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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th February 1876.*

No. 327. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th February 1876:—

Read the following letter from J. HUNTER-BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Madras, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 21st January 1876, No. 23.

In reply to the Board's Proceedings, dated 18th instant, on my letter, No. 404, of the 10th December last, I have the honor to inform you that the well was sunk by Mr. Pritchard in 1871 under the sanction of the then Collector the Hon. D. Arbuthnott, who, I presume, did not deem it necessary to obtain the Board's sanction. The well was necessary, as the water of the seven-wells, with which the distillery was supplied, was bad (*vide* Mr. Pritchard's letter, to be returned, dated 8th January 1872, herewith forwarded, and paragraph 6 of Board's Proceedings, No. 164, dated 24th January 1872.)

2. The present contractor considers the well absolutely necessary, and it is on that ground that he is willing to pay increased rent as already reported by me.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government, together with copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 18th January 1876, No. 134.

2. Under the explanation now furnished, the Board support the Collector's recommendation that the well constructed by the late Puttai Arrack Contractor should be purchased by Government at the District Engineer's valuation, the present contractor being charged 12 per cent. on the outlay, to which arrangement he consents.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

No. 328. ORDER THEREON, 28th February 1876, No. 291.

Miscellaneous.

BEFORE deciding on the purchase recommended by the Board of Revenue, the Government desire that it should be considered in the Public Works Department whether there are any difficulties in the way of clearing the pipes leading from the seven wells to the distillery; and if not, what the cost of such clearance will be.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Public Works Department.
„ the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. B. Bantleman.

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No. 134.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 18th January 1876.

Read the following letter from J. HUNTER-BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Madras, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 10th December 1875, No. 404:—

I HAVE the honor to submit copy of a letter from Mr. A. Pritchard, No. 610, dated 23rd ultimo, on behalf of the late puttai-arack contractor for this district.

2. I think the Government should, under the contract, pay for all improvements effected by the contractor in the Government Distillery, which he could not remove at the termination of his contract.

3. The well has been valued by the District Engineer at Rupees 400, and the present contractor is willing to pay an increased rent of 12 per cent. per annum if Government purchase the well.

4. Under the circumstances, I request that you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government for paying Mr. Pritchard Rupees 400 for the well, and for increasing the rent chargeable to the contractor from Rupees 130 to Rupees 134 per month, from the date of payment to Mr. Pritchard.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Mr. A. PRITCHARD, Attorney to Mr. PRITCHARD, late Abkari Contractor, to J. HUNTER-BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Madras, dated Madras, 23rd November 1875, No. 610.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that in his letter, No. 53, of the 14th September 1871, Mr. Pritchard requests permission to sink a well at the Tondiarpet Distillery, to which sanction was accorded by the then Officiating Collector of Madras, in his letter No. 499 of the same date.

2. On Mr. Pritchard's making over the Tondiarpet Distillery on the 30th June last, the present contractor made it appear that he would buy the well, scaffolding and piping as they stood.

3. Since the well is not being used, and will consequently go to ruin faster than otherwise without being of the least advantage to any one, I request you will be pleased to suggest that Government buy the well at a fair valuation, and rent it to the contractor at the Tondiarpet Distillery.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. HUNTER-BLAIR,
Collector of Madras.

THE Board do not find any provision in the contract under which the well, which was constructed without their sanction, ought to be purchased by Government.

2. It seems to be doubtful whether the well is an improvement or is really required, and whether the present contractor desires to use it. The Collector is requested to report further on these points.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

To the Collector of Madras.

Exd. W. H. French.

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REVENUE.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Co., Lt., Lt.

Dated February, 28th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 28th February 1876, No. 291.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 327-328.

Well sunk in the Madras Arack Distillery. —
Desiring the Public Works Department to consider,
with reference to the recommendation to purchase
the — by the late contractor whether there are
any difficulties in the way of clearing the pipes
leading from the seven wells to the distillery; and
if not, what the cost of such clearance will be.

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Memo for order on 18th Nov:
d/7 Feb 4 1876 no 546.

It is proposed that his fort should buy a well valued at Rs 400 by the S^t. Engineer & constructed by Mr. Richards for the use of the Pandiarpet distillery when he held the late Pannai Arrack contract. The necessity for his well is stated to have arisen from the water of his seven wells with which his distillery had been supplied having become bad, & his present contractor who it will appear, could not do without his well is willing to pay 12 percent on his outlay or Rs 4 per month. In passing orders on this case it has to be considered whether it will be advisable for fort to buy the well as proposed & whether the interest on his outlay can always be calculated upon; & whether the purchase ^{with advantage} cannot be avoided by ~~renewing~~ ^{renewing} the supply from his seven

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Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 18TH JANUARY 1876, No. 134.

Received

JANUARY.
No. 134.

Distillery at Pondicherry - in Madras District. - Requesting Collector to report on certain points with reference to his proposal to purchase on behalf of Government a well sunk by the late Pannai Arrack Contractor Mr. Pritchard at the -

Res 1026/90-3-7

wells.

The water from the seven wells has always been considered to be pure & of high quality - The remarks in Thornton's Gazetteer regarding it are quoted in the margin - In his letter of 8 Jan 1872, Mr. Richard observed "Clause 12 provides that the Collector. shd supply the Distillery with water - I have had reason to find fault with the filling tank in which it comes from the seven wells. On one occasion, the pipes were choked with dead fish & I was obliged to purchase water & during the time I distilled at night, the supply failed me & I had prefer using clear water direct from a well" From this it is clear that the fault is not in the water itself which is good & used by all people living in the neighbourhood, but it lies in the pipes requiring to be cleaned - whether this can be done at a moderate cost it will worth consideration as in that case the purchase proposed can be obtained - as well as the uncertainty attending the arrangement

* published in 1854.

"The water obtained from the wells in a certain enclosure near the North wall, known by the name of the seven wells, is especially valued for its purity, which it is said by seafaring men to procure for a length of time at sea. Public water works have been erected in this enclosure by Govt. & two wells have been constructed one in the East, the other midway between the fort & the town where are daily replenished from the wells by means of metal pipes, & a supply is thus kept furnished for the shipping, as well as for all the inhabitants who choose to send for it. The extreme purity of this water seems to arise from its being filtered through a bed of fine sand consisting almost entirely of quartz which extends several miles in length in a westerly direction, but is

is not more than 300 or 400 yds in breadth, its depth varying from one to fifteen feet -

under which it is expected that each successive contractor would pay the interest on the outlay in the shape of enhanced rent. The extension of the water supply from the Red Hill will also render unnecessary all dependence upon wells. Orders are requested as to whether, instead of adopting the Board's proposal immediately, inquiries may be made in the first instance, of the Public Works Department as to the cost of clearance of the pipes leading from the seven wells to the distillery -

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 7th February 1876.

N^o 23 Read the following

From, J. Hunter Blair Esquire
Collector of Madras

To, J. H. E. Stokes Esquire
Acting Secretary to the Board of
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Madras
Collector's Office
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/True copy & Extract/

C. H. G. G.
Acting Secretary

To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

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Dec 27th 1875
Dec 28th 1875

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Subcommittee for orders

to the Government with reference
to the collection of the duties

regarding the well sunk

by the late Quilai area

Contractor under the

sanction of the Hon^{ble} Secy

Revenue

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