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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, from 11th to 17th June 1859.

No. 35. Read the following letter from W. M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of Tanjore; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated Tranquebar, 6th June 1859, No. 220.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of Government under date the 26th Ultimo, No. 1260, directing me to discontinue the repairs of the roads which are being at present carried on by this department, and to transmit my accounts to the District Engineer as soon as possible. I am further called upon to report on the complaint made by a contractor under the department of Public Works, of having been seized and put in confinement by a Tahsildar.

2. The Government have not favored me with the correspondence on which their order has been founded, and it is therefore impossible for me to know what information has reached them regarding the present state of the river embankments and the irrigation works of the District generally; it would appear, however, that they are under the impression that great progress has been made in the work of closing breaches, &c., and that the cultivation and Revenue of the coming Fusly are secure; and it becomes therefore my duty as head of the District to place before them the real state of things and to state what has come under my own observation.

3. When I addressed Government on the 2nd April last, it was after personal communication with Captain Oakes and after I had fully and faithfully represented to him the backward state of Maramut matters in this District. From the conversation I had then with that Officer, I was impressed that our assistance would be as cordially accepted as it was frankly offered, and it was with this confidence that I took it upon me then to address the Government. I regret, however, to state that my expectations have not been realized, and as the Government are doubtless aware, Captain Oakes wrote to the Chief Engineer on the 27th April last, stating that the works were in full progress and that the further assistance of the Revenue Department was not requisite. I was not then informed that the department desired also to resume the charge of the roads, but had I been made aware of their wishes, I should most willingly have complied and this the more especially, as I believe it was originally understood that our connection with the roads was to cease with the official year.

4. In their order* of the 5th April, Government, in adverting to the information which I was enabled then to lay before them, took occasion to observe that it might not be very recent and might be overstated; it may, therefore, be satisfactory for the Government to know exactly the number of breaches remaining unclosed or incomplete on the 1st April; this will be seen in the annexed statement:—

* Para. 1.

	Total number of breaches which occurred.	Closed.				Remaining to be closed.
		By the Department P. W.	By the Revenue Department.	In Coody Maramut	Total.	
Trivady	1,384	145	205	.....	350	1,034
Paupenassem	440	209	3	4	216	224
Trivalore	627	126	45	92	263	364
Keevalore	65	7	2	19	28	37
Puttoccottah	674	77	.....	18	95	579
Munnargoody	148	24	.....	27	51	97
Tritrapoondy	85	6	2	8	16	69
Codavassel	475	159	1	6	166	309
Nunnilum	158	54	.....	87	141	17
Myaveram	99	21	6	21	48	51
Coottalum	150	43	.....	5	48	102
Combaconum	123	57	4	.....	61	62
Sheally	78	37	3	1	41	37
Paralum	25	.....	22	3	25	.....
Valungaman	291	211	3	.....	214	77
Total	4,822	1,176	296	291	1,763	3,059

5. Since the statement was made out, 102 breaches (22 of which were old ones and which had been imperfectly closed) took place in the heavy rains of April, and, as I have already informed the Government, the embankments throughout the District suffered most severely.

6. I am not at present in a position to state, with a sufficient degree of accuracy, how many breaches are still unclosed at this date, but after passing, as I have lately done, through several of the Talooks of the District, I can assert from my own observation and after some little acquaintance with Maramut matters in this province, that the embankments are generally far from being in a satisfactory state, and that the apprehensions expressed by the Meerassidars of their being afraid to commence their agricultural operations owing to the insecure state of the embankments, appear to me by no means unfounded. Some of these complaints have doubtless reached Government, but I beg to enclose the original and translations of six petitions lately presented to myself. I can also assure the Government, that during the last few days, I have been waited on by the principal Meerassidars of several Talooks desiring most earnestly to have the Maramut re-transferred to the Revenue Department or at least that they should be allowed to carry on their own repairs in Coody Maramut without the interference of the Department of Public Works. In considering these representations, it must be remembered, that the Meerassidars can have no possible object or interest in raising a false cry or exaggerating the inefficient condition of the works; their sole wish is and must be to see the repairs carried out efficiently and in proper time, and setting aside therefore the reports and accounts furnished by the Revenue Officers, the representations of the Meerassidars may, I think, safely be relied on.

7. It is with regret I have conceived it my duty thus to bring to the notice of Government of what the feeling and impressions of the people generally are, and looking to the enormous expenditure which has taken place during the past few months, I think both the Government and the Meerassidars have a right to expect that their interests should not be unrepresented. The Government will, I am sure, do me the justice to believe that I can have no possible object in bringing these matters to their notice, but as the official custodian of these interests, and that it is from no personal motives that I feel called upon to lay before them what I feel assured is the real state of things.

8. Before therefore proceeding to carry out the orders of Government as to the re-transfer of the public roads, I beg they will be good enough to consider the statements I have now made and also the following facts:—

1st. That within the last 15 days, I have been asked by the Department of Public Works to undertake the execution of 69 Estimates in one Talook alone, which the Engineers' Department expressed their inability to perform. The execution of these works is therefore being proceeded with under this department.

2nd. That in the middle of May, I was asked to undertake the embankments and the repairs of breaches in the Vettaur river in the Trivalore Talook. These were for the most part large and difficult works, but I deemed it my duty to give what assistance I could, and the Tahsildar was accordingly directed to undertake all breaches that had not been begun by the Department of Public Works.

3rd. That owing to the dilatoriness of the Department of Public Works and their inability to complete the works required for the manufacture of Salt at Vadarunniem within the proper time and before the April full moon (when the manufacture can be carried on to most advantage) I was obliged to undertake a large part of the work myself amounting to upwards of 600 Rupees.

4th. That on the urgent and pressing entreaties of many Meerassidars, I have further taken upon me the filling up and strengthening of not a few breaches and which had not been touched by the Department of Public Works.

9. I am unwilling, however, to multiply instances, fearing that the Government might think I was desirous to accumulate an array of facts and thus assume an appearance of hostility to a department which is avowedly weak and has necessarily been filled with young and inexperienced subordinates. The Government are aware, that Maramut is no new thing in

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Tanjore, and that for nearly half a century, the Officers of the Revenue Department have paid no little attention to it. It therefore appears to me to be matter for grave regret that when assistance and that of a tolerably efficient (though I do not presume to say scientific) nature could be had, it should not have been more largely availed by the Department of Public Works.

10. I would, however, mention the state of matters in two of the smallest Talooks in the District, to shew that I am not writing without data; in the Talook of Valungaman on the 20th May, the closing of 44 breaches had not even been commenced, while 52 were in progress and that 19 masonry works remained ruined, not one of which can probably be repaired this season. In the Talook of Trivalore on the 26th May, 206 breaches likewise remained to be closed.

11. With these facts now before them and seeing that the south-west monsoon is close at hand, I beg respectfully that the Government will re-consider their order as to the transfer of the roads at this particular juncture.

12. With reference to the orders of Government in para. 3, I beg to state, that immediately on the receipt of the District Engineer's letter, I requested my Special Assistant, Mr. Kerr, who was then at Puttoocottah, to enquire personally into the matter. The parties were, however, not forthcoming and their attendance could not be procured, although they were repeatedly sent for. I have, however, again requested Mr. Kerr to take measures for securing their attendance and shall have the honor of submitting a further report on the matter at an early date.

No. 36. ORDER THEREON, 14th June 1859, No. 1457.

The Governor in Council sees no reason to modify the order of the 26th May directing that the Revenue Department in Tanjore should discontinue the road repairs. The evils of a division of the executive authority between the Revenue and Public Works Departments are so great, especially in Tanjore, that nothing but very pressing and urgent necessity can justify such an arrangement. The order will be acted on by the Collector without further delay.

2. A copy of the letter above recorded will be sent to the Chief Engineer for his information, and in view to his obtaining and submitting the District Engineer's explanation as to the matters stated in the 8th para. The tenor of Captain Oakes' letter of 27th April to the Chief Engineer led Government, as it led also the Chief Engineer, to conclude that both that Officer and all the Executive Engineers of the District, felt confident of their ability to accomplish all the work to be done, without the aid of the Revenue Department. The Governor in Council is therefore surprised to learn that the Collector has been "asked by the Department of Public Works" to undertake the execution of a large number of Estimates and the repair of many breaches in embankments. Mr. Cadell does not say that this request came from the District Engineer; and the Governor in Council requests information on this point. If the application was not from Captain Oakes, information will be furnished what subordinate took on himself thus to apply to another Department, without the authority of his own superior; and Mr. Cadell will also explain his reasons for listening to such a request from any but the District Engineer. Mr. Cadell states likewise that he took on himself also the repair of many breaches on the mere request of the Meerassidars. He will be required to explain how he justifies this interference in the duties of a distinct Department.

3. Adverting to the commencement of para. 2 of the letter under reply, it is observed that a copy of the District Engineer's letter* was transmitted direct by that Officer to the Collector. A copy of the Chief Engineer's letter forwarding it to Government will now be sent to Mr. Cadell for his information.

* April 27.

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

No 220

Sanjore Collectors Office
Tanjaubar 6th June 18

From

W. M. Cudell Esquire
Collector of Sanjore

To

S. D. Bourdillon Esquire
Secretary to Government
Revenue and Public Works Department
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt
of the Proceedings of Government under date
the 26th ultimo, No 1266, directing me to
discontinued the repairs of the roads which are
being at present carried on by this Department
and to transmit my accounts to the District
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called upon to report on the complaint made
by a Contractor under the Department
of Public Works, of having been seized and
put in confinement by a Tasildar.

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has reached them regarding the present state of the River embankments and the Irrigation Works of the District generally; it would appear however that they are under the impression that great progress has been made in the works of closing breaches &c and that the cultivation and Revenue of the Coming Cusby are secure; and it becomes therefore my duty as Head of the District to place before them the real state of things and to state what has come under my own observation.

3. When I addressed Government on the 2d April last, it was after personal Communication with Captain Oates and after I had fully and faithfully represented to him the backward state of Paramount matters in this District. From the Conversation I had then with that Officer; I was impressed that our assistance would be as Cordially accepted as it was frankly offered, and it was with this Confidence that I took it upon me then to address the Government. I regret however to state that my expectations have not been realised, and as the Government are doubtless aware, Captain Oates wrote to the Chief Engineer on the 27th April last, stating that the works were in full progress and that the further assistance of the Revenue Department was not required. I was not then informed that the Department desired also to resume the charge of the Roads, but had I been made aware of their wishes, I should most willingly have complied and this the more especially, as I believed it was originally understood that our Connection with the Roads was to cease with the Official year.

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	Total number of breaches which occured	Closed				Remaining to be closed
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Coottalum	150	43	"	5	48	102
Combaconum	123	57	4	"	61	62
Kheally	78	37	3	1	41	37
Pardiam	25	"	22	3	25	"
Valungamcan	291	211	3	"	214	77
Total	4822	1176	296	291	1763	3059

Signed

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6. I am not at present in a position to state, with a sufficient degree of accuracy, how many breaches are still unclosed at this date, but after passing, as I have lately done, through several of the Talooks of the District, I can expect from my own observation and after some little acquaintance with Maramut matters in this Province, that the embankments are generally far from being in a satisfactory state, and that the apprehensions expressed by the Mecrapidars of their being afraid to commence their agricultural operations owing to the insecure state of the embankments, appear to me by no means unfounded. Some of these Complaints

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beg to enclose the original and translation
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the last few days, I have been waited on by the
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1 That within the last 15 days, I have been asked by the Department of Public Works to undertake the execution of 6 estimates in one Taluk alone, which the Engineers' Department expressed their inability to perform. The execution of these works is therefore being proceeded with under this Department.—

2 That in the middle of May, I was asked to undertake the embankments and the repairs of breaches in the Vettaur river in the Tirwalore Taluk. There were for the most part large and difficult works, but I deemed it my duty to give what assistance I could, and the Tasildar was accordingly directed to undertake all breaches that had not been begun by the Department of Public

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wonderfully weak and has necessarily been filled with young and inexperienced subordinates. The Government are aware, that Masonry is no new thing in Tinjore, and that for nearly half a century, the Officers of the Revenue Department have paid no little attention to it. It therefore appears to me to be in matter for grave regret that when assistance and that of a tolerably efficient though I do not presume to say scientific nature could be had, it should not have been more largely availed by the Department of Public Works.

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12 With reference to the orders of Government in para 3; I beg to state, that immediately on the receipt of the District Engineer's letter, I requested my Special Assistant, Mr Kerr who was then at Pallavacottah to enquire personally into the matter. The parties were, however not forthcoming and their attendance could not be procured, although they were repeatedly sent for. I have, however, again requested Mr Kerr to take measures for securing their attendance and shall have the honor of submitting a further report on the matter at an early date.—

I have

I have the honor to be
Sir,
your most Obedient Servant
W. M. [illegible]
Collector

Rec'd May 15th 1838 & Dated Tanjore the 12th May 1838
Copy of a Letter from the Collector of Tanjore
To
The Secretary to Govt.
Revenue & Public Works Dept.
Dated 6th March 1838.
Rec'd 10th June 1838.
No. 2220
Ans. 6.

Rec'd May 15th No 126-127.

No. 1405 = 14th June 1838

Petition of the Peasantry
to Government under date
the 25th May 1838 No 206.

No 35.

Ans. 6 June

No. 1.

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Translation of a Petition presented to the Col-
lector of Tanjore by the Meerasidars of the
4 villages of Boothungoody, Tsinnavelagum
Ivaily, and Sheroonungayvaily in the Co
Nunnilum Talook.

In the month of November 1837,
and when the Maramut was under the
charge of the Revenue Department, breaches
having taken place on the north bank of the
Vettar, in the village of Boothungoody, the
same were closed by the Thasildar and other
Revenue Officers in Communication with
Sub Engineer Ackoota Naidoo, and
emergent estimates were also made for the
further necessary repairs of the banks. In
the meantime, however, orders having been
received to the effect that the Maramats
executive had been made over to the
Engineer Department from January 1838
and that the Thasildar should not
interfere therewith, the works which had been
Commenced

commenced were left in an unfinished state.
The Engineer's Department thereupon
adopted measures for Carrying out
these works, in Consequence of which, during
the floods which Came down in the
months of October and November 1858,
20 breaches took place on the north
bank of the Vettar and the south and
east banks of the Valaiyar, and the
former which forms the road Leading
from Nagore to Tirungalanjam, having
been altogether overflown, the adjoining
fields were all immersed in water, and
Covered with sand 1 yard deep, all along.
Be afflicted to the Engineer's De-
partment for the necessary works being
executed, in order to repair these damages,
but they say that they would furnish
us with estimates and that we should
Carry out the works ourselves.—

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Our villages extend over an area of 2 miles
from east to west, and the works required to be
done within this distance and Consisting of
River-embankments, Road-repairs, and the
clearing of the supplying and drainage channels,
amount in value to Rupees 1,000 according to
the estimates which have been made by the
Department of Public Works. How can
so much work be done by our own Ale or Cooli-
ies and just enough for Cultivating 50 Valies of
land?

We therefore beg that in Consideration
of the heavy losses which we have suffered in Con-
sequence of the Breaches of the years 1857 & 1858.
the large debt we have incurred to the extent
of Rupees 1000 in procuring the necessary
means of Cultivation, including even seed
grain; the Circumstance that our Culti-
vation for the ensuing season, Can only be
Commenced after the works above referred to

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are Completed, and the fact that the
on all number of 50 Coolies we have, is
scarcely equal to the amount of work
required to be done, you will find order
to the Havildar of Nemmilum to get
from the Engineer's Department, the
estimates which have been prepared by them
together with the necessary funds, and to at
once to carry them into execution.
19th May 1809. (signed) Veerasamy Naik Agent to Lieu.
nada Pillay & Assistants Meerasidars
Veerasamy Naik - Meerasidar
Anna Naik — D:
Veerasamy Naik Agent to
Moottoosamanaik - Meerasidar
Moottoosamy Ayen D:
Govindum — D:
Vythee Ayen
Laminatha Chetty.
Cottandia Pillay.

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(True Translation)
W. Wallace
Collector

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Translation of a Petition presented to the Collector of Tanjore by the under signed Merassidars of the Villages comprising the Nagacoody Vuttum in the Nunnilum Talook –

8 Villages comprising ~~The~~ Vuttum mentioned above 6 in the Trivalore Talook and 1 in Codavasel, amounting in all to 13, and containing an area of 170½ Vallies, are irrigated by means of the Solachooda-moniar Calingulah. The wing walls and the upright stones of this Calingulah have broken down and mined; the supplying Channel of our Villages has been choked up and the Sluice at the head therof in ruins. It having ~~thus~~ been out of our power to regulate the supply of water into our channel, the same was breached during the floods of November last, and in consequence our cultivation was immersed in water and destroyed – Besides this, a large breach having taken place on the North bank of the Vettaur in the limits of Pullivelagum, our crops were ~~Thursday~~ drowned & destroyed –

We represented these circumstances to Mr. Engineer Lawford in the month of November last; he gave orders to the Sub overseer, and the people connected with the latter inspected the localities, but nothing has been hitherto done –

The Calingulah and the head sluice

Issued Despatch
Sir a Letter
To the Collector of
Tanjore
Dated 3 June 1869
No. 290

Translation of a Petition presented by the Merassidars of 4 villages in the Nannilum Talook.

being in a ruined state as described above; the Channel being choked up; and further there being no vent in the Calingulah so as to afford a passage for sand. there is no likelihood of cultivation being carried on for the coming year-

In consequence of the crops having perished by floods last year, the Government revenue has been lost. and we have been so far deprived of means as not to be able to secure seed grain for the cultivation of the ensuing season-

We therefore beg that you will graciously be pleased to order the works above specified to be executed.

19th May 1839 (Signed) Somasoondera pillay
Merassidar
Teagaraja Pillay Do
Veerappillay agent to
Soondara Auchee D:
Vydenathein agent to Cooparien
Do of Poondy
Appupillay agent to Ponnoo
samya Do of Settiapoorum
Arianayaga Moodely Merasidar
Veerapillay son of Sonjapilly

(True Translation)

W. Mc Leod
Collector

No 2

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Translation of a Petition presented to the Collector of Tanjore, by the undersigned Meerasidars of the Keevalore and Nunnilum Talooks and holding lands under the Valaspar.

The river Valaspar irrigates 2000 Vuilies and the Poottaur 500 Vuilies of Cand: The latter branches from the former in the limits of Naraamungalum in the Codawasel Talook. The head of the Poottaur being 2 yards below the bed of the Valaspar, the set of the stream turns itself directly into the Poottaur and the bed of the Valaspar is choked up with sand. Thus the supply of water to our villages (4) which are dependent on the Valaspar, (4) becoming scanty, we have suffered Considerable loss. We therefore beg that the head of the Poottaur may be narrowed by means of a bund and Vaganai work, and the

accumulation

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In a letter
From the Collector of
Tanjore
To the Secretary to Govt
Rev. & P.W. Dept
Fort St. George
Dated 5th Jany 1834
Recd 20th

Translation of a petition presented by the undermentioned Meerasidars of the Keevalore and Nunnilum Talooks.

accumulation of sand in the bed of the Valaspar cleared, so as to admit of a freer flow of water down the latter.

Besides this, there is a Bundia Muddy or vent for the surplus water in the Moongil Body Channel which branches from the Valaspar, by which a good deal of water wastes away. We therefore beg that this aperture may be closed with earth which can be taken from the Tedel or the piece of waste ground lying close by on the east side thereof, and that to regulate the supply of water into the channel referred to, a sluice may be built at its head.

As the clearing of sand in the bed of the river, must be carried out by means of labor supplied by the land-holders in proportion to the supply of water drawn

drawn for the purposes of Irrigation, and beg that this work may be entrusted to the Tasildar.

19th May 1859. (signed) Veerasamy Naick, brother of Mengiah Naick, Menapidar of Valungody.

Mootoosamy Pillay of Purimanam

Veerasamy Naick agent to Menapidar Valungody. Menapidar

Chekeya Pillay brother of Mootoosamy Pillay, Meerasidar of Nemmimangalam

Ponnaiyah agent of Medpore Menapidar.

Maraiyah Modely agent of Cottamashalapomm Menapidar

Arumdaramian, Meerasidar of Valoody.

Agaratar of Meerapidar District

Veeraragava Naick Meerapidar of Nemmimbary.

signed & Army Agent brother of Pichoovien, Mee-
rasidar of Vireudy.
Pichoovien, Meerasidar of Vanlevoo
Vincent Soobbien, agent of Putta-
viramiah, Meerasidar of Go-
karajapooram.
Vythenathien, Meerasidar
of Tiecla Tanjavoor.

True Translation/
W. Wright Wells
Collector

No 4

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Translation of a Petition presented to the Collector of Tanjore by Gopala Modaly Meerasidar of Coalloor and other villages in the Munnargood Talook

Breaches having taken place in my villages on two occasions in the months of October and November last, and the same having remained under water for a period of 20 days, I represented the same to the Sub: Engineer and the Overseer, and also applied to them regarding the embankments of the dispplying and drainage channels of my villages. but they not having executed the necessary works, the embankments have during the Sale which occurred in the month of April last, been breached in other places and further damage sustained. I again represented this circumstance to the Engineer & Deputy but no work has hitherto been even commenced When the Maramut is in such a state, how and with what safety can I lay out money on cultivation stock at Rupees 100 a vaily & enter upon agricultural operations? I beg therefore that orders may be issued to the Tahsildar at once to carry on the works.

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1855 Dec 4th
From
The Collector of Tanjore
To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue & P.W.D. Departments
Dated 6th December 1855
Recd 12th Ditto
No 2220

Rs 1521/56

Translation of a Petition presented by Certain Pannaiyadars of the Kowakudi and Pavilion Talooks and Kollidam Coodoonder to Collector

The villages of Tekeelan &c. in Jaya-
-pore has been breached on 4 sides. I therefore beg orders
to the Tahsildar to provide the necessary embank-
-ments to this village and also to construct a sluice
at the head of the drainage channel of the village
of Achanacottagum which passes on the
southside of the village and for which work
an estimate was formerly made.

There has taken place a breach in the
Adaspar in which the drainages of Coallur &
other large villages discharges itself. This breach
not having been closed, the drainage flows back
into the villages through the same and destroyes the
cultivation. The Tahsildar of Tekapooram ought
therefore be directed at once to fill in the breach.

If you are not pleased to direct the
Tahsildar to carry out these works, I beg that my
lease may be cancelled and my villages held
under Ryotwary, and that the necessary stock required
for cultivation, may be supplied by the Government

/signed/ Gopinadha Moodaly

Meerasdar

20 May 1859.

/True translation/ D. M. Fe[illegible]
Collector

/True translation/ [illegible]
Head Assistant to the
Principal Collector of Chingleput
Seal of Collector

1st Dy Collr
Copy to the Collector
from the Collector of Jaigore
Copy to the Head Assist. & Collr
Chingleput
Dated 6th June 1859
No 3320

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Translation of a Petition dated the 25th day of May 1859 from Chinnakatta Paramal Aiyan and Venkatachala Aiyan, Karnavans of the village of Eyguin in the Tirvalore Taluk.

Since the Thoreanadaiyar rivers in November last, 25 feet of the bank on the north bank of the Tellaur and on the east side of the Codamoor tank within the limits of the said village, upon which the Sluices were erected, some earth to be thrown into these breaches, but they have not yet been fully closed nor the banks of the channel strengthened. Our irrigations channel has been choked up with sand, and the sluice is in ruins. Under these circumstances we are not now in a position to be able to sow seed and make the other preparations for the cultivation of the ensuing season.

We therefore beg that you will be pleased to issue the necessary orders for the breaches being fully closed, the banks strengthened, the channel cleared out, and the sluice reconstructed.

25 May 1859.

/signed/ Chinnakatta Paramal Aiyan
Venkatachala Aiyan

/True translation/ D. M. Fe[illegible]
Collector

1859 Despatch
From the Collector
To Mr Secretary Gouldsmith
Govt Dispatch
Dated 8th March 59
Recd 30th Ditto
No 220

Received 8th March 59.

Translation of a Petition presented to the Collector
of Tanjore by Sheikdy Son Moraseder of the
village of Sholagachairy in the Codaveral Talook

That 13 breaches having taken place
on the east bank of the Cattaur river during the
high floods of November last, the Engineer
officer inspected the bank and prepared estimates
for repairing the same in the different places.
The work was taken up on contract by one
Soobien, a Moraseder of the village of Talangood-
in carrying out the Estimates, however, this divi-
dual has in the case of one of them amounting
to Rupees 560 for reclaiming the river bank in the
limits of Sholagachery, executed work of the value
of Rupees 360 and has left out the remaining work
of Rupees 200.- On being asked about it, the
contractor did not give any proper answer. I
therefore represented the circumstance to the
Engineer officer, as well as the Sub. Overseer
and also presented Petitions on the subject, but
instead of enquiring into the matter and causing
the work to be done to the full extent of the Estimate,

they

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they have passed it over. The contractor is attempting to make away with the remaining amount of the Estimate.

The village being situated low, no cultivation operations including even the sowing of seed can safely be attempted, unless the river bank referred to is repaired and strengthened to the full extent of the estimate made therefor. I therefore beg that you will graciously be pleased to give orders for the work being accordingly done.

Should you not be pleased to give orders as above I beg that you will cause the seed and the tillage hire to be supplied by the Cirkar, and the cultivation to be carried on through the Poracoodies, under the Cirkar management, giving the Meraisdars their share of the outturn.

/Signed/ Appathoray Ayen
Meraisdar.

25th May 1859.

/True translation/ W. M. [illegible]
Collector

[illegible]

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Petitioner 4

Contoor Gopala Moorthy

Man — 2.

1. Breaches on Irrigating & Supply channels to be closed.
2. Petitioner must pay 2 Rupees in Road XXIII Annas &c. & land to be carried out
3. The petitioner previously applied for a sluice at the head of the Karacottagam Irrigating channel which passes thro' Petitioner's village should be complied with
4. The Bridge in the High Road by opening which the surplus water flows out into his village should be closed &c.

20/6/59

PWD

No 1457 636

of the Madras Government
Under date the 14th June 1859

Read the following letter
from the Collector of Tanjore

(Here enter 6 June 1859 No 220

The Governor in
Council sees no reason
to modify the order of
the 26th May directing
that the Revenue Depart-
ment in Tanjore should
discontinue the road
repairs. The evils of a
division of the executive
authority between the Rev
and Pub Works Departments
are so great, especially in
Tanjore, that nothing but
very pressing and urgent
necessity can justify such
an

Return No 1
Memorandum of Bowlders

= Goody & 3 others village.
Manikam Pillai
In Cutchi Pudupalayam Taluk, there
1 removed 20 Bowlders on
the north bank of the
Vettar & on the south &
east banks of the Vellar
in emergence of Bank &
the road from Nagore to
Cangalaipery & Nattuvan
along these rivers, and are
still thereon and are
anxiously desirous to carry
to their villages
to 30 Bullocks, immediately
These Lands have been
covered with sand, 1
year ago.

2. Subramaniyan has made
for the amount of Rs 1000
for clearing the bowlders &
removing them to the banks
but the Rs 100 was made
to part with them in execution

3 The Engineer officer would like
to carry out the works, but
with 30 Bullocks & Mazdoors, he
can scarcely be expected to
command Labour in any way
equal to the exigency.

4. As cultivation cannot be
known be carried on attempted
to the many acres inundated
these works are immediately
carried out. Petitioners
they may at once be put
into the hands of the Collector

an arrangement. The order will be acted on by the Collector without further delay.

2 A copy of the letter above recorded will be sent to the Chief Engineer for his information, and he will proceed to his obtaining and submitting the District Engineers explanation as to the matters stated in the 3rd para. The tenor of Captain Oakes' letter of 27th April to the Chief Engineer left Govt., as it did also the Chief Engineer, to conclude that both the Asst Officer and all the Executive Engineers of the District, felt confident of their ability to accomplish all the works to be done

done, without the aid of the Revenue Department. The Governor in Council is therefore surprised to learn that the Collector has been "asked by the Department of Public Works" to undertake the execution of a large number of Estimates and the repair of many breaches in embankments. Mr Cadell does not say that this request came from the District Engineer, and the Governor in Council requests information on this point. If the application was not from Captain Oakes, information will be furnished what subordinate took it on himself thus to apply to another Department, without the authority

authority of his own superior, and Mr. Cadell will also explain his reasons for listening to such a request from any but the District Engineer.

Mr. Cadell states likewise that he took on himself also the repair of many breaches on the mere request of the Meerapdars. He will be required to explain how he justifies this interference in the duties of a distinct department.

3. ... Adverting to the commencement of para 2 of the letter under reply, it is observed that a copy of the District Engineer's letter* was transmitted direct by that officer to the Collector a copy of the

* April 27.

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the Chief Engineer's letter forwarding it to Government will now be sent to Mr. Cadell for his information.

10 Copies to the Chief Engr. Dist. 15
1—11 Collr. of Tanjore with Chief Engr's letter

D.R. 27th May/59 Nos 124-127

Public Works 1859 Deptt
Pro: of Govt 17th June.
No: 1457.

Pro: of the Madras Government.
D/ 14th June/59.

From Coll.r of Tanjore D/ 18th June/59
Cert.d 1643 Cowr:
1st July/59 Nos 38-39 ———— }
From Chief Engr D/ 1st October/59
Cert 2572.

Modification of the order directing Revs Deptt in Tanjore to discontinue Road Repairs declined - Information on certain points connected with the subject requested -

Nos 35 & 36.

C11 4 June