter
No. 98 dated 18th Ultimo,
suggesting that the cost of
the Conservancy Establish-
ment, recently sanctioned for
certain Tanks within the
limits of Madras, should
either be borne by the Muni-
cipality, or be recovered from
the landholders.

2. As to the first suggestion,
I am to remark that, as
these Tanks contribute nothing
to the resources of the Muni-
cipality, being primarily
agricultural

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Yours affectionately
Wm Lloyd Garrison

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stating that the good

of such a course; that my
new tablet be put forth by
January 2d April it is true he will
in Madison's library as I wish
should not be paid for them
I have asked however, whether
Anderson's receipt can stand?
moreover, but had the system
active should be recovered
from rather than the University
or the land owners; and more
they are suppression of the spirit
more of the Madison Grant
on their point.

been directed to charge a
winter rate on every acre newly
brought under wet cultivation.
This will, of course, extend
with the conservancy of the
tanks now ordered, which
is also called for, as has been
strongly urged by the Sanitary
Commissioner, from consideration
of the health, comfort, and
convenience of some thousands
of inhabitants and it may
be added of the preservation
of their cattle.

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inasmuch as the water
can no longer be applied to irriga-
-tion purposes nor wasted, without
immediate detection.

Will this go to the Conservancy
of the tanks? The order of
possession is secured.

It is this water being
collected? It means
(I presume) that, but
for this newly created
conservancy, the
inhabitant would
which lands would
be irrigated & which
were the tanks.

Will this
matter of municipal
interest? (See what
is stated at page 2
of the report)

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To

Govt of India

Dept of Agriculture

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