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Revenue DEPARTMENT

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Famine Relief.

No. 219. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th February 1877, No. 703:—

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Palmanair, 3rd February 1877, No. 78:—

REFERRING to paragraph 2 of Board's Proceedings, dated 5th ultimo, No. 38, I have the honor to forward, herewith, copy of letter, No. 40, dated 27th idem, from the Acting Sub-Collector, and of the measurement account therewith received in connection with the Suriagunta tank work at Vellore. Mr. Irvine, the Board will observe, has fully stated the circumstances under which the various works mentioned in the measurement accounts, above referred to, have been undertaken.

2. As regards Mr. Franklin's statement that the execution of these minor works met with my approval, I beg to state that, when we first commenced the work at the Suriagunta tank, there was such a tremendous rush for employment that we were for a little time at a loss how to give work to those who came for it, and who, by their numbers alone, impeded the progress of work in the Suriagunta tank.

3. The three works noted in the margin are all intimately connected with the Suriagunta tank, and when out at the work with Mr. Austin, I said one day that those three works would all be excellent means of employing a portion of the great crowd of people who so embarrassed us. It never entered my head that those works would be undertaken and paid for thenceforward out of the money sanctioned for the Suriagunta tank without the submission of the usual approximate estimates. I was not aware, until my last visit to Vellore a few days ago, of the commencement of the various pond and well works referred to in the appended list. I beg, however, to assure the Board that each of these works is of the greatest use in improving the water-supply of the town, and that the money has not been ill-spent; and, if they had not been undertaken under the above circumstances, they would undoubtedly have been separately sanctioned and executed.

4. I have the honor to request, therefore, that the Board of Revenue will be good enough to sanction retrospectively the works referred to in the above measurement account, amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 9,530, as suggested in paragraph 5 of the Acting Sub-Collector's letter above referred to.

5. Of the Rupees 20,530 which forms the total amount of the estimates for works in the town of Vellore, Rupees 11,000 have been sanctioned in Board's Proceedings, dated 30th November 1876, No. 3,024, and 5th January 1877, No. 38, and thus the amount now to be sanctioned is Rupees 9,530, viz., Rupees 4,000 for additional work in the Suriagunta tank and Rupees 5,530 for the other works above referred to, carried out by Mr. Franklin and paid for irregularly out of the allotment for the Suriagunta tank.

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1. Clearing bed of Suriagunta. (Of this Rs. 11,000 sanctioned—vide Board's Proceedings, dated 30th Nov. 1876, No. 3,024, and 5th January 1877, No. 38.)	15,000
2. Removing mounds on Suriagunta ...	1,500
3. Clearing bed of Cusba channel ...	1,120
4. Do. of Suriagunta supply channel. ...	590
5 to 22. Minor ponds and wells ...	2,320
Total ...	20,530

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
27th February 1877.*

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From G. D. IRVINE, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, dated Vellore, 27th January 1877, No. 40:—

With reference to the correspondence marginally noted, I have the honor to forward the enclosed *arzi from the Tahsildar of Vellore, in which he brings to my notice that a number of minor works, for which no special sanction has been received, has been executed and paid for out of the amount sanctioned generally for the Suriagunta relief work.

2. As regards some of these works I was aware that they were being carried out, but as they had been commenced prior to my taking charge of this office, I concluded that they had been sanctioned. Mr Franklin, the Municipal Overseer, who has been looked upon as the General Superintendent of works within the Municipality, gives the following explanation regarding these works. When the excavation of the Suriagunta was started, an immense number of coolies flocked to the work, and in order to afford employment for them and avoid too great crowding gangs were drafted off to the eusbah and supply channels and to some of the smaller works which had been recommended as desirable, i.e., clearing of various drinking-water wells within the town. This, he says, met with the approval of the Sub-Collector and yourself, who were present at the commencement of the Suriagunta work, and he appears to have considered that having verbally mentioned to you these measures which he had adopted, there was no necessity for reporting them officially as for obtaining official sanction for them. Further, as each of these smaller works are finished and gangs of coolies thus became available, he proceeded to employ them on other similar works. I have, of course, pointed out to him that his proceedings have been most irregular, but as there cannot be any doubt that he thought he was acting for the best, and as the works have been all of great practical utility, I think he may be excused for his error of judgment.

3. I now proceed to give a detailed list of the works so executed, showing the amount of work which has been ascertained by measurement to have been done in each case according to ordinary rates. In only six of these works were any estimates prepared before commencement. In the others, estimates have now been framed, in the case of those which have been completed on the actual work done—and in the cases of the others, on the work done *plus* the work remains to be done.

4. In the table submitted with my former letter (No. 9) as well as in that which accompanies the Tahsildar's arzi under notice, you will observe that certain amounts have been put down as the amounts actually expended upon these unsanctioned works. On inquiry, however, I find that time calculations were made by the Tahsildar and Mr. Franklin without any reliable date, as prior to the receipt of your letter, No. 2,725, dated 22nd December 1876, no account had been kept of the number of coolies employed on each separate work day by day, the whole number of gangs being classed and paid for under the general head of Suriagunta. These amounts I cannot therefore consider as even approximately correct.

5. What I would now suggest is that the amount shown in column 6 as the estimate for work actually ascertained by measurement to have been done, be retrospectively sanctioned as the estimate for each of the completed works; and that the estimates made for works now in progress be retrospectively and prospectively sanctioned.

6. No doubt in several instances more money has been spent upon these minor works than the amounts shown in those estimates, but as it is absolutely impossible to ascertain what amounts actually were spent, I think the plan I have above suggested the only one to be adopted.

7. It is scarcely necessary to observe that I have issued the very strict orders that no work of any kind is to be taken up in future without estimate and previous sanction.

(True Copy.)

(Signed)

W. S. WHITESIDE,

Collector.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
27th February 1877.*

ENCLOSURES Nos. 2 and 3.—Measurement Accounts.

SANCTIONED, but the Board are of opinion that the cost of works 5—22, Rs. 2,320, should be recovered from Municipal Funds. The Collector should bring the subject before the Municipal Commissioners.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed)

H. E. STOKES,

Additional Secretary

No. 820.

ORDER THEREON, 27th February 1877, No. 839.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government await the action of the Municipal Commissioners on the Board's Proceedings before passing orders thereon.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

J. H. GARSTIN,

Additional Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Financial Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 17th Feb: 1877.

Read the following: - No 703 -

No. 78.

From,

W. S. Whiteside Esqr.

Collector of North Arcot

To,

H. C. Stokes Esqr.

Ag. Secretary to the

Board of Revenue
Madras.

Sir,

Referring to para 2 of Board's
Pro: d: 5th ulto: No: 38, I have the
honor to forward herewith copy of
letter No: 40, & 27th Idem from the
Ag. Sub Collector & of the Measure-
ment account therewith received
in connection with the Suriaguntur
Tank work at Vellore, Mr Irvine

Public Works, Vellore Town, North Arc
District. - Arriving the action of the Municipal
Commissioners with reference to the opinion
of the Board that the cost, Rs 2,828, of certain
works should be recovered from Municipal
funds before passing orders on their Proceeds
in regard to -

PUBLIC WORKS, No. 602.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 819-820.

G.O., 27th February 1877, No. 838.

Dated February, 27th.

Encl.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
Madras.

REVENUE.

Cost of (1877) Surveys

the Board will observe have
fully stated the circumstances
under which the various works
mentioned in the Measurement
Accounts above referred to, have
been undertaken.

As regard Mr. Franklin's
Statement that the execution of
these minor works met with
my approval, I beg to state
that when we first commenced
the work at the Suroagunta Tack
there was such a tremendous rush
for employment that we were

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work to those who came for it, and
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the progress of work in the Suroagunta
Tack.

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| 1. Removing mounds on
bank of Suroagunta Tack. | Marquis are all |
| 2. Clearing the bed of Asabah
Channel. | intimately connected |
| 3. Do—Supply channel. | with the Suroagunta |

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usual approximate Estimates. I
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of the commencement of the
various pond & well works referred
to in the appended list. They
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that each of these works is of
the greatest use in improving the

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water supply of the town and that
the money has not been ill-spent;
and if they had not been
undertaken under the above
circumstances, they would
undoubtedly have been separately
sanctioned & executed.

4. I have the honor to request
therefore that the Board of
Revenue will be good enough
to sanction retrospectively the

Clearing bed of Sunagunta
Rs 1500 (out of Rs
1100, sanctioned in 1876, No. 30 & 26 of 5 Jan. 1877, No. 38)

works referred to
in the above
measurement

2. Removing mounds on — do —	1500
3. Clearing bed of Cusabali channel.	1120
4. Do — Sunagunta Supply Channel.	590
5 to 22. Minor Pond wells.	2320
	<u>20530</u>

Account —
amounting

in the aggregate to Rs 9530. as

suggested in para 5 of the Ag.
Sub. Collector's letter above referred to.

5. Of the Rs 20,530, which
forms the total amount of the
Estimates for works in the town
of Villore, Rs 11,000 have been
sanctioned in B.S. No. 230
Novr: 1876, No. 3024, & 5th Jan: 1877
No: 38, and thus the amount
now sanctioned is Rs 9530, viz
Rs 4000 for additional work in
the Luniagunta Tank; and 5530 for
the other works above referred to, carried
out by Mr. Franklin, and paid

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for irregularly out of the allotment for
the Luniagunta Tank.

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Palnani, 3rd Feb: 77 } (100) N. S. Whiteside
Collector

No. 40.

From,

G. D. Irvine Esqr.

Ag. Sub Collector of North Arcot.

To.

N. S. Whiteside Esqr.

Collector of North Arcot.

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minor works, for which no special sanction has been received, has been executed and paid for out of the amount sanctioned generally for the Surraquinta Relief Works.

2. As regard some of these works I was aware that they were being carried out but as they had been commenced, prior to my taking charge of this office, I concluded that they had been sanctioned. Mr Franklin, the Municipal Overseer who has been looked upon as the general Superintendent of works within the Municipality

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gives the following explanation regarding these works. When the excavation of the Surraquinta was started, an immense number of coolies flocked to the work & in order to afford employment for them, and avoid the great crowding gangs were drafted off to the Cusbah and supply channels & to some of the smaller works which had been recommended as desirable i.e. cleaning of various ^{drinking} water wells within the town. This, he says, met with the approval of the Sub Collector & yourself, who were present at the

commencement of the Luragunda
work - and he appears to have
considered that, having verbally
mentioned to you these measures
which he had adopted, there
was no necessity for reporting
them officially as for obtaining
official sanction for them. Further,
as each of these smaller works
are finished & gangs of coolies
thus become available, he proceeded
to employ them on other similar
works. I have, of course, pointed
out to him that his proceedings

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have been most irregular, but as there
cannot be any doubt that he thought
he was acting for the best and as
the works have been all of great
practical utility, I think he may
be excused for his error of
judgment.

3. I now proceed to give a detailed
list of the works so executed
showing the amount of work
which has been ascertained by
measurement & have been done
in each case according to ordinary
rates. In only six of these works
were any estimates prepared

before commencement. In the
others, estimates have now been framed
in the case of those which have
been completed on the actual
work done - and in the cases of
the others on the work done plus
the work remains to be done.

4. In the table submitted with my
former letter as well as in that ^{no. 9}
which accompanies the Tahsildar's
Urzi under notice, you will observe
that certain amounts have been
put down as the amounts actually
expended upon these unsanctioned
works. On enquiry however, I find

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that time calculations were made by
the Tahsildar & Mr. Franklin
without any reliable data - as prior
to the receipt of your letter no. 2725, of
22nd December 1876, no account had
been kept of the number of coolies
employed on each separate work
day by day - the whole number
of gangs being classed & paid for
under the general head of Surapenta.
These amounts I cannot, therefore
consider as even approximately correct.

5. What I ~~have~~ would now suggest
is that the amount shown in
column 6 as the estimate for

work actually ascertained by measure - must have been done, be retrospectively sanctioned as the estimate for each of the completed works & that the estimates made for works now in progress be retrospectively & prospectively sanctioned

6. No doubt in several instances more money has been spent ^{upon} these minor works than the amounts shown in these estimates but as it is absolutely impossible to ascertain what amounts actually were spent, I think the plan I have above suggested, the only one to be adopted.

7. It is scarcely necessary to observe that I have issued the very strict orders that no work of any kind is to be taken up in future without estimate & previous sanction.

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Nath Arset District, Villue Town Relief Works Estimates
 No. 1 to.

1 No	2 Description of work	3 Measure			4 C. 50 27-1/2 C. 50 A	5 Rate per 27-1/2 A	6 Amount		7 Remark
		L.	B.	D.			Rs.	A. S.	
	Clearing the whole bed of Irrigumta	500	400	8			14814	13	
	Landries						185	3	
	Total Estimate Rs						15,000		

2. Removing mound	500	70	3	10500					
Do —	400	90	6	21600					
							32100	200	1486
							13	14	9
	Landries								
	Total Estimate Rupees						1500		

3. Clearing the bed of Cusabab Channel	8000	30	2	48000	1a	1111	1		
for pairing braches where necessary									
							8	15	
	Landries								
	Total Estimate Rs						1120		

4. Clearing the bed of Irrigumta supply channel	600	21	2	25200	1a	583	5	4	
	Landries						6	10	8
	Total Estimate Rs						590		

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North Arcot St. Vellure Town Relief Works
Estimates No. 5 to 22

No	Name of work or description	Measure			Cubic Content	Rate per cu. ft.	Amount	Remarks
		L.	B.	S.				
		ft	ft	ft	C. ft	a	R	a p
5.	Bleeding Golla Chuttrum pond	35	35	3	3675	4	34 0 5	Res sanctioned by the Bd. Vellure No. 30248 30-11-76. Do
6.	Piligan Civil - do -	30	30	3	2700	4	25 - -	16-02-Do
7.	do - Gornidur mudali do -	43	40	3	5160	4	47 12 5	15-02-Do
8.	do - Devanashin do -	33	33	9	9801	60	136 2 -	41-02-Do
9.	stabob Chundabhib do -	33	21	4 1/2	3118 1/2	6	45 - -	45-02-Do
		6	6	3	108			
10.	Sulliwampetta do -	47	40	5	9400	5	108 12 9	42-02-Do
11.	do - Advaundal Bazar do -	45	45	8	16,200	4	150 - -	
12.	do - Gurbah Barmal Civil do -	60	58	2 1/2	8700	4	130 8 10	
		48	45	2 1/2	5300			
13.	do - Kondama Chuttrum do -	27	27	6 1/2	4738	4	43 13 11	
14.	do - Sunkaram Pollam Oatis do -	72	72	12	62208	6	84 - -	
15.	Thirapady Toll gate Kkoja do -	35	35	3	3675	4	34 - 5	
16.	do - Valapady Ayyakaram	60	38	5 1/2	12,520	4	116 19	
17.	do - Mandavaray do -	90	33	8	23760	5	275 - -	
18.	do - Idappanayya do -	30	20	6	3600	4	33 5 7	
19.	Kayala Epe do -	46	46	7	14,812	500	171 6 10	
20.	do - Sulliwampettamma Civil do -	100	3	1	300	4	2 12 5	
21.	do - Gooler Epe Kasam	64	33	4	8448	4	78 8 6	
22.	do - Melloon new Family lines	25	12	1 1/2	450			
		34	12	1 1/2	612			
		17	14	2	476			
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Works Nos. 5-6-7-11-12
13-15-16-20-21+22
have been completed.

Sanctioned, but the Board are of opinion that the cost of works 5-22 Rs 2320 should be recovered from Municipal funds. The Collector should bring the subject before the Municipal Commissioners.

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(100) H. Stokes

Asst. Secretary.

In the Collector of North Arcot.

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W. Stokes

Asst. Secretary.

In the Asst. Secretary to Govt. P.D.

