

# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

*Revenue* DEPARTMENT.

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| Dated 12 <sup>th</sup> February 1869 |                         |

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
12th February 1869.*

No. 226. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th January 1869, No. 608 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Bellary, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 9th January 1869, No. 7.

\* Collector's letter, No. 660, dated 16th June 1868.

Consulting Engineer's letter, No. 215, dated 26th June 1868, with two enclosures.

Collector's letter, No. 736, dated 8th July 1868.

Consulting Engineer's letter, No. 242, dated 14th July 1868.

Collector's letter, No. 811, dated 20th July 1868.

Do. No. 1,010, dated 1st September 1868.

Consulting Engineer's letter, No. 339, dated 21st September 1868.

Collector's letter, No. 1,178, dated 5th October 1868.

Do. No. 1,530, dated 19th October 1868.

Consulting Engineer's letter, No. 3, dated 6th January 1869, with two enclosures.

There is a well inside the village, but the water is brackish, and it is generally dry, or nearly so, in the hot months. Before the embankment was thrown up, there was direct access to the well on the other side of the Railway, and up to the present, a gap has been left for the purpose which will, of course, have to be filled in shortly,

† No. 811, dated 20th July 1868.

when, as pointed out in my letter† to the Consulting Engineer, the villagers will have to traverse one-fourth of a mile between the village and the well, as the only mode of access afforded is under a bridge 5 chains or 110 yards below the present approach. Through this bridge passes the drainage of a large surface area, so that during the rains even this passage will be closed.

3. As I considered that the people had a substantial grievance, I suggested that the Railway Company should construct either a small accommodation opening in the embankment to afford direct access to the well, or that another well should be constructed on the village side of the embankment at the expense of the Company. The first alternative was objected to on the ground of the expense, as the Chief Engineer estimated that it would cost upwards of Rupees 5,000; and before I received any reply with regard to the second, I effected an arrangement with the villagers to forego all claims on the Company on the payment of Rupees 1,000 to cover the cost of labor and materials for constructing a new well, for which purpose they also stipulated for a loan of tools. I strongly advised these terms,

† *Vide* my letter to Consulting Engineer, No. 1,530, dated 19th December 1868.

being‡ accepted, but the Chief Engineer in his letter to the Agent, No. 7, of the 4th instant, ridicules the proposal, and the Agent and Consulting Engineer endorse his opinion.

4. I have done all in my power to arrange this matter satisfactorily in the interests of all parties, but having failed, I request the orders of Government. I have personally inspected the locality, and do not hesitate to say that the people

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of Timmancherla have substantial grounds for an action for damages against the Railway Company.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Correspondence.

ENCLOSURE No. 2 —Plan.

THE Board submit this correspondence for the consideration of Government.

2. It appears that the Madras Railway runs on high embankment between the village of Timmancherla and the village well, which is the only one which has wholesome water for domestic purposes. The villagers claim the right to have direct access to it, and in this the Local Officers support them. An underline bridge would cost Rupees 6,500.

3. The Manager of the Railway Company considers that sufficiently convenient access to the well is given through the arches of a bridge by which the rail is carried over the drainage at a little distance from the village. The detour to be made by persons visiting the well is a quarter of a mile. The villagers and Collector consider that this detour is a substantial grievance which would be actionable; and it is remarked that "through this bridge passes the drainage of a large surface area, so that during the rains even this passage will be closed." This is obviously a very serious consideration, as women and children go to a village well to draw water for household purposes at all hours, and they demur to the alternative.

4. The Collector has in the meantime arranged with the ryots to forego all claim on the Company, in consideration of 1,000 Rupees paid for the construction of a new well on the village side of the line, and the loan of tools, &c., to be used on the work. But the Railway Agent and Manager is inexorable, and the Collector and Magistrate therefore submits the correspondence for the consideration of Government.

5. The Board recommend the arrangement proposed by the Magistrate, and that the Railway Company be required to pay for the new well.

No. 227. ORDER THEREON, 12th February 1869, No. 372.

Miscellaneous.

Referred to the Consulting Engineer for his opinion. Major Shaw Stewart is requested to examine the locality in company with the Agent of the Railway Company in the course of his proposed tour of inspection, and to report his opinion on the claim put forward by the villagers of Timmancherla, for the information of Government. Intimation of the day and hour

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at which Major Shaw Stewart proposes to be at the spot should be given by him to the Collector of Bellary, in order that he may, if he deems necessary, be present. The Government hope that some amicable arrangement may be effected.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

*Acting Secretary to Government.*

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.  
„ the Board of Revenue.  
„ the Public Works Department.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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Pro: of the Marine Court.

Under date the 12<sup>th</sup> July/69

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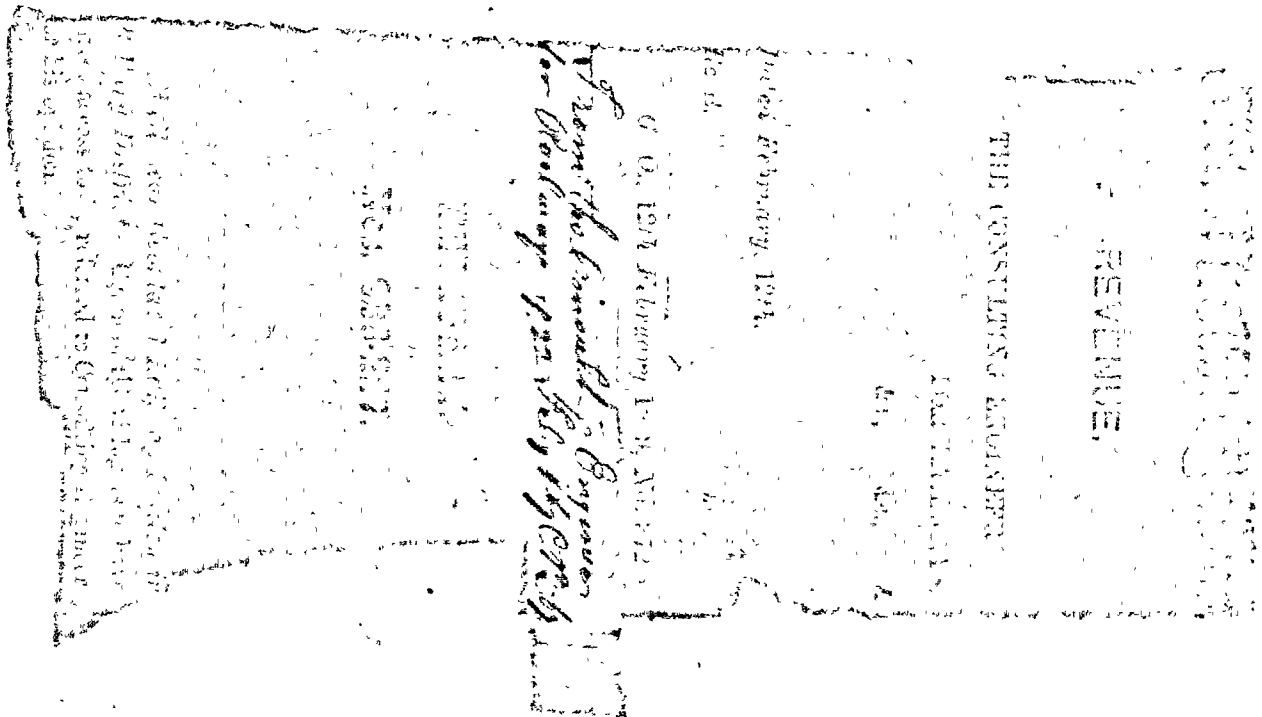
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