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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 21st April 1857.

No. 137. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 24th March 1857, No. 11214.

Read the following letter from M. MURRAY, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah, to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 14th March 1857, No. 23.

SIR,

Para. 1. With reference to your Assistant's letter of the 17th ultimo, No. 64, I have the honor to explain, that the stone facing, the bund and the sluice of the Yerragoontlah Cottah large Tank was damaged by the flood of 1852, but as no great impediment was apparent at the time in carrying on cultivation from water continuing in the tank, the inhabitants did not report the circumstance immediately.

2. As the water became exhausted in the tank, the uselessness of the sluice from injuries received became apparent, when the inhabitants at the latter end of the year 1854, reported the circumstance to the Tahisldar, who when about proceeding to the village to inspect the tank and make his report to the Hoozoor, the Civil Engineer visited the spot and framed an estimate for its repair, which had not received sanction as yet.

3. It is however my firm opinion, that the work should, at any rate, be executed as early as possible. A memorandum shewing the Ayacut and cultivation for 5 years both land and amount of assessment is annexed as requested.

Memo.

Ayacut					
	Acres.	C.	As.	Rs.	As. P.
Circular	197	16	15 $\frac{3}{4}$	910	2 4
Enam	36	19	„	263	15 4
	233	35	15 $\frac{3}{4}$	1204	1 8
Average Cultivation of 5 years.					
Fusly... ..	1261	159	9 7	938	3 2
"	1262	122	34 4	700	9 8
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"	1265	109	4 11	598	11 8
	649	34	10	3613	6 6
Average... ..	...	...	...	728	10 11
Highest Revenue.					
Fusly	1261	159	9 7	938	3 2

In the event of the work being performed, no increase of cultivation may be expected beyond the Ayacut.

Resolved that copy of the foregoing letter from the Collector of Cuddapah dated 14th Instant No. 23, be forwarded for the information of Government, with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation 14th May 1856, No. 696.

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

No. 138. ORDER THEREON, No. 722; dated 20th April 1857.

The Chief Engineer submits a letter from the Collector of Cuddapah, affording the information required in Minutes of Consultation dated 14th May 1856, No. 696, in regard to the neglect of the Yerragoontla Cottah Tank, and the Ayacut and cultivation under it for five years.

*the Yerragoontla Cottah
Tank*

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 21st April 1857.

2. The order of Government bears date 11th May 1856. From the Collector's reply the Government observe that no requisition was made upon him for the information required till 17th February 1857, so that the matter was apparently allowed to lie nine months in the Central office.

3. The Collector admits that the repair of the Tank in question, will lead to the cultivation of the whole Ayacut or 212 Rupees above the average of the past five years, so that the return on the proposed outlay of Rupees 1,200, will be not less than 16 per cent. The Government therefore trust that under the authority conveyed in their order of the 14th May 1856 above alluded to, the Tank will be put into proper order as soon as possible.

4. In regard to the Tank having been long out of repair, Mr. Murray explains that as no great impediment to cultivation was apparent at the time (1852) the work sustained damage; the inhabitants did not report the circumstance till the latter end of 1854, when want of water, compelled them to do so. This explanation is wholly unsatisfactory. It was the duty of the village Officers, to have reported the damage to the Collector through the Tahsildar immediately it happened, and it is difficult to believe that the Collector's supervision is efficiently exercised, when the public works can be damaged, and cultivation fall off, without the former being brought to his notice, and the latter attracting his attention.

5. The comparative state of the cultivation in every village, is laid before the Collector at the annual settlement, when the village Officers and the Ryots are all present to account for any deficiency, the Collector therefore must either have neglected one of his principal duties on his annual visit to the Talooks, or having performed that duty, and ascertained that cultivation had decreased from a remedial cause, must have omitted to apply a remedy.

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

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*Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 20th April 1857.*

*Read the following
Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer*

*(Here entered 24th March 1857
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Chief Engr. Disb. 21st

