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No. 26. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 13th March 1857, No. 10915.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant E. HEMERY, District Engineer of Cuddapah; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp Jummulmudgoo, 6th March 1857, No. 1057.

SIR,

Having now assumed charge of the Marahmut of the Cuddapah District, I have the honor to forward two statements prepared from the accounts furnished by the Collector, shewing the expenditure on works under his charge from the 1st January 1856, bills for work performed up to that date having already been sent to the Central office.

It appears that from the 1st January to the 30th April 1856, that is to say, during four months of the working season Rupees 95-6-3 were expended on works of Irrigation, and Rupees 149-7-2 on buildings in this District. On referring however to records in my office I find, that up to the end of December 1855, estimates amounting to Rupees 6,971 had been sanctioned for immediate execution on works of Irrigation alone. The question therefore naturally arises, what were the Talook Maistries and Goomastahs doing during the 1st four months of 1856.

The expenditure since the commencement of the present official year has been very small when the ruinous condition of the tanks in this District is taken into consideration. In the month of February I prepared and forwarded to the Collector in March, a large number of estimates for works in the Chitwail Talook but many of them are still incomplete and several estimates for repairing tanks sanctioned by you for immediate execution are not entered in the Talook lists, no orders regarding their execution having ever been sent to the Tahsildars.

In my Diary for February I recommended an expenditure of 100 Rupees on the Tungatoor Dyke: chiefly for planting trees and filling holes in the embankment, and I suggested that out of this sum, three coolies should be employed on monthly pay during the hot weather to water the young plants and to replace such as had been destroyed by village cattle, but nothing was done; out of the 100 Rupees, only 11 have been expended in 8 months on this important work. Again the expenditure on the Yerragoontalah Cottah tank (the estimate for repairing which amounting to Rupees 1,290 was sanctioned by Government on the 14th May 1856) has only been 68 Rupees up to the end of December; many other works have been equally neglected, but I wish to bring to your notice the fate of an estimate I prepared for the Toovapully tank last August.

The Dhovoor Tahsildar came to me when I was at Nundialumpett and begged of me to inspect the Toovapully tank in that neighbourhood which he reported to be in a dangerous state. I accordingly went there and saw at once that the bank was in want of very extensive repairs, but as the tank was then about half full, I prepared and forwarded to the Collector, an ordinary estimate for work that could at once be performed, such as filling large holes behind the stone facing and adding an exterior revetment to a weak portion of the bank.

As this estimate was not entered in the list of works in the Dhovoor Talook, I wrote to the Collector to know why no orders had been issued on the subject, and Mr. Murray replied as follows: "The emergent estimate for the Toovapully tank was not carried into effect in consequence of "no report of its emergency having been received from the Tahsildar and it does not appear "that such was the case and as it contained water the work was delayed," so that a work recommended by the Civil Engineer for immediate execution after personal inspection was not performed because the Tahsildar had not sent in a Report stating that the work was emergently required.

After these instances of neglect and delay, can it be wondered at, that the tanks in this District are generally in a very ruinous state and that a very large sum is now required for the purpose of thoroughly repairing them.

With regard to buildings not one of the estimates sanctioned on the 10th July 1855, and again on the 28th August 1856, for repairing the Camalapoor, Dhovoor and Jummulmudgoo Talook Cutcherries has been carried into effect, the same remark applies to the estimate for repairing the Budwail Talook Cutcherry entered in the Budget of 1856-57, and to my estimates for the Talook Cutcherry and Sub Division Sheristadar's Cutcherry at Cumbum. At Budwail

the expenditure since the commencement of the present Official

nothing whatever has been done beyond collecting iron bars for railings, but these I sent for from Madras and finally the order for performing the work included in my estimate for repairing the Chitwail Talook Cutcherry which you sanctioned on the 8th April 1856, was not sent to the Tahsildar before the end of September, and the work was not commenced by the 1st of January.

No. 27. ORDER THEREON, No. 507 ; dated 20th March 1857.

Before passing orders on this communication, the Government resolve to forward a copy of Lieutenant Hemery's letter to the Chief Engineer, to the Collector of Cuddapah for such remarks as he may have it in his power to offer.

2. It is expected that Mr. Murray will furnish his reply at the earliest possible date.

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

No. 1015

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works, Fort Saint George, Under date the 13th March 1857.

Read the following:—

1856/57. No. 1057.

From,
Lieutenant E. Hemery,
District Engineer of Cuddapah.

To,
Colonel Le. E. Faber
Chief Engineer D. P. W.

Sir,

Having now assumed charge of the Naramut of the Cuddapah District, I have the honor to forward two Statements prepared from the Accounts furnished by the Collector, shewing the expenditure on works under this Charge from the 1st January 1856 bills for work performed up to that date having already been sent to the Central Office.

It appears that from the 1st January to the 30th April 1856, that is to say, during four months of the working season Rupees 95—6—3 were expended on works of Irrigation and Rupees 169-7-2 on buildings in this District. On referring however to records in my Office I find, that up to the end of December 1855, estimates Amounting to Rupees 6,971 had been sanctioned for immediate execution on works of irrigation alone. The question therefore naturally arises, what were the Talook Sastries and Goomastahs doing during the 1st four Months of 1856!

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In my Diary for February I recommended an expenditure of 100 Rupees on the Tungtoor Dykes chiefly for planting trees and filling holes in the embankment and I suggested that out of this Sum three coolies should be employed on Monthly pay during the hot weather to water the young plants and to replace such as had been destroyed by village cattle but nothing was done; out of the 100 Rupees only 11 have been expended in 8 Months on this important work. Again the expenditure on the Yerragoontalah Cottah Tank (the estimate for repairing which Amounting to Rupees 1290 was Sanctioned by Government on the 14th May 1856) has only been 68 Rupees up to the end of December- many other works have been equally neglected but I wish to bring to your notice the fate of an Estimate I prepared for the Toovapully tank last August.

The Dhoroor Tahsildar came to me when I was at Nundialapett and begged of me to inspect the Toovapully tank in that neighbourhood which he reported to be in a dangerous state. I accordingly went there and saw at once that the bank was in want of very extensive repairs, but as the tank was then about half full, I prepared and forwarded to the Collector, an ordinary estimate for work that could at once be performed, such as filling large holes behind the stone facing and adding an exterior revetment to a weak portion of the bank.

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After these instances of neglect and delay, can it be wondered at, that the tanks in this District are generally in a very ruinous state and that a very large Sum is now required for the purpose of thoroughly repairing them.

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of September and the work was not commenced by the 1st of January.

2d Engineers Office,
Camp Jummulmudgoo,
6th March 1857.

I have &c
Signed E Hemery Lieut
2d Engineer of Cuddapah.

Resolved that in forwarding the Report No. 1057 of the 6th March 1857 from the District Engineer of Cuddapah, of having taken Charge of the Executive of the Province throughout, the particular attention of Government be solicited to the very dilatory proceedings of the Revenue Authorities, and more especially to the absence of all Zealous Cooperation on the part of the Collector of the District, Mr. Murray, in view to the early issue of such instructions as may ensure a more vigorous future administration, and prevent the recurrence of a neglect apparently habitual, tending so greatly to depress agricultural enterprise and the developement of the Resources of the Country, and further being so much calculated to discourage the exertions of the professional Officers of the D. P. W. It is observed that the principal practical reform immediately necessary, is, a prompt disposal of the District Engineers References, whether for statistical information, or for the performance of annual ordinary Repairs.

For True Esctract.
A Ed Salter Colonel
Chief Engineer.

To,
The Secretary to Government P.W.D.

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To The Secretary to Govert. P.W.D.

Dated 13th March 1857
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Communicating a letter from the Dy. Engr. Cuddapah, reporting having taken charge of the Executive of the Province throughout, and soliciting the attention of Government to the very dilatory proceedings of the Revenue Authorities, and more especially to the absence of all Zealous Cooperation on the part of Mr. Murray Collector of the District.

No. 26 & 27.

With an Order
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No. 507

Before taking orders on this communication the Government resolve to forward a copy of Lieut. Homeny's letter to the Chief Engineer to the Collector of Cuddapah for such remarks as he may have it in his power to offer

It is directed that Mr. Murray will furnish his reply at the earliest possible date.

Fort St. George
20th March 1857
Copy to the Collr. of Cuddapah with Copy of the Letter — Disp'd.

C. 14th March