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No. 528. Read the following letter from Captain J. BEAN, R. E., Officiating Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to Major J. SHAW STEWART, R. E., Deputy Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp Poodoochuttrum, 16th September 1864, No. 1,403 :—

SIR,

1. I regret to have to report to Government that I have this moment heard from the Sub-Engineer in charge of the Combaconum Range of the fall of the six arches of the lower Coleroon Anicut bridge which were built this year.

2. I had occasion to report the successful completion of this work by the 1st July last, and again the damages which occurred to the portion of the Anicut which had been re-built, from the extraordinary floods of the 24th July and following days, in my letter on the breaches of the Tanjore and Trichinopoly rivers.

G. O. No. 1,886, dated 24th June 1864.

G. O. No. 2,390, dated 20th August 1864.

3. The restoration of the Anicut and bridge was undertaken by Sub-Engineer Eatman and Overseer Doheny—both members of the Department conversant with building operations, and accustomed to carry out such works to completion; besides I inspected the Anicut during its progress and when finished, when I had no reason to be dissatisfied either with the workmanship or quality of material; so that I can only attribute the disaster to the high and continued floods acting on masonry which had not had time to become dry. I shall proceed, however, to the spot forthwith, in place of returning to Tanjore to-morrow from my present tour; and I shall report further without delay, from personal inspection, on the causes which have brought about this accident.

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ORDER THEREON, 23rd September 1864, No. 2,778.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

Exd. R. H. Lee.

