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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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No. 56. Read the following letter from W. M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of Tanjore; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated Vellum, 2nd April 1859, No. 103.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward for the information of Government copy of a letter which I have this day addressed to the District Engineer regarding the supply of Cash to his Department.

2. I deem it my duty also to take this opportunity of laying before Government, the state of Maramut matters in this Province. The Government have been informed, by Mr. Phillips, of the disastrous effects caused by the late floods, of the number of breaches which then took place, and that under the unusual pressure thus thrown on the Department of Public Works, it was with the advice and concurrence of the Superintending Engineer, 4th January 1859 No. 22.

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3. In these orders, Government expressed an opinion that the repairs of the river breaches might have perhaps more appropriately and with more advantage to the State been undertaken by the Revenue Department, and I have now the honor to submit a Statement shewing what has been done in this matter and what remains to be done.

4. I have to apologize for the incomplete manner in which this Statement has been drawn up and it will be seen that the returns of 4 Talooks are still wanting, but in the absence of any Maramut, Establishment and occupied as many of the Tahsildars and other Revenue servants are, in Superintending the reaping of the large amount of land which has been this season thrown under Aumany, it has been found a matter of no small difficulty to procure returns as speedily as I could wish.

5. Incomplete as the Statement, however is, I am decidedly of opinion that the facts which it brings to light evince a state of things not a little alarming and to my mind show the absolute and indispensable necessity of some more prompt and vigorous remedial measures being taken than at present exist. I deem it also my duty to bring to the notice of Government, that although I am not prepared to bring forward any specific instances, the impression throughout the District and amongst all classes with whom I have come in contact is that the repairs as at present conducted are not of that substantial and permanent nature which could be desired, and that the system of Contract as adopted by the Department Public Works and the total absence of the check, which formerly existed of having the works executed by one Department examined and reported on by another has led to the worst consequences.

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9. In submitting the representations which I have now the honor to make, I doubt not the Government will do me the justice to believe that I have been actuated solely by a sense of public duty and from an anxiety to do justice to this fine and important District, the interests of which have been committed to my charge.

Letter from W. M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of Tanjore; to Captain F. J. MOBERLY, Acting District Engineer, Tanjore, dated Vellum, 2nd April 1859, No. 102.

SIR,

With reference to your Abstract under date the 30th Ultimo, (received this day) and re-

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 5th April 1859.

Amount sanctioned by Government to be paid in March and April 1859...	Rs. 180,000.
Cheques granted as per original abstract of the District Engineer for March...	82,000
Do. as per supplemental for the same month...	9,300.
Do. as per Abstract for April of date the 29th March...	52,800.
	1,44,100.
Balance	35,900.

requesting a further supply of Cash to the extent of Rupees 60,000 to be drawn from the 5 Talooks therein specified; I have the honor to point out that as shewn in the margin, there is at present only a balance of Rupees 35,900 remaining at your credit out of the sum of Rupees 1,80,000 which, under the orders of Government of the 8th Ultimo, No. 524, I was authorized to advance for Public Works during the past and current months.

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3. I shall be, however, prepared to order the payment of the full amount sanctioned on your letting me know what sums have been actually drawn by your Department in the month of March, and in what Talooks you may require the balance actually existing to be proportionably distributed.

Abstract of the Progress Report of Road repairs, carried out up to the end of February 1859, in the District of Tanjore.

No.	Roads.	Amount of Estimate.		Amount of work done.		Balance	
		Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.
I	From Trichinopoly to Negapatam.....	2,475	14 3	1,652	5 5	823	8 10
II	" do. to Madras.....	533	10 0	375	14 0	157	11 2
III	" do. to Adrampatam..	2,365	12 2	745	4 4	1,620	7 10
IV	" Tanjore to Arraloor...	3,749	12 0	2,063	8 1	1,686	3 11
V	" do. to Combaconum.	4,955	1 0	2,220	15 10	2,734	1 2
VII	" do. to Munnargoody.	147	10 6	80	2 3	67	8 3
VIII	" do. to Moottoopetta.	140	8 0	39	13 10	100	10 2
IX	" do. to Gundracotta..	1,210	9 3	234	12 8	975	12 7
X	" Paupanassum to Valingaman	763	11 6	265	10 3	498	1 3
XI	" Combaconum to Odyarpalyem.....	11	10 5	10	0 2	1	10 3
XIV	" do. to Nunnium....	1,385	0 0	32	6 3	1,352	9 9
XV	" do. to Adrampatam.	5,498	6 3	640	10 1	4,857	12 2
XVI	" Valingaman to Trivalore...	50	0 0	20	14 0	29	2 0
XVII	" Cordacherry to Codavassel.	498	11 8	241	4 0	257	7 8
XVIII	" Tritrapoondy to Munnargoody.....	438	8 4	29	13 0	408	11 4
XXI	" Arsanagary to Trichinopoly.	1,729	5 4	307	15 9	1,421	5 7
XXVI	" do. to Negapatam...	663	3 5	85	12 1	577	7 4
XXIX	" Sheally to Trimalvassel...	93	15 4	22	3 10	71	11 6
XXX	" Myaveram to Negapatam.	24	12 0	24	12 0	0	0 0
XXXV	" Tritrapoondy to Trivalore.	2,247	15 2	385	0 0	1,862	15 2
XXXVIII	" Aulungoody to Ammapetta.	364	0 10	244	4 0	119	12 10
XXXIX	" Paupanassum to Saliamungalum.....	6,148	7 9	835	10 3	5,312	13 6
IX	" Trunk Road.....	194	4 0	44	13 8	149	6 4
	" the North Gate of the Fort of Tanjore to the Venar Bridge.....	940	14 8	52	10 0	888	4 8
	" Cundyoer to Iyempetta...	350	0 0	30	0 0	320	0 0
	" Paupanassum to Capistellem	8	12 6	8	12 6	0	0 0
	" Tritrapoondy to Moottoopetta.....	1,005	0 0	650	10 0	354	6 0
	" Pundenellore to Vytheswarencovil.....	277	6 5	42	10 3	234	12 2
	Total	38,272	14 9	11,388	9 4	26,884	5 5

Tanjore, 2nd April 1859.

(Signed) W. M. CADELL, Collector.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 5th April 1859.

List shewing the total number of Breaches which occurred on the banks of Rivers, large Channels and Tanks, during the late high floods, those closed and those remaining to be closed.

Talooks.	Total number of Breaches.	Closed.			Remaining to be closed.
		By the D. P. W.	By the Revenue Dept.	Total.	
Trivady.....	1,511	283	378	661	850
Paupanassum.....	307	50	0	50	257
Keevalore.....	44	7	0	7	37
Nunnium.....	223	0	0	198	25
Codavassel.....	709	75	81	156	553
Tritrapoondy.....	98	7	22	29	69
Tranquebar.....	3	3	0	3	0
Parellum.....	27	3	27	27	0
Sheally.....	82	41	0	41	41
Mayaverum.....	133	18	49	67	66
Coottalum.....	172	39	6	45	127
Velungaman.....	1,042	346	0	346	696
Combaconum.....	237				
Trivalore.....	691				
Munnargoody.....	680				
Puttoocottah.....	2,289				
	8,248				

Tanjore, 2nd April 1859.

(Signed) W. M. CADELL, Collector.

No. 57. ORDER THEREON, No. 812; dated 5th April 1859.

In this letter the Collector of Tanjore represents the backward condition of the repair of the river breaches which occurred in November and December 1858, and the urgent necessity for now pressing forward the works. It appears from the Statement which he forwards that out of a total of 4,351 breaches, large and small, in twelve Talooks, (omitting four Talooks of which he had received no Returns) only 1,630 had been closed, leaving 2,721 still open. The information thus communicated by the Collector may be not very recent, and it may be overstated by his Subordinates against the District Engineer; but making large allowance for these possibilities the work appears to be very backward.

2. Mr. Cadell advises that he should be empowered to undertake such repairs of this nature as the District Engineer is not prepared to commence, and he anticipates that the new District Engineer will be disposed to act with him in perfect harmony in carrying out this arrangement. He also asks for additional funds, as the whole of the large sum placed at the disposal of the District Engineer has been expended.

3. The Governor in Council approves of the Collector's proposal; and desires that, in communication with the District Engineer he will take immediate action upon it. He will avail himself of any Estimates that may have been prepared by the Engineer Department; and all work done by his Subordinates will as he proposes, be liable to be inspected and reported on by that Department. The Governor in Council trusts to the zeal, energy and judgment of both Mr. Cadell and Captain Oakes to exert themselves to the utmost and in entire harmony to place all parts of the District in safety.

4. As respects funds the Governor in Council is much surprised to find that while so much work remains to be done, the large sums allotted for the purpose have been already exhausted. It will be the duty of the new District Engineer Captain Oakes to look strictly into the expenditure; but meanwhile the repair of the breaches is the first requisite at present, and the

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Collector is hereby authorized to make advances for that purpose, either to his Tahsildars or to the District Engineer, to such extent as, in communication with Captain Oakes, he may consider necessary. At the termination of these operations he will submit a Report on them for the information of Government; and the District Engineer will do the same on his portion of the work.

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

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Vellore 2nd April 1859

To
Captain F. J. Moberly
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3. I shall be, however, prepared to order
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I have &c.

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(True Copy)

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Sheally	32	41	"	41	71
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Cottalam	172	39	6	45	127
Velungaman	1042	346	"	346	696
Combaconum	237	"	"	"	237
Truvalore	691	"	"	"	"
Munnargoody	689	"	"	"	"
Puthucottah	2289	"	"	"	"
	8248	"	"	"	"

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Recd a letter to the Director
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Chas. J. B. D. P. D.
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Taunton Collectors Office
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[Signature]

M.S. Copy to the Col^l of Tanjore Dist^o 5
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From 14th Aug 1859 to 14th Nov

Public Works 1859 Sept 10.

Cane: 5th & 6th April.

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Contract of Cane.

25th & 26th April 1859.

From the Chief Engineer 18th May
1859 to 12th Dec 1859. 27th Dec 1859

Showing the Collector's
proposal for undertaking the
repairing of the river breaches in
Bangalore and authorizing him
to take immediate action when
it is made advances for that
purpose to such extent as he
may in communication with
Captain Sayer, necessary and
at the end to submit a report
on them.

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