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No. 273. 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, 29th August 1864, No. 1,236:—

SIR,

Enclosures 2.

Rupees 131-8-8 for closing breaches in the Kodamurti river in the village of Sulaimungalum Combaconum Taluq, Tanjore District, together with a copy of a letter from the Collector requesting that the amount may be paid to him as the work was undertaken by the Revenue authorities.

Dated 4th August 1864, No. 222.

2. As the amount of work carried out is under dispute, I have submitted the matter to Government. The Supervisor of the Range and subsequently Sub-Engineer Bateman inspected the spot in October last, and the latter reported*

* 3rd November 1863.

to Colonel Foord that he had measured the work and that it amounted to Rupees 35-6-0 only. He also stated that the breach was caused by the villagers having worn away the bank on their passage to and from the river.

3. Mr. Cadell does not deny that the bank was weak, but states that it was the only road to the river and ferry. He supports the demand made by the Tahsildar as there is no reason to doubt the honesty of his subordinates, and says that Mr. Bateman only inspected one in place of two breaches which were closed, and that no Officer of our Department visited the spot until seven days after the occurrence. The Sub-Engineer in answer to this personally informed me that he inspected all the work which was pointed to him by the Mirassidars, who were the interested parties and who carried out the repairs. I need scarcely say that when the matter came before me it was too late to attempt to verify the measurements of the work by personal inspection.

From W. M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to Captain J. BEAN, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, dated Tanjore, 4th August 1864, No. 222.

SIR,

1. With reference to Captain Foord's letter No. 1,354, of the 10th December 1863, and paragraph 2 of my reply thereto, dated the 12th January 1864, No. 5, I have the honor to inform you that the Tahsildar of Combaconum after personally inspecting the spot in question, states that the breach alluded to was not the only one that was closed by the villagers, but that there were four others, all on the same bank of the Kodamurti, that had to be closed as shown below.

2. In the accompanying sketch A A is the line of embankment forming the eastern boundary of Sulaimungalum, and which is used by the people of Ammapettai as a path leading to the river for the purpose of bathing as also for crossing it by means of the ferry.

3. In the high freshes of October 1863, the water of the river overflowed the Padugai land B C D, through the openings E F and G, in the Sherumackanallur channel, and also through H in the path abovementioned. The waters thus uniting caused the breach at J and which is the one mentioned by Mr. Bateman.

4. The breach was deep and the flow of the water very rapid, so that it was not possible to close the same until the four openings abovementioned were effectually stopped and the water had a little subsided.

5. The works were carried out (at a cost of Rupees 131-8-8) by the Revenue Department, no Officer of your Department being on the spot until seven days after the breach occurred, and as a considerable loss of revenue would have been the result of not immediately having done so. The first class Revenue Inspector, who superintended the work, gave in the account amounting to Rupees 131-8-8.

6. The Tahsildar further suggests that Mr. Bateman's estimate of the work, at Rupees 35-6-0, is possibly owing to his not having inspected the whole of the work done; but

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however this may be, looking to the time that has elapsed between the execution of the work and its examination, and in the absence of any thing to show that the accounts of this Department have been got up or are fictitious, I submit that they must be accepted.

7. The Tahsildar is an officer of well known uprightness and integrity, and he assures me that the amount specified in the account rendered by the village authorities was duly and *bonâ fide* expended thereon: I therefore beg to request that you will be good enough to forward to me a cheque for the said amount (Rupees 131-8-8).

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. BEAN, Captain, R. E.,
Officiating Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.

No. 274. ORDER THEREON, 14th September 1864, No. 2,663.

Under the circumstances explained by the Collector of Tanjore in his letter submitted with that recorded above, the Government authorize the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to disburse the amount* expended by the Revenue authorities in closing breaches in the Kodamurti river.

* Rupees 131-8-8.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division,
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin

N^o 222

Tanjore Collector's Office

4th August 1864

From,

W. M. Cadell Esq^r

Collector of Tanjore

To,

Captain J. Bean R. E.

Superintending Engineer 6th Div.

Sir,

N^o 1354

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5 The works were carried out (at a cost of Rs 131-8-8) by the Revenue Department, no officer of your Department being on the spot until 7 days after the breach occurred and as a considerable loss of revenue would have been the result of not immediately having done so. The first class Revenue Inspector who superintended the work gave in the account amounting to Rs 131-8-8.

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I have &c
Signed W. M. Cadell
Collector

/ True copy /
Dear Capt. R. E.
Offs. Supt. Engineer 6th Div.

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Bill No. of 1864/65 Tanjore District

Closing the Breach on the South bank of Codamurti River in the limits of Sulaimungalum at the Head of Chermackanallur Head Sluice.

Items	Rate	Amount	Total	Remarks
Closing breaches in the Padugai of the Channel and in front of the River Embankment.				
Labor				
8 Wood Cutters _____ @	" 4 "	2 "		
8 Carpenters _____ "	" 2 "	14 "		
5 Cottons _____ "	" 4 "	14 "		
10 Temporary head Coolies _____ "	" 4 "	28 "		
84 Coolies _____ "	" 2 "	108 "		
544 — Do. _____ "	" 13 "	428 "		
84 — Do. _____ "	" 1 "	54 "	654 "	
Materials				
1 Coconut Horse _____ @	" 1 "	1 "		
13 — Do. — Do. _____ "	" 12 "	912 "		
1 Palmyrate Do. _____ "	" 8 "	8 "		
4 Different kinds of horse _____ "	" 1 "	1 "		
40 Poorvarasa Pigs _____ "	" 2 "	5 "		
50 Pambos for Pigs and Stakes _____ "	" 4 "	128 "		
600 Rets (per 100) _____ "	" 12 "	48 "		
Coir ropes _____ "	" "	2 "		
10 Large ropes _____ "	" 4 "	28 "		
440 Coconut leaves for large durbah rollers _____ "	" "	248 "		
200 Bundles of Straw _____ @	" 2 "	25 "		
100 Palays _____ "	" "	4 "	6648	
Total Rupees			13188	

Commenced } July 1863.
 Completed }
 Last Inspected
 Amount of Bill — 131-8-8
 Extra Advances — " — "
 Total Disbursement — 131-8-8

Sup^d Engr's Office 6th Divⁿ
 Tanjore 29th August 1864

(Signed) Vondararaja Rao
 Revenue Inspector

(True Copy)
 [Signature] Captain P. C.
 Off^d Sup^d Engr's 6th Divⁿ

Enclosed in a letter
 from the Dy.
 Engineer 6th Divⁿ
 No. 1236 dated
 29th August 1864
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Enclosure in letter No
1236 dated 29th Aug^r.
1861, from the Off^r of
S^r John to the Sec^y to the
Government of M. D.

6th Dec

Dated 29th August 1864
Recd 3 Sept.

No 1236.

Enclosures 2

no 2663 - 11th Sept 1864

Submitting for the orders
of Govt a bill amounting
to Rs 131-8-8 for closing
breaches in the Podamanki
River in the Goombasorum
Taluk, the work having
been undertaken by the
Revenue authorities

With an Order.

With an Order.

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Under the circumstances explained by the

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Mr
Collector of Lajone in his letter submitted with that
recorded above the Government authorizing the expenditure

* 12/13/88.

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by the Revenue authorities in closing breaches in the

So the day of Requiem 24th June

“—“ Outfit of both Dequits”

Richardson

Adjutant General's

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