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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11th February 1876.

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Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 21st May 1875, No. 1,385.

Read also the following letter from H. SEWELL, Esq., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 25th November 1875, No. 321.

With reference to Board's Proceedings, dated 21st May last, No. 1,385, I have the honor to submit the following report.

2. The total extent of the four swamps (caused by digging out earth for the railway and road embankments) by the side of the railway crossing at Bimmanickanpalliem in the centre of the Municipality referred to in Mr. Pennington's letter is 2 acres and 33 decimals. One of the pools (33 decimals in extent) was filled in and levelled at a cost of Rupees 163-7-6 from the Jungle Conservancy Fund. The pools are all Government property, being portion of the Class B lands handed back to Government by the Railway Company long ago. As represented by Mr. Pennington, they are a nuisance, as stagnant water collects in them in the rainy season, and it is most desirable that they should be filled in at once. They cannot be better reclaimed than as proposed by Mr. Pennington. The excavation of a drinking-water tank of 150×100 feet with a flight of steps, and the planting of a tope of fruit-trees on the rest after filling them in, could improve the sites for purposes of sanitation, and would also prove remunerative. As such topes are being formed in the villages from the Jungle Conservancy Fund, Mr. Pennington appears to have thought that there would be no objection to it. As, however, the Board has taken exception to spending money upon such a project from the Jungle Conservancy Fund, I laid the Proceedings before the Municipal Committee, and they are willing to take up the whole extent and improve it as proposed by Mr. Pennington. There is no means, however, of recovering the amount already spent from the Jungle Conservancy Fund upon these pits. The Railway Company might have been called on to put the sites in order before they handed them back to Government, but as so long a time has elapsed it is, I think, hopeless to expect them to do it now.

Copy of the resolution of the Municipal Committee is herewith sent.

Submitted for the orders of Government with the Board's recommendation that the land be granted, as proposed, to the Municipal Commissioners for reclamation, on condition that they reimburse the Jungle Conservancy Fund for the outlay already incurred.

(A true Copy and Extract,)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 108. Order thereon, 11th February 1876, No. 167.

Miscellaneous.

The Government sanction the transfer of the land to the Municipality on the condition suggested by the Board.

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2. If the Municipality is not prepared to take it over on that condition, the land may be made over without it, less the portion (33 decimals of an acre) which has been filled in and levelled from the Jungle Conservancy Fund. This portion formed into a cocoanut plantation, as contemplated by Mr. Pennington, would reimburse the Jungle Conservancy Fund for the sum of Rs. 103-7-6 spent on its reclamation.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

No. 1,385.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 21st May 1875.

Read the following letter from J. B. PENNINGTON, Esq., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 29th April 1875, No. 117:—

WHEN the Negapatam line of the Great Southern of India Railway was extended to Erode in 1860-62, it was necessary to embank the line so as to cross the Uyyakondan channel in the village of Ponnaiakanpaliem, which is in the centre of the town of Trichinopoly, and as it happens that a road crosses the the line close to the Uyyakondan Railway bridge, the road had also to be embanked to cross the Railway.

2. Earth for all these purposes was unfortunately taken from the land in the immediate neighbourhood of the Railway and road; and the consequence is that four offensive swamps have been formed in the very heart of the town.

3. Of course the Railway authorities ought to have been compelled to bring earth from a distance for the required embankments, and should never have been allowed to excavate such pestilential pools; but unfortunately their proceedings are not always under very careful surveillance, and as they have long since handed over the land in question to Government, they cannot be held responsible in any way.

4. The land being thus in the possession of Government, the Municipal Commissioners have at last resolved, on sanitary considerations, to call upon Government to fill up the pits; and I must say, I think, they are quite right to take action in the matter.

5. In fact I had already undertaken the reclamation of one piece of land out of Jungle Conservancy Funds by trenching it deeply and filling in the trenches with rubbish provided by the Municipality *free of charge*; and I have great hopes that a cocoanut garden there will prove financially successful, to say nothing of the immense sanitary improvement effected by thoroughly draining and planting the land.

6. But the north-west piece of ground is more difficult to manage; and as there is a most urgent demand for water in that part of the town when the Uyyakondan is dry, and the people (pariahs and chucklers), &c., being very poor, are unable to subscribe towards the construction of a tank, I have come to the conclusion that the most effective way of treating that piece will be by excavating a tank 150'×100' with a flight of steps on the side near the road. The earth taken out of the tank will suffice to raise the rest of the ground above all danger of flooding, and it will then be planted with cocoanuts like the other plots.

7. The tank would not cost more than Rupees 1,500 (as I do not propose to revet it all round), but it is hardly to be expected that the cocoanuts will ever pay the interest even on that expenditure. It will, however, be an immense advantage to the cocoanuts as well as to the people, and will, I am sure, be money

well laid out. If the Board think it proper I might apply to the Municipality for a contribution in aid of the tank.

8. Strictly speaking the whole expense should, I suppose, be borne by Imperial Funds, and debited to the capital account of the Railway; but as it is so long since the land was handed over to Government, and as it will form four excellent cocoanut plantations, I think it is better to deal with it out of Jungle Conservancy Funds.

9. It might, of course, be sold or given out on durkhast, but there would be great difficulty in getting any private purchaser to treat it properly, and any extension of building in that low-lying neighbourhood is to be deprecated.

10. I trust, therefore, that the Board will accede to my proposal. I should have made it years ago, only that I have until recently been under the impression that the land was Inam.

The Board are decidedly of opinion that the application of Jungle Conservancy money to the reclamation of the land in question was improper. The Collector will report how much has been spent upon it hitherto, and whether the money can be recovered.

2. If Government are fairly chargeable with the cost of the reclamation as stated by the Collector, the proper course is for the Municipality to call upon them to undertake the work in regular form; or if the Municipality imagine that the scheme will be financially successful, they should apply to Government for a grant of the land in view to its being reclaimed by the excavation of a tank or part of it, as proposed by Mr. Pennington, and for aid to enable them to carry out the project. But the Board cannot allow Jungle Conservancy money to be devoted to it.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly.

Ed. W. H. French.

No. 44.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th January 1876.

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 21st May 1875, No. 1,335.

Read also the following letter from H. SEWELL, Esq., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 25th November 1875, No. 321:—

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with extract from Proceedings of Municipal Commission to be returned, and copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 21st May 1875, No. 1,335.

Copy to the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly.

Ed. W. H. French.

Revenue Dept.

No. 187

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 11th February 1876

Read the following

Proceedings of the Board of

Revenue

Subject for orders

Collectors letter regarding re-
classification of Stamps formed
in Bimanacic Kanjhalem and
Thiruvidaly &c by the Railway
authorities forming parts for
subscribers.

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The Municipality &c

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JANUARY
No. 44
Newspaper—Issued in Bezwada—Application to
Collector for permission to publish—Publishing notices relating to Railway Stations—Stamps—Rates for notices of Government Colleges—Letter regarding reclamation of—

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2. If the above

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be made over without it,

less the portion (33 decimal

3 acres) which has

been filled in at Terrilal

from the Jungle Conservancy

Fund. The portion

formed into a Cocoa

nursery plantation, at

contemplated by the

Governor, would reimburse

the

the Jungle Conservancy

Fund for the sum of

£9.163-7-6 spent on the

reclamation.

14 Feb. Board Day Received 18 Feb