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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 7th April 1869.

No. 168. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department :—

Sanctioning the payment of certain amounts in aid of the repairs of the Red and Black tanks at Guntoor. } (Here enter 19th March 1869, No. 354.)

No. 169. ORDER THEREON, 7th April 1869, No. 951.

Miscellaneous. COMMUNICATED to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. WELLESLEY,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Department, &c.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 154. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th February 1869.

Read the following:—

From W. WILSON, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector in charge of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras; dated Masulipatam, 28th November 1868, No. 358.

In Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department, No. 885, dated 31st March 1864, Rupees 2500, half the estimated cost of repairing the Red Tank of Guntoor, was granted on the offer of the townspeople to contribute a like amount. Subscriptions to the amount of Rupees 2560 were promised; their collection was a troublesome and tedious matter, and in the end Rupees 1882-12-0 only were got together. The work was deemed so necessary, however, considering the difficulties of water-supply under which Guntoor suffers, that its immediate commencement was sanctioned. It was at first executed in the Department of Public Works, but in 1865 was transferred by the Collector, with the concurrence of the Superintending Engineer, to a Committee of the townspeople working under the supervision of the Tahsildar and Sub-Collector. The non-collection of the local contributions was the cause of serious delay. Up to date there has been executed work valued at Rupees 1485-6-3; of this the amount expended from Imperial Funds is Rupees 782-3-8, and from local collections Rupees 703-2-7; of the local contribution there is now an unexpended balance of Rupees 1091-8-6 in deposit in the T[illegible] Cutcherry; besides which Rupees 88-0-11 have to be recovered from the Department of Public Works and the Committee. I have the honor to suggest that Government may be requested to pay the difference, Rupees 1100-8-4, between the amount expended from Imperial Funds and the amount of local contributions to the credit of the Repair Fund, and that this and the unexpended balance, Rupees 1179-9-5, of local contributions be made over to the Municipal Commissioners, who have undertaken to supplement the amount of Rupees 1179-9-5 necessary to make up the sum originally estimated for the work. The tank is within Municipal limits, and its repair now strictly belongs to the Commissioners; but I think that what I have proposed may be fairly conceded to them. Ordinarily Government contributes only one-fourth of the expenditure incurred on public works by Municipalities, but the circumstances of Guntoor are exceptional. When the north-east monsoon fails as it did in 1863, and as I fear it has in this year, the inhabitants are put to considerable straits for water. The Vice-President reports that the Red Tank is already drying up, and suggests that the work of deepening it be at once proceeded with to provide for the coming hot weather.

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Committee	32	7	0
Total...	88	0	11

2. In Government Order, No. 2111, dated 22nd July 1864, Government further promised a sum of Rupees 2100, being half the estimated cost (Rupees 4200) of improving the Black Tank in the same town. The repairs to the Black Tank were not undertaken, owing to the refusal of certain of the subscribers to pay up the sums promised by them, and it was not thought desirable to apply to Government for its promised share of Rupees 2100, until there was a fair prospect of that of the inhabitants being realized. The subscriptions of the people received up to date amounts

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Red and Black tanks at Guntoor.—
Order sanctioning the repayment of certain amounts in aid of their repair, communicated to Revenue Board.

to Rupees 1194-8-0, which are now held in deposit in the Taluq Cutcherry to the credit of the Repair Fund. As there is no prospect of the remainder Rupees 905-8-0 of the local subscriptions being realized, I have the honor to suggest that in this case also Government may be requested to pay up the Rupees 2100 already promised by them, the difference of the local subscriptions being made good from Municipal Funds.

Submitted to Government with the Board's recommendation that the payment in aid of the repairs of the Red and Black Tanks at Guntoor be sanctioned as proposed by the Collector.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

No. 155. ORDER THEREON, 19th March 1869, No. 354.

From the orders of Government in the Public Works Department, dated the 31st March 1864, No. 885, and 22nd July 1864, No. 2111, referred to by the Acting Collector of the Kistna District in his letter of the 28th November last, embodied in the foregoing Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, it appears that a sum of Rupees 2500 was sanctioned on the 31st March 1864, for deepening the bed and repairing the bund of the Yerracherru or Red Tank, with a view to improving the supply of drinking water to the town of Guntoor; and that for attaining the same object the Government, in Order dated 22nd July 1864, expressed their willingness to authorize a sum of Rupees 2200 for deepening a portion of the Black Tank at Guntoor. The inhabitants having, in the case of the Red Tank subscribed a sum of Rupees 2500, and in that of the Black Tank a sum of Rupees 2000.

2. Mr. Wilson, the Acting Sub-Collector in charge, now brings to notice that of the sum of Rupees 2500 subscribed by the inhabitants of Guntoor for the Red Tank, only Rupees 1882-12-0 were collected. That up to the 20th November 1868 no more than Rupees 1485-6-5 have been expended on the work, of which Rupees 782-3-8 were disbursed from Imperial Funds, and Rupees 703-2-7 from the amount contributed by the inhabitants.

3. Mr. Wilson suggests that the Government should pay the difference (Rupees 1100-8-4) between the amount* expended from Imperial Funds and the local contributions† which, with the unexpended balance‡ should be made over to the Municipal Commissioners who have undertaken to supplement the amount necessary to make up the sum§ originally entered for the work.

* Rupees 782-3-8.
† Rupees 1882-12-0.
‡ Rupees 1179-9-5.
§ Rupees 5000.

4. Adverting to the Black Tank, Mr. Wilson states that the subscriptions collected up to 28th November last amounts to Rupees 1194-8-0, and that there is no prospect of the remainder being realized, and he suggests that Government should pay the amount‖ which they were prepared to authorize in June 1864, the difference of the local subscription being made good from Municipal Funds.

‖ Rupees 2100.

5. It is evident from what is stated by the Vice-President of the Municipality and Mr. Wilson that if immediate action be not taken to deepen the Red and Black Tanks, the inhabitants of Guntoor are likely to suffer very considerably from the want of water this year. His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves, therefore, to accede to Mr. Wilson's suggestions, and to authorize the disbursement of the sum of Rupees 1100-8-4 for the Red Tank, and Rupees 2100 on account of the Black Tank.

6. The work will be undertaken by the Municipal Commissioners, who will report to Government, at the end of three months, the progress made.

7. The Accountant General will be requested to determine the source from which the funds can be provided.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Guntoor Municipal Commission, Masulipatam.
" Accountant General.
" Revenue Department.
" Public Works Department.

Ex l. J. Wright.

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE GUNTOOR
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Masulipatam.
&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 19th.

Recd. 31st. *Encl.*

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