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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th August 1864.*

No. 263. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department:—

Forwarding copy of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue relative to the breaches that have taken place in the rivers of the Tanjore District, owing to the unusual freshes in them in July 1864. (Here enter 8th August 1864, No. 1,417.)

No. 264. ORDER THEREON, 12th August 1864 No. 2,311.

Recorded, with reference to G. O. No. 2,208, dated 2nd August 1864.

(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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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th August 1864.

No. 120. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th July 1864.
Read the following letter from W. M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to W. HUDLE-
STON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tanjore, 26th July 1864,
No. 25.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to report for the information of the Board, that during the last few days the freshes in the rivers have risen to a very unusual height, and yesterday there was no less than 15 feet of water in the Vennar at Tanjore. I regret to add that a very large number of breaches have taken place, and many of them of very serious magnitude. In the Sheally Talook four breaches are reported in the Coleroon river only; in the river Arasulur in the Combaconum Talook and within the limits of a few miles there are no less than thirteen breaches, one of them being no less than 200 yards wide, and in the Trumalrajen nine, one of which is also 200 yards wide. I have reason to fear that this is not by any means a complete list of those that have taken place, and at present and until the water subsides nothing can be done towards the closing them.

2. I have not yet heard of any accident or loss to life, but much paddy in the seed beds, also the greater part of the Cadapoo Car plants, which have recently been planted out, must of course have been destroyed. I have in concert with Captain Bean, arranged that as soon as the water subsides, measures will be taken to assist him in closing such breaches as cannot readily be undertaken by his Department. I would take leave, however, to point out that the professional Department in this District has been allowed to become very short-handed, and since Captain Mullins' departure early in May no Officer has been appointed to succeed to him in the charge of that very important Range.

3. The closing of these breaches and the raising and strengthening of the river-banks will of course entail a very large expenditure of public money, for which provision will require to be made, and I would again very respectfully but earnestly submit that the river embankments of this important province, and upon the safety of which the prosperity of this District so entirely depends, require a larger amount of professional skill and of attention than they have of late years received from the very limited Range Establishment.

1. Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Board understand that Lieutenant Smith, R. E., is about to re-place Captain Mullins.

No. 121.

ORDER THEREON, 8th August 1864, No. 1,417.

Miscellaneous,

Ordered that a copy of these Proceedings be furnished to the
Public Works Department.
(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Deputy Secretary to Government

To the Public Works Department,
the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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