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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, for the month of December 1859.

No. 59. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 13th December 1859, No. 8270.

I have the honor to forward herewith for submission to Government, an original letter from the District Engineer of Kadapa, reporting a very heavy fall of rain in the south eastern táluqs of that district.

Letter No. 898, dated 3rd Dec. 1859.

2. From the 8th to the end of the past month, the quantity gauged at Kadapa was 9.80 inches, but the fall in the Siddhavatam and Chittevél táluqs was much greater. In the former several tanks* were breached though only to a small extent, and steps have been taken to prevent the escape of any large quantity of water from them.

* Madavaram tank.
Takole tank.
Yepiralla tank.
Vamilúr tank.
Warrikúntah tank and supplying channel.
Chendavy tank.

3. In the Chittevél táluq the damage sustained is supposed to be greater but as yet, only one report from the Tahsildar of the breachings of the Shethgunta and Orampád tanks has been received, though others are supposed to have suffered in the same manner. The communication between the different villages in that táluq has been suspended for a time by the swollen streams. Captain Hemery, however, has contrived to send instructions for the temporary repair of the breached tanks to prevent, if possible, any loss of revenue.

4. Part of the Chittevél town has been washed away by a flood, and also several houses in the Nagaripád village, 6 miles south of Chittevél, including the Karnam's with all the village accounts.

5. In the Kamalapúram and Chennúr táluqs, no damage has been done to any works of irrigation, although Mr. Arnold reports that he never saw the tanks so full as at present.

6. On the other hand, Captain Palmer writing from Madanapallí regrets the scarcity of rain in that part of the district, the small tanks are dry, and several large ones do not contain much more than one month's supply in them. This, together with the high price of provisions, is said to be a source of great anxiety to the inhabitants of that range.

From Captain E. HEMERY, District Engineer of Kadapa; to Lieut.-Col. E. LAWFORD, Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle, D. P. W., dated 3rd December 1859, No. 898.

I have the honor to report for the information of the Chief Engineer, that very heavy rain fell in the south eastern táluqs of this district, from the 17th to the 24th of last month.

2. The quantity registered at the Civil Dispensary in Kadapa from the 8th to the end of the month was 9.80 inches, but the fall was much heavier in the Siddhavatam and Chittevél táluqs.

3. In the Kamalapúram and Chennúr táluqs no injury was sustained by any of the works of irrigation, although Mr. Arnold reports that he never saw the tanks so full since he joined the district.

4. In the Siddhavatam táluq the undermentioned tanks were breached, the banks having given way near the calingula, owing to the tremendous rush of water over them: the breaches are small, and measures have been taken to prevent any great loss of water:

Madawaram tank.
Takole tank.
Yepiralla tank.
Vaimlúr tank.
Warrikúntah tank and supplying channel.
Ghendavoy tank.

5. The Chittevél táluq appears to have suffered considerably; it is hemmed in on all sides by lofty ranges of hills down which numerous deep and rapid torrents find their way into the Cheyair. I have as yet received only one report from the Tahsildar stating that the Sheth-

gunta and Orampád tanks are breached and he fears, several more; but communication between the different villages in that táluq is completely cut off for the present by impossable streams.

6. Part of the town of Chittevél, situated at a considerable height above the bed of the Goonjana has been washed way, the water having risen up to the walls of the táluq kacheri, in the centre of the town.

7. Several houses in the village of Nagaripád about 6 miles south of Chittevél were carried away, including the Karnam's house and all the village accounts.

8. The Madras tappal was delayed 4 days in the Chittevél táluq; Mr. George, who was at Sánepoy on the other side of the hills, made three unsuccessful attempts to cross the Cheyair at Balrazpalle, but orders have been sent to Assistant Overseer Lewis to use every endeavour to repair the breached tanks in a temporary manner, in order to prevent, if possible, any loss of revenue under them.

9. Captain Palmer writing from Madanapalli, deplores the scarcity of rain in that part of the district; the small tanks are dry and there is not much more than one month's supply in many of the large ones; great distress is anticipated among the people in that range, owing to the high price of food of every description.

No. 60. ORDER THEREON, 24th December 1859, No. 2988.

Ordered that the foregoing letters be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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Central Office of Public Works
Fort St. George 13th December 1859.

No. 8270

From

The Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

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Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith for submission to Government an Original letter from the District Engineer of Kadapa, reporting a very heavy fall of rain in the South Eastern Taluks of that District.

2. From the 8th to the end of the past Month the quantity gauged at Kadapa was 9.80 inches, but the fall in the Siddhavatam and Chittevél Taluks was much greater. In the former several Tanks were breached though only to a small extent, and steps have been taken to prevent the escape of any large quantity of water from them.

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
J. A. Bell Lieut.t Col.
Chief Engineer.

Chief Engr's Office
Fort Saint George
13th December 1857.

Lt. Colonel.
Chief Engr. Central Circle

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