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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.
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G.O. No. 2240 Press Mis.

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Dated 2—12—1957

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No. 4. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 19th November 1857, No. 5344.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant E. HEMERY, District Engineer of Cuddapah; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Cuddapah, 13th November 1857, No. 912.

SIR,

Accounts having now been received from several Talooks of the damage caused to works of Irrigation by the violent storm of the 2nd Instant, I have the honor to forward a list of tanks breached or otherwise seriously injured in this District.

2. Measures have already been taken to prevent a loss of revenue under tanks that have not been extensively breached but the number of Upper Subordinates present in the District is utterly inadequate to enable me to meet this sudden demand for extra superintendence.

3. In the Chennoor Talook I have only 1 Assistant Overseer and 1 Sub-Overseer 2nd Class 2nd Grade.

4. In the Sidhout Talook where 32 Tanks have been breached and 5 very much injured I had no subordinate whatever previous to the storm, I have since transferred Overseer J. Cairns from Chitwail to Sidhout leaving the former Talook in charge of a Sub-Overseer 2nd Class 1st Grade.

5. The large number of Tanks injured by the late storm is not to be attributed to a want of sufficient outlets for the surplus water but to the extreme violence of the wind, which in several instances, forced the water over the bank from one end of the Tank to the other, all the Tanks facing west and north west (the direction of the wind during the storm) between latitudes 15° and 14°-20' have been more or less injured and thousands of trees uprooted.

6. The Road from Cuddapah to the Dorenall Pass has been very much cut up and several portions of the newly made road towards Madras south of Cuddapah has been washed away.

7. The reduced amount allowed for repairs in this District up to the 30th April 1857 is only Rupees 33,612 but an additional grant will be required to enable me to repair the numerous works injured by the late storm I cannot however state at present what this additional sum will amount to, as there is too much water in many of the Tanks to enable me to ascertain the extent of injury they have sustained.

Resolved that the foregoing letter No. 912 dated 13th November 1857 from the District Engineer Cuddapah submitting a list of Tanks breached or injured by the late storm, be forwarded for the information of Government.

2. The Chief Engineer considers it hopeless to expect the efficient repair of the works, to be accomplished by the reduced establishment of the D. P. W., and would draw attention to the evidently inadequate allowance for repairs in Cuddapah, under present circumstances.

(Signed) C. E. FABER, Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

No. 5. ORDER THEREON, No. 2240; dated 2nd December 1857.

The Government will wait any further information that may be sent by the District Engineer. If necessary, they will be prepared to grant a further sum for the repair of works injured in the late storm, but as Lieutenant Hemery says that even the damaged tanks are too full of water to permit of their being examined, the Government hope that the injury sustained has not been very heavy.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 3544.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer
in the Department of Public Works Fort Saint George,
Under date the 19th November 1857.

Read the following Letter

From the Divisional Engineer Cuddapah
forwarding with remarks a list of Tanks breached or
otherwise seriously injured by the Storm of the 2nd (Revenue Enter No 912 dated 13th November 1857)
Instant in the 2 Districts. ———

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a List of Tanks breached or injured by the late Storm, &c
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A True Extract

Col. Fisher Colonel
Chief Engineer.

To
The Secretary to Government P. W. D.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the
Chief Engineer.

To The Secretary to Government
P. W. D.

Dated 13th } November 1857
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Submits a letter from the District
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list of the Tanks breached or injured
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Fort St George
2d Dec 1857

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