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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 9. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th January 1867, No. 358.

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Kistna District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Circuit Cutcherry at Vinukonda, 28th December 1866.

1. I have the honor to forward, herewith, the following estimates for the repair of two ruined tanks in the Talook of Vinukonda, and for digging a branch channel from Bantumilly Canal to the village of Bantumilly :—

		Rs.	A.	P.
1 Estimate for Pedda Cuncherla Tank		1,870	0	0
1 Do. for Pameedypad Tank		1,390	0	0
	Total...	3,260	0	0
1. Do. for Bantumilly branch channel		740	0	0
	Total ..	4,000	0	0

2. I have inspected the Cuncherla tank, and am able to urge strongly its immediate repair. This tank was repaired in 1854, but, owing to the omission to provide a proper escape, it breached the same year, and funds have never since been available for its re-construction. Some dry land will be submerged in the bed, and the land to be irrigated now bears a dry assessment ; these items, which do not appear to have been reported to the Superintending Engineer, will have to be deducted from the expected wet Cist, as shewn in the accompanying tabular form, but the returns will still be Rupees 87 per cent. on the cost.

3. The Pameedypad tank I have not seen ; but the profits to be derived will be very great ; and I strongly recommend that funds be made available as soon as possible.

4. During the Jummahbundy of this talook, the existence of a large number of ruined tanks has been brought to my notice ; I have visited several, and shall request the attention of the Superintending Engineer to them shortly.

5. The Bantumilly branch channel is greatly needed to supply the cattle of the salt traders with drinking water ; it will eventually be available for irrigation, and I hope for navigation also ; at present sanction is solicited for the minor work only.

From the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to the Collector of the Kistna District, dated Camp at Kannootula, 17th December 1866, No. 156.

1. With reference to your letter, No. 255, dated 27th October 1866, I have the honor to state that the restoration of the tank of Pedda Cuncherla must, under the orders of Government, be considered a "new work," and I therefore request you will be good enough to submit the estimate for the sanction of Government through the Board of Revenue.

1 Plan.
1 Estimate amounting to Rupees 1,870.

2. The restoration of the tank is highly advisable, as the cost will be Rupees 1,850, whilst the returns promised by the Deputy Collector and Tahsildar of Vinukonda are Rupees 2,471 per annum, or upwards of 133 per cent.

3. If funds be speedily allotted for the work, it could be executed before the next irrigation season, and immediate returns derived from the expenditure.

4. The Yadasts enclosed with your letter are returned.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 1st February 1867.

From the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to the Collector of the Kistna District, dated Camp at Kannootula, 17th December 1866, No. 157.

1 As requested in your letter, No. 40, dated 20th February last, I have the honor to forward an estimate for the restoration of the ruined tank in the village of Pameedypad, in the Vinukonda Talook.

Rupees 1,390, with one plan.

2. From your letter it appears that the villagers have already agreed to take up eighty acres, paying an annual assessment of Rupees 180. This of itself will return upwards of thirty-three per cent. on the proposed expenditure, but as you mention that 285 acres are fit for cultivation as wet, it may reasonably be hoped that the returns may prove much larger.

3. As, under the orders of Government, this restoration must be considered a "new work," and the estimate exceeds the amount which the local authorities can sanction, I request you will be good enough to submit it, through the Revenue Board, for the approval of Government.

From the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 19th December 1866, No. 81.

1. I have the honor to forward plan and estimate, as per margin, amounting to Rupees 740, for constructing a branch channel from the Bantumilly Canal, for the supply of good water to the village of Bantumilly, where the wells have a brackish taste, and are unfit for drinking purposes.

1 Survey Plan.
1 Estimate.

2. The lunkahs will be made fifteen feet wide, to allow for the channel being eventually widened for the purposes of irrigation.

3. The estimate has been prepared in compliance with the Collector's request in his letter, No. 215, dated 13th September 1866, a copy of which I have the honor to enclose.

From the Collector of the Kistna District, to the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, dated Masulipatam, 13th September 1866, No. 215.

1. With reference to paragraphs 10 and 11 of Mr. Chase's Report to the Board of Revenue, dated 18th July last, No. 257, and paragraph 1 of the Board's Proceedings thereon of the 15th ultimo, No. 5,711, on the operations of the public works in this district, I have the honor to inform you that since the late cyclone, there has been a great want of good water at Bantumilly for drinking purposes, both for the inhabitants of the village, and the Lambadies who resort to that place to purchase salt, and request that, if there are any available funds at your disposal, you will be pleased to order a small channel to be excavated as far as the village of Bantumilly, and to the drinking tank near to it from the main channel lately completed.

2. A very small branch will suffice for the present for drinking puposes, but it is probable that it will hereafter be found advisable to give it sufficient capacity for irrigating the land about Bantumilly.

Recommended for the sanction of Government.

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, 1st February 1867, No. 288.

Miscellaneous.

1. Approved.

2. The Bantumilly branch channel being designed in the present stage to supply water for drinking purposes, its cost must be charged to Local Funds.

3. The necessary orders in regard to the other works will be issued in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Public Works Department.
Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 18th January 1867.

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No. 358.

Recommending for the sanction of Government estimates from Collector of Kistna district for repair of two ruined tanks in Vinukonda taluk and for digging a branch channel from Bantumilly canal to the village of Bantumilly.

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