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No. 4. Read the following letter from J. BIRD, Esq., Collector of Trichinopoly; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 28th May 1859, No. 10.

In obedience to the orders of Government No. 1160 of date the 14th May 1859, Public Works Department, Public, I do myself the honor to submit the information called for in respect of the progress made in closing the breaches in the rivers of this District occasioned by the floods of November last year, and also as to the work remaining to be done.

2. No less than one hundred and six breaches, great and lesser, occurred in the banks of the Cavery and Coleroon rivers. Of these fifty-seven are completely closed. Eleven more than half done, and thirty-eight not commenced.

3. The balance of work to be performed is considerable, and as the working season is near its close, I look with some anxiety to the completion.

4. But the state of the river banks is not so serious to my mind, or of so much consequence, as that of the irrigating channels in the wet Division of the District, more especially in reference to the canals in Conaud and Laulgoodi talooks. In the channels noted marginally,* all of the above talooks, there were no less than four hundred and six breaches. Of these one hundred and four have been closed. Eight-four half completed, and two hundred and eighteen not commenced.

* Weyacondan.
Coodingall.
Iven.
Paroovullay.
Nathud Nullar.
Nadoocaray Voykal.
Pungnoney.
Mullattaur.

5. The amount of work remaining to be performed is certainly considerable, and calls for great exertion, and must tax to the utmost the energies of the District Engineers. These Officers and their departmental subordinates are doing their utmost to get the work out of hand, and beyond question they have had much to contend against; yet I may observe, without disparagement to them that, valuable time was lost during the early part of the working season.

6. Of the amount sanctioned † for repairing the damages, Rupees 1,11,000, the sum of Rupees 34,588 has been expended up to the end of April, and Rupees 66,200 was advanced during this current month of May. What further amount may still likely be required I am not in a position to say. But I imagine not beyond the balance in hand, Rupees 10,211.

† Minutes of Consultation March 8th, 1859, No. 525.

No. 5. ORDER THEREON, 11th June 1859, No. 1440.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer. The Governor in Council is glad to receive the Collector's testimony that the Engineer Department are doing their utmost at present; but he cannot but think that the existing state of the river and channel banks tends to confirm his statement that time was lost early in the season. The Government desire however to have a full report from the Chief Engineer on this point, the fact of the loss of time, and the causes of it. It is observed that there have been two changes in the office of District Engineer of Trichinopoly during the last six months. Colonel Bell will not fail to stimulate the local Officers to exert themselves to the utmost at this critical time, to secure the land from flood and to have the channels in a fit state to receive and distribute water with safety.

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

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Trichinopoly Collectors Office
28th May 1859.

No 10

From J. Bird Esquire
Collector of Trichinopoly

To P.O. Bourdillon Esquire
Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir,

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2. No less than one hundred and six breaches, great and lesser, occurred in the banks of the Cavery and Coleroon rivers. Of these fifty seven are completely closed. Eleven

More

more than half done, and thirty eight not commenced...

3. The balance of work to be performed is Considerable, and as the working Season is near its close, I look with some anxiety to the completion...

4. But the State of the River banks is not so serious to my mind, or of so much consequence, as that of the irrigating Channels in the West Division of the District, more especially in reference to the Canals in Canard and Vaudreuil Districts. In the Channels noted Marginally, all of the above labour* there were no less than four hundred and Six breaches. Of these One hundred and four have been closed. Eighty four — half completed, and two hundred and Eighteen not Commenced...

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Coolingall
Tyon
Parroo-ullay
Nalhud Nullay
Nadoocaray Nyhal
Pungoonry
Mullaliaur

5. The amount of work remaining to be performed is certainly considerable, and calls for great exertion, and must tax to the utmost the energies of the District Engineers. These Officers and their departmental subordinates are doing their utmost to get the work out of hand, and beyond question they have had much to contend against; Yet I may observe, without disparagement to them that, valuable time was lost during the early part of the working Season...

5. Of the amount sanctioned* for repairing the damages £ 111,000 the Sum of £ 34,958 has been expended up to the end of April and £ 66,200 was advanced during this Current Month of May - What further the amount may still likely to be required I am not in a position to say. But I imagine not beyond the balance in hand £ 10,211.-

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Kingston
Colo. Office
28th May 1839

To
J. L. Barclay Esquire
Secretary to Government
&c &c &c

Collector

* Minutes of Council dated March 8th 1839 No. 525.

No 1440

Proceedings of the Master Engineer
Under date the 10th June 1859

Received the 28th May 59 Letter

Ordered to be communicated to the Board

Engineer the Governor in Council in place of the Colonial Secretary

that the Engineer be instructed and directed at present that no Contract but Monthly be entered into for executing the works

that the river and Channel of the Liffey be kept clear of Sand Banks as much as possible

Cond. 17th May 59 No 69470.
— 8th March — 98499.

No 4

P. Works 1859 Despatch
Pro: of Govt 17th June.
No 1440.

From
The Collector of Richmond Dock
To
The Secretary to Government
in Civil Dept

Dated 28th May 1859
Recd 31

No 10.

No 1440 10th June 1859.

Submits information in respect of the progress made in closing the breaches in the River of this District, occasioned by the floods of Nov. Last & states as to the works being to be done —

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was lost early in the season. The Genl desires however to have a full report from the Chief Engineer on this point, the [illegible] of the loss of time, and the causes of it. It is observed that there have been two changes in the office of District Engineer of Trichinopoly, had been very frequent during the last six months. Colonel Bell will not fail to stimulate the local Officers to exert themselves to the utmost at this critical time, to secure the land from flood and to have the channels on a fit state for receiving & distributing water with expedition.

10 Copies to the Chief Engr & Dispr 13th
1 " " Collr of Trichinopoly

Public Works 1859 Dept.
Pro: of Govt 17th June.

No 1440.

Pro: of the Madras Govt
Dt 11th June 59.

From Chief Engineer
Dt 5th July 59 Rec: 1762
Ans: 22-30-53-56.

Chief Engineer to submit a full report as to the alleged statement that much time was lost during the early part of the working season without closing river breaches, and also to eliminate the local officers, to exert themselves to secure the land from flood and to have the channels in a fit state to receive and distribute water with safety.

No 485.

23 June 59