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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

7th May 1877, No. 1,655-A.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 129-A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th April 1877.

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ranipet, 11th April 1877, No. 233.

I HAVE the honor, in continuation of the correspondence that has passed on the subject of the excavation of the silt in the bed of the Suriagunta tank at Vellore, to forward, herewith, for the information of the Board, copies of careful measurements which have been prepared by Mr. Vincent, Assistant Engineer in charge of the Vellore Range, of all the earth-work that has been done to the Suriagunta tank and other sources of the water-supply in the town of Vellore.

2. The Board will recollect that in my letter, No. 78, dated 3rd February, I explained fully the circumstances under which the officers in charge of the relief-work at the Suriagunta tank by a mistake expended a portion of the funds originally allotted for that tank in providing labor for a large number of the people who were causing much inconvenience by overworking the Suriagunta tank in executing well-work in divers adjacent places. The whole of the work thus done has been measured up, and the money expended has been allotted as far as was found possible to each work, so as to show what the outlay on the Suriagunta tank itself has actually been. These measurements show that the work has been done ~~more~~ more cheaply than I had anticipated, and *it may be regarded as very satisfactory.*

3. An immense amount of silt has been excavated from the tank, and it is impossible to over-estimate the value of the boon thereby conferred on the town of Vellore. The tank has never, since its original construction, been dry for such a length of time, or so excellent an opportunity afforded for its improvement. There is still a vast accumulation of old silt to be removed before the work can be said to be completed, and additional funds are now required for it. It is almost the only relief-work now in progress in Vellore, and with the embankment of the Palar river provides employment for nearly 3,000 people, residents of Vellore and its suburbs. His Grace the Governor, on the occasion of his late visit to Vellore, was pleased to express his approval of the work that is being done there.

4. The Board will perceive that the sum of Rs. 19,365 has been expended on the Suriagunta tank itself, and that for that amount 34,014 cubic yards of earth have been excavated and removed. The tank is a deep one, and the lift long and high. The excavated silt, too, has to be carried a considerable distance and spread on the low-lying land between the lines and the cusbah nalla, so that, as I have said, the work done must be regarded as very satisfactory.

5. I have the honor now to request that the Board will be pleased to pass the enclosed estimate of Rs. 14,800 for the complete removal of the silt that still remains

in the bed of the tank and that piled up in ~~leaves~~ the banks. The Board are aware that the Colonel Commanding the 14th Regiment ~~refused~~ to allow the coolies to carry away the excavated silt through the lines to the place where it was to be spread, and in consequence a vast quantity had to be piled up on the banks pending the settlement of the question. The enclosed estimate provides for the removal of the silt so deposited on the banks of the tank.

6. The funds hitherto allotted for this work have been now expended, but as it is absolutely necessary that employment should continue to be provided for the large number of people in the town of Vellore who are now dependent on us for their daily support, I have ordered the continuance of the work in anticipation of sanction.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Board cannot agree with the Collector in considering the expenditure of 19,366 Rupees on 34,015 cubic yards, or 9 Annas 2 Pies per cubic yard, as at all satisfactory. It is observed from the Overseer's statement that the average lead is 190 yards, not sufficient to account for so great an excess above ordinary rates.

3. The Collector submits a supplement estimate for Rs. 14,800 for completing the work. In this estimate the rate allowed is 6 Annas per cubic yard.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 129-B.

ORDER THEREON, 7th May 1877, No. 1,655-A.

Miscellaneous.

The estimate is sanctioned. The District Engineer will be called on in the Public Works Department to consider and report whether any, and, if so, what, means can be taken to prevent, as far as possible, the re-deposit of silt by the entering water, and to take into consideration the best method of clearing out the Fort ditch and the best place to deposit the mud taken from it, in the event of the famine continuing.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

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

ORDER OF THE
 COMMISSIONER OF THE
 GENERAL LAND OFFICE
 IN RESPONSE TO A
 RESOLUTION OF THE
 BOARD OF LANDS AND
 MINES, PASSED AT
 A MEETING HELD AT
 THE OFFICE OF THE
 COMMISSIONER, ON THE
 14TH DAY OF APRIL, 1877.
 WHEREUPON IT WAS
 ORDERED THAT THE
 LANDS DESCRIBED IN
 THE ENCLOSURE
 BE SOLD AT PUBLIC
 AUCTION, TO THE
 HIGHEST BIDDER,
 FOR CASH, ON THE
 15TH DAY OF MAY, 1877.
 AT THE OFFICE OF THE
 COMMISSIONER, AT
 THE CAPITAL OF THE
 TERRITORY OF ARIZONA.
 IN WITNESS WHEREOF,
 I HAVE HEREUNTO
 SET MY HAND AND
 SEAL, AT THE CITY OF
 PHOENIX, ARIZONA,
 THIS 14TH DAY OF
 APRIL, 1877.
 COMMISSIONER OF THE
 GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No.

From

Rev. Mr.

Dated

April 25th

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FOR ORDERS.

I submit to you the
 enclosed report, in saying that the
 excavation of ^{the} 34015
 is about 100 feet cubic of silt from
 the left is great. The San Jacinto Lake for
 material was used. No 19366 is extremely high
 cannot be used. The rate of bamboo for
 was large. The sand enters in the
 pit in the tank. The water is quite high
 pending the season. The sand seems
 to be too high above where it
 is. The sand is common here. The sand
 is in the left. The silt is deposited

on the slopes of the
bank.

The work, however,
will probably be
completed from a
rest from 5 to 6
in many years.

Order are up to
which is estimated
to pass a lot.

July 19/10

also the different
deposits on the bank
had to be and were
built with the clay
lumps of which the
silt stand -

There are also
the plants of
which are from the

and some of the
information is
from the
report that
can be taken to
prevent as far as
possible the
deposit of silt &
entirely water
in the river

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FOR ORDERS.

Revenue Department,
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.
Dated 25th April 1877.
Read the following.
No. 233.

22nd C.P.
No. 1007

From

M. S. M. Redwood Esq.

Collector of North Arcot.

To Mr. C. P. Esq.

Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Sir, I have the honor in continuation of
the correspondence that has passed on the sub-
ject of the excavation of the site in the bed of
the Saniyanta tank at Vellur to forward
herewith for the information of the Board
copies of careful measurements which have
been prepared by Mr. Vincent Assistant
Engineer in charge of the Vellur Range, of
all the earthwork that has been done to
the Saniyanta tank and other sources of
the water supply in the town of Vellur.

2. The Board will recollect that
in my letter No. 78 dated 3rd February,

I explained fully the circumstances under which the officers in charge of the relief work at the Suiagunta tank by a mistake expended a portion of the Funds originally allotted for that tank in providing labour for a large number of the people who were causing much inconvenience by overcrowding the Suiagunta tank, in executing well works in distant adjacent places. The whole of the work thus done has been increased upon and the money expended has been allotted as far as was found possible to each work, so as to show what the outlay on the Suiagunta tank itself has actually been. These measurements show that the work has been done for more cheaply than had anticipated and it may be regarded as very satisfactory.

3. An immense amount of silt has been

been excavated from the tank and it is impossible to overestimate the value of the boon thereby conferred on the town of Villor. The tank has, since its original construction, lain dry for such a length of time or so excellent an opportunity afforded for its improvement. There is still a vast accumulation of old silt to be removed before the work can be said to be completed, and additional Funds are now required for it. It is almost the only relief work now in progress in Villor, and with the Embankment of the Salar River provides employment for nearly 3000 people residents of Villor and its suburbs. His Grace the Governor on the occasion of his late visit to Villor was pleased to express his approval of the work that is being done there.

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& spread on the low lying land between
the lines of the Cuscha kalla, so that
as I have said this work done must be
regarded as very satisfactory.

I have the honor now to request that
the Board will be pleased to pass the
enclosed estimate of Rs 14,800 for the
complete removal of the silt that still
remains in the bed of the tank & that
pilet up in heaps on the banks.

The Board are aware that the
Colonel commanding the 14th Regiment
refused to allow the coolies to carry
away the excavated silt through
the lines to the place where it was
to be spread and in consequence a

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of the work in anticipation of sanction.

North Arcot Collectors office }
Camp Ranipett 11 April 1877 }

I have &c
J. S. Whitaker
Collector

Submitted for the orders of Govern-
ment.

The Board cannot agree with

The Collector in considering the expenditure of Rs 366 Rs on 14015 cubic yards, at 2 1/2 p per cubic yard as at all satisfactory. It is observed from the officer's statement that the average lead is 190 yards not sufficient to account for so great an excess in above ordinary rates.

3. The Collector submits a supplemental estimate for Rs 4800, for completing the work. It is there estimated the rate allowed is 6 p per cubic yard.

(True Copy & Extract)

Respectfully

Secretary

To The Additional Secretary, Govt. R.D.
with 3 enc. to be recd.

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R.D.

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The estimate is sanctioned. The
B. Eng^t will be called on in the B. P. Co.
to consider ^{in report} whether anything as, what means
can be taken to prevent, as far as possible,
the redeposit of the silt by the entering water,
& to take into consideration the best method
of clearing out the East Ditch & the best place
to deposit the sand taken from it, in the creek
of the dam in continuing. J. G. P.

7/5/71

J. H. F.
y. May 1899

21 Sept 1862. D. & J. England,
21 or 22 W. 22nd St.
5th Ward, Cincinnati, Ohio