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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th April 1869.

No. 580. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th April 1869 :—

Read the following letter from J. A. C. BOSWELL, Esq., Officiating Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 1st April 1869, No. 82.

I HAVE the honor to reply to the Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd February 1869, No. 1,212, requesting me, upon G. O., dated 11th February 1869, No. 356, Revenue Department, to report, at an early date, what measures I would propose for the levy of a rate on water, supplied by Government from the Kistna, for the use of the inhabitants of the town of Masulipatam.

2. The Superintending Engineer in a letter, dated 23rd March 1869, No. 255, gives the cost of the works executed to supply Masulipatam with fresh water as below :—

		Rs.	A.	P.
1.	Cost of channel from Aukumaree to Anderson's bridge	13,561	13	2
2.	Cost of channel from thence to the town, exclusive of Robertsonpett Basin, built by public subscription	15,485	11	2
3.	Distribution canals and reservoirs	18,622	15	11
		47,670	8	3

3. The first portion, however, of the canal, *viz.*, from Aukumaree to Anderson's bridge, is not exclusively of use for supplying fresh water to the town, since it is used for the purpose of irrigating the lands which lie below it, through which it passes. The Municipal Commissioners, therefore, urge that they should be charged interest only on the outlay which was undertaken solely for the purpose of bringing water to the town, *viz.* :—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Total cost of works	47,670	8	3
Deduct cost of portion of channel used for irrigating.	13,561	13	2
	34,108	11	1

4. The Municipal Commissioners are of opinion that, instead of levying a water-rate on the houses in the town, it would be preferable if Government were to fix the annual amount to be paid by the town for its supply of water, and that the same should be paid by the Commissioners in a lump sum; and they beg that, in consideration of the heavy expenses that have fallen on the town for repairing the damage of the late cyclone, the Government demand may be limited to four per cent. on the actual outlay on the work (Rupees 34,100), which would amount to the sum of Rupees 1,364 per annum.

5. The Municipal Commissioners further point out that, in G. O., dated 2nd March 1869, No. 671, it is stated that Government do not undertake to maintain the supply of Kistna water to the town of Masulipatam throughout the season, (when the channels being closed for repairs, no water can be delivered except at considerable inconvenience); and in a letter from the Superintending Engineer, dated 22nd March 1869, No. 387, they have been informed that, though Government have

granted Rupees 1,000 this year to keep up for as long as possible the supply of water, yet even, with the above sum, he is not prepared to guarantee a continuous supply this year; and that till the channels are finished, it cannot but be precarious. The Commissioners, therefore, urge that if the supply of water is to be regarded as precarious in the hot season, when it is most required, and that they may be left to incur the expense of digging temporary wells and resorting to other expedients to provide a supply for the town, then the amount they have proposed to pay annually to Government as a water-rate is not inordinately low. Further, they propose to undertake themselves the future maintenance of all the works—a course suggested by the Superintending Engineer himself, the liability of which he estimates at Rupees 600 a-year.

6. If Government accede to the proposals of the Commissioners—that is, that they pay for the water-rate to Government Rupees 1,364 a-year, and undertake the maintenance of the works—then their request is, that Government will empower them to collect the rates on houses and buildings under Act X. of 1865 at six per cent. on the valuation, instead of four per cent. the present rate.

7. In submitting these proposals, I beg to recommend that they may be accepted for the present. The work of widening the main channel from the head to Kankipaud is now in progress. When it is finished, it will still be necessary to close it for a few weeks each year; but the Superintending Engineer thinks that it may be possible to arrange for it, Ryves' Channel, and the Pulleru by turns hereafter; so as to clear one after the other, and keep up a continuous supply by each alternately. When a continuous supply of water throughout the hot season can be guaranteed to the town, the question of raising the annual sum to be paid by the town for the benefit of water may be reconsidered.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to their Order, dated 11th February 1869, No. 356, and in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd February 1869, No. 1,212.

2. The Board support Mr. Boswell's recommendation that the proposals of the Municipal Commissioners be acceded to, including the increased house-rent, which appears necessary at present, but should, in the Board's opinion, remain in operation for a limited time.

No. 581. ORDER THEREON, 28th April 1869, No. 1,146.

Miscellaneous.

REFERRED to the Public Department for consideration.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Public Department.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 1146.

Referred to the Public Department for consideration

28th April 69

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REVENUE.

To

THE PUBLIC DEPARTMENT,

&c. &c, &c.

Dated April, 28*th*

Recd. Encs.

G. O., 28th April 1869, *No.* 1,146

APRIL.

Nos. 580-581.

Water-supply to town of Masulipatam.—Proceedings Board of Revenue on the amount to be paid by Municipal Commissioners and the rates on houses and buildings to be collected by them, referred to Public Department for consideration.

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Revenue 1869 Oct. 8th
No. 1236.
Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

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Water supply from Thatta river to Town of Chassalmere Thatta &c. Letter from Collr. re: convng. that proposals of Municipal Commissioners that Govt should fix annual amount to be paid by Town for at 6 per cent on actual outlay on work that same amount should be paid by Commissioner in a lump sum to Govt. & that they should be empowered to collect rates on houses and buildings under Act X of 1865 at 6 per cent on valuation, submitted to Govt.

No 1146-28 Appl
Under order

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" 8 March " 191-197
" 12 March " 335-336.

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