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From J. W. Sullivan Esquire
Subcollector Krishna District
To J. Pycroft Esquire
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George
Sir,

1. I have the honor to submit for the favorable consideration and orders of Government the following reasons which have prevented my hitherto taking up my substantive appointment as Sub Collector and Joint Magistrate of the Krishna District and some of which I fear, from the communication from the District Engineer quoted at Para 12. of this letter, are likely for some days yet to prevent my doing so.

2. I was relieved, sooner than I expected, by Mr Coppleton on the 1st Instant and thinking it not improbable from my position in the service that I might be required to act in the higher grade elsewhere, I, on that date, as you are aware, telegraphed to you asking whether there was any likelihood of such employment or whether I should make my arrangements for joining further.

3. I received the following telegram from you in reply "you had better speak to the Governor, if you come down here there will probably be opportunity for employing you shortly." Owing to an interruption in the line, this telegram was 4 days reaching Rajahmundry and did not reach until two days after His Excellency had left for Madras so that I could not speak to him or obtain his permission to proceed to Madras.

4. I immediately wrote to you informing you of this, and telling you that a steamer would be leaving Cocanada about the middle of the month by which I was prepared to go down to Madras, and requesting you to telegraph to me whether I should do so, remain here till further orders or proceed to join my appointment at Guntoor.

5. On the 13th Instant a telegram dated 11th reached this from you to the following effect "Do not come to Madras without express orders, I will telegraph again."

On

6. On the evening of the 14th and the telegram dated 12th to the following effect was received "proceed to Guntoor and join your sub-collectorate at once."

7. Both these telegrams were put into my hand early in the morning of the 16th Instant on my return from a trip up to Badrachallam in the Raspoor territory about 80 miles up the Godavari / I thought I could not better employ the time I was awaiting instructions than by visiting the river) but, owing to its rapidly rising, a trip that was to have occupied only four days occupied seven, however there was after all only a delay of 60 hours in the telegrams reaching me.

8. I was all ready to start and immediately sent to engage my passage by the Navigation Company's boat to Elloor, this arrangement was just concluded when news reached the Agent of the Canal to Elloor being breached in three places and that it would take at least 15 days to repair the damage.

9. This mode of proceeding being thus.

and unexpectedly closed to me.
I at once applied for a dawk to be
posted by Express once to Guntur
and on the morning of the 20th started.
10 For the last five or six days the
river had been rising rapidly and
on the day I started had reached a
height unknown for the last twenty
years between 33 and 34 feet. I
managed at the height of the fresh
to get across in a steamer and
had proceeded about five miles
on my journey on the south bank
when I was stopped by the flooded
state of the Country the Godavari
having breached its banks in
several places above and the
road being quite closed to travellers
for miles.

11 I therefore had to retrace my
steps to Rajahmundry which I
reached with some difficulty on
the evening of that day (the 20th Instant)
and it is fortunate I did as the
village where I was stopped was
the same evening flooded.

12 On the morning of the 21st I

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I wrote off to Captain Stoddard
the District Engineer entreating him,
if he possibly could, to get me down
by one of the Canal routes in a
steamer either via Ellore or via
the Koleru Lake or via Narsapur
but I regret to say that his reply,
hincunto annexed for the informa-
-tion of Government, leads me to
fear that I shall be delayed
several days longer; it holds out
no hope by water and I am told that
it is useless my starting by dawk
until the river has fallen at least
ten feet and even then the journey
will be one of great difficulty but
the Government may fully rely on my
starting the very first moment that
I possibly can and I trust that
they will be satisfied that I have
done all in my power to join
my station.

13 I fear however that it will
be impossible for me to reach Guntur
by the 3rd Instant on which date
the month for joining expires but
I trust, under the circumstances,
the

The Government will hold me
excused and authorize the Civil
Auditor to pay my pay proper
for the current month, as in my
endeavours to join I have already
been put to the heavy expense
of bullock to bearers Coolies &c
consequent on having to detain
and finally cancel the draft
which I had laid.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant.

Ans Sullivan
Sub Collector
Kistna District

Sunday 21st
My dear Sullivan -
I have just returned from Vijai-
warum, and am sorry that there
seems less chance of your getting off
by Canal than ever. The river bank
is breached in 2 or 3 places and
there was no less than 14½ feet of
water in the Canal below the Lock
when there should be but six. so the
whole country must be a lake of water
and the Canals and Locks all covered.
Even if navigation by Narsapur is
not completely stopped for some time by
the masonry works falling (and which
I fear will be the case with some
of them) the Canals will be breached
so that till the gaps are repaired it
will be difficult if not impossible to go
by them. The "Little Ark" had she been
here (she is up the river with treasure
for Haig and will not be back for
a fortnight) would have taken you
over the Anicut to Narsapur easily.
I think the draft is your only plan
as the Canal route from Narsapur
to Bunder will most certainly be
impossible in the present state of
the damage. All the creeks and the

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Subcollector
Kistna District

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Received 1861
 of George Augustus
 for \$1309.
 A. M. Dickinson Esq.
 New Bedford
 Boston District
 To J. August Esq.
 Chief Clerk
 to Government
 Dated 22 July 1861
 Recd City Sept
 Newbury
 Submits for the
 favorable consideration
 of the Government
 certain reasons which
 have induced him to
 continue to present
 his former bill against
 meat as well as
 of the first District,
 & requests that the
 said District under
 the Government may be
 returned to him his
 reason for the same
 duly returned.