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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
2nd August 1864.*

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No. 54. Read the following letter from Captain J. BEAN, R. E., Officiating Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to Major J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, R. E., Deputy Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 25th July 1864, No. 860 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that an extraordinary flood has come down the Cauvery river, and has caused great damage in the Trichinopoly and Tanjore Districts.

2. I have not received the Upper or Lower Anicut Water Reports, but from the Register on the Colleroon bridge, it is observed that the fresh is higher than any since the disastrous floods of 1858.

3. Several breaches have occurred, in the Trichinopoly District, in the river banks, and the floods have passed over the road from Trichinopoly to Salem, breaching it in places. In Tanjore, I have not received reports as yet from all the Ranges, but in the first Range, twenty-two, and in the second Range fifteen breaches in river banks are already reported, and several roads have been cut up.

4. The water subsided somewhat on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th instants, but last night and this morning it is reported that the fresh is rising. Any further augmentation of the flood will cause very serious disasters, but I shall report again when I can ascertain the probable amount of damage caused. My subordinates have received instructions to take all necessary precautions and are co-operating with the Revenue authorities.

5. I take this opportunity of requesting that Lieutenant Smith, Assistant Engineer, Nellore, who was appointed to my Division in the Gazette\* of the 7th June last, in place of Captain Mullins who left Tanjore on the 3rd May 1864, may be ordered to join forthwith.

6. The first or Tanjore Range is a very important one, and in addition to the irrigation works there are Plans and Estimates for Railway feeders to be submitted to Government. Mr. Edmonds, Taluq Overseer, who is holding it for Mr. Smith, is now much wanted at the Upper Colleroon Anicut.

No. 55. ORDER THEREON, 2nd August 1864, No. 2,208.

1. The Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, has been requested, by telegram, to direct Lieutenant Smith to proceed to Tanjore without delay.

2. The Government will await the receipt of the further report promised in paragraph 4.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,  
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Supr. Engrs. Office to Gov.  
Tanjore 25<sup>th</sup> July 1864

From,

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Chas. Smith  
27<sup>th</sup> August 1864

22. The Superintendent Engineer

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