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No. 547. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. HEMERY, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to
Government, Public Works Department, dated Cuddapah, 25th August 1864, No. 91:—

SIR,

8 Letters.
7 Statements.

* No. 97, 20th June 1864, in G. O. No. 1,966, 8th July 1864.

1. On the 15th ultimo, the day after the receipt of Order No. 1,966, dated 8th July 1864, I called on Mr. Hathaway, Collector of Bellary, at Gooty, and requested him to specify the works alluded to in his letter* to the Board of Revenue.

2. Mr. Hathaway informed me that he particularly referred to the tanks in the western Taluqs and to the Dharwar road.

3. It appears that since his return from England, Mr. Hathaway has marched from Bellary to Ramandrug, thence to Bellahoosi and back to Bellary via Hospett; and then having inspected a few works in a very small portion of his District, he passed a sweeping censure on the Public Works Department, which however he greatly

† No. 117, 16th July 1864, in G. O. No. 2,264, 6th August 1864.

modifies in his subsequent letter† to the Board wherein he explains that "his remarks were almost entirely prospective."

4. With regard to what Mr. Hathaway terms, "a rather heavy fall of rain," I beg to submit reports from the officers in charge of the Kudlighi, Raidrug, Bellary, Anantapur, and Pennakondah ranges, from which it appears, that on the night of the 2nd June last, exceedingly heavy rain fell in that part of the country, whilst the injury sustained thereby by works of irrigation, was remarkably small.

5. In the Kudlighi range, Mr. Supervisor Hasler reports, that the Sunnaiskera and Cullahally tanks, with capacious beds and small drainage basins, filled within two hours. In that range only four works of irrigation were injured, and in three instances, the damage was caused by the Ryots themselves.

6. The Sunnaiskera tank sluice was injured owing to the masonry not having had time to dry, but the work would have been completed a month earlier, had not the Ryots of Batterhally opposed it and greatly delayed its execution.

7. The Cullahally tank was breached owing to the weak state of the bank, and to the neglect of the village authorities, either to enforce petty repairs, or to bring the state of the bank to the notice of the Taluq Overseer.

8. The supplying channel of the Bangalee tank was breached owing to the neglect of the Ryots to keep it clear of bushes; when Mr. Hasler visited this channel, he found it so choked up with jungle, that he actually could not take measurements for its repair.

9. The total amount required to repair the above works in the Kudlighi range, comprising the western Taluqs, which Mr. Hathaway particularly alluded to, is Rupees 516, and even that small expenditure is caused entirely by the neglect of the Revenue authorities to enforce the orders of Government regarding petty repairs.

10. Mr. Cairns, Supervisor in charge of the Raidrug range, reports that on the night of the 2nd June last, the fall of rain was so heavy, that the water rose two feet in his tent, forcing him to take shelter in his bandy; next morning several articles of his property, carried away by the flood, were picked up more than a quarter of a mile from his camp, and the people declared that for sixty years there had not been such an extraordinary fall of rain.

11. In that range, eight works of irrigation were damaged, but the principal injuries were, as usual, caused by neglect on the part of the village authorities.

12. The supplying channel of the Naglapur tank was breached in several places owing to the Reddy having kept the shutters of the head sluice in his village five miles off. The attention of the Reddy had moreover repeatedly been directed to the neglected state of the channel bank, and I find that in 1861, Lieutenant (now Major) Prendergast V. C. when in charge of the range,

reports that the Sunnaiskera and Cullahally tanks, with capacious beds and small drainage

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reported him on five separate occasions to the District Engineer for similar neglect of duty. Mr. Hathaway has now dismissed him, and has ordered that (Rupees 237) one half of the amount required to repair the channel, should be collected from the Ryots, thus tacitly admitting that the blame of this accident does not rest with the Public Works Department.

13. In the same range, the Moorady and Doddagutlah tanks were breached owing to the Ryots having blocked up the Kalingutahs with mud banks half a yard high; and the other works reported as damaged are small ponds, the land under which is irrigated by wells.

14. Mr. Claridge, Supervisor in charge of the Bellary range reports, that the Bellary large tank filled on the night of the 2nd June last; only one tank in that range was injured, for repairing which, an estimate amounting to Rupees 243 has been sanctioned by the Collector. The roads near Bellary were very much cut up, but every endeavour has been made to repair them from the annual maintenance allowances.

15. Mr. Wilson, Assistant Engineer in charge of the Anantapur range, was at Gooty on the night of the 2nd June where the rain-fall was tremendous. He describes it as coming down in sheets for three hours, and early next morning on examining the gauge at the Taluq Katcherri, he found that 8½ inches had fallen during the night.

* No. 117, dated 16th July 1864.

16. Mr. Hathaway omits all mention of this unprecedented fall in his letter* to the Board of Revenue, and the rain report for the month of June of the Bellary District, published at page 275 of the "Fort Saint George Gazette," is manifestly incorrect.

17. The only work of irrigation damaged on that occasion in the Anantapur range, was the supplying channel of the Vencatampalle tank, the estimate for repairing which amounts to Rupees 116.

18. The roads were naturally very much cut up, but they have since been repaired, and are now in such good order, that it is a pleasure marching through that range.

19. The chief injury to roads was caused by the bursting of a private tank belonging to one Chinna Reddy of Ramrazpalle which breached the Bangalore and Kurnool road, about four miles south of Gooty. This is the third time that the road has been breached by the bursting of Chinna Reddy's tank; on the two former occasions, the breach was hastily closed with silt, and no precautions were taken to prevent future accidents. The cost of repairing the road at this spot will exceed Rupees 250.

20. In the Pennakondah range, two river channels, one tank supplying channel and one tank were injured by the heavy rains of the 2nd June. Mr. Supervisor Gray reports, that had the Ryots attended to petty repairs, the river channels would not have sustained any damage, and that the Yelcoontah tank would not have breached had the villagers reported sundry holes extending from the bed of the tank under the bund, owing to a long continuance of dry weather, and on Mr. Gray's report, the Collector has determined on making the villagers contribute Rupees 100 towards the repair of their tank.

21. The above statements will, I trust, convince Government that Mr. Hathaway's insinuations regarding the unscientific construction of tanks in the Bellary District, and the want of sufficient waste weirs are altogether incorrect; but I must here give an instance of the way he has been misled by deliberate false reports on the part of one of his Tahsildars.

22. On the 20th ultimo, Mr. Hathaway sent me copy of an Arzi from the Kudlighi Tahsildar, reporting that the sluice of the Kudlighi large tank had given way, and that a good supply of water recently received had been lost; the Tahsildar further stated that the sluice had been repaired last year, and that the Ryots complained bitterly of the inefficient manner in which the repairs had been executed.

23. Mr. Supervisor Hasler, in whose range the tank is situated, informs me that the sluice was not repaired last year, that it has not given way, and that the Tahsildar's statement regarding the great loss of water is false. From time immemorial the sluice has leaked, but the water that escapes through the leak falls into the Coopenkera tank below it.

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24. Mr. Hasler inspected the Kudlighi tank in January last when it was dry, but no complaint was then made to him by any of the village authorities regarding the leak in the sluice, otherwise he would have had it examined and thoroughly repaired.

25. Not only are petty repairs to works of irrigation universally and shamefully neglected in the Bellary District, but the Native Revenue authorities fail to bring to the timely notice of the Taluq Overseers, ordinary repairs required, and when after a very heavy fall of rain a few tanks are injured, the Tahsildars set up a howl, and try to throw the whole of the blame and responsibility on this Department.

26. I herewith enclose the explanation from Captain Fischer, called for in paragraph 2 of the Order of Government, and I have no hesitation in saying that the state of the works of irrigation in the Bellary District is most creditable to him, and to his successor Captain Babington, and I regret that Mr. Hathaway's letter has (I hope unintentionally), caused Government to form so very mistaken an opinion on that subject.

27. The cause of the comparatively small outlay on repairs to works of irrigation in the Bellary District in 1863-64, was owing partly to the numerous changes in the establishment, but chiefly to the fact that these works were in such good order, that after a very scanty monsoon extensive repairs were not required.

28. The statements called for in paragraph 3, Order of Government, are herewith forwarded, and satisfactory explanations are given by Supervisors Cairns and Acting Deputy Assistant Commissary Gray, why the full amounts of the Estimates were not expended by the end of April last in their respective ranges.

29. With regard to the employment of Captain Fischer and Mr. Wilson, I have the honor to report that with the concurrence of the Collector, I have, from the 1st instant, transferred the Hospett Taluq from the Bellary range, to Captain Fischer, in addition to his present charge of the Military buildings at Bellary and Ramandrug; the Bellary range will therefore now comprise the Bellary, Adoni and Allur Taluqs under Mr. Supervisor Claridge.

30. Mr. Wilson is most usefully employed in charge of the Anantapur range, containing a large number of very important tanks, and upwards of 200 miles of 1st class road.

31. In my letter as per margin, I pointed out the insufficiency of the present annual maintenance allowances for Imperial roads in the Bellary District and applied for increased

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grants, which I trust will immediately be sanctioned.

32. I beg to state that I do not attach the slightest importance to Mr. Hathaway's remarks, to the effect that he has scarcely ever observed a Maistry overlooking working parties. Mr. Hathaway travels in a bullock coach, generally in a recumbent position, and my experience and that of the Range Officers on this point is very different from his; besides which I doubt whether Mr. Hathaway could tell a road Maistry from any other individual.

33. The delay in submitting this report has arisen from my anxiety to obtain the fullest and most detailed information on all the subjects referred to by Government from each Range Officer of the Bellary District.

No. 548.

ORDER THEREON, 26th September 1864, No. 2,787.

1. Upon the 20th June last, the Collector of Bellary, in writing* to the Board of Revenue, brought certain complaints of neglect and inefficiency against the working of the Public Works Department in his District.

* No. 97.

His letter was laid before Government; but the accusations being of too general a character to be effectually dealt with, the Superintending Engineer was called on† for full explanation on the subject, both as to the causes of the alleged neglect, and as to the mode in which the members of the Department were distributed throughout the District, with a view to the employment of the most experienced Officers upon the most important works.

† G. O. No. 1,966, 8th July 1864.

Reports that the Chinna Reddy, and other tanks, with capacious beds and small drainage

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2. Upon the 16th July the Collector again addressed the Board of Revenue, modifying considerably the statements which he had previously made. In his second letter Mr. Hathaway states that he "had no intention of ascribing inefficiency or neglect to any of the Officers of the Department of Public Works, or of asserting that the works of irrigation and roads, previous to the time alluded to by him, were in a bad state." Mr. Hathaway further states that his previous remarks were most entirely prospective; and that his object was not to impute blame to the Officers of the Department, but to strengthen their hands.

3. The paper at the head of these Proceedings is the Superintendent Engineer's reply to the Government Order of the 8th July. Colonel Hemery submits reports from the various Range Officers in the Bellary District, from which it would appear that the Collector's first letter to the Board of Revenue was written under considerable misapprehension of the actual circumstances. While the fall of rain on the night of the 2nd June last seems to have been much heavier than Mr. Hathaway imagined, the extent of damage which the irrigation works sustained was comparatively small, and seems to have been chiefly due to the carelessness of the Ryots, and the neglect of the Subordinate Officers of the Revenue Department.

4. The Government have read with surprise Mr. Hathaway's two letters. In the first he makes a sweeping statement as to the bad condition of the tanks in his District, and asserts that the repairs are badly executed; while in the second, he explains away all that he has formerly said, and wishes his remarks upon the *past* to be considered as *prospective*, and as intended to strengthen the hands of the Public Works Department.

5. From Colonel Hemery's letter there would seem to be no reason to fear that the state of the Public Works in Bellary is likely to have serious results on the revenue and the prosperity of the District, as anticipated by the Board of Revenue: and the Government regret that their time, and that of their Officers, should have been wasted to no purpose, merely because Mr. Hathaway has chosen to express an opinion upon matters of which he was ignorant, and as to which he did not take the ordinary means of acquiring information.

6. Colonel Hemery's letter, with its enclosures, will now be communicated to the Collector, through the Board of Revenue; and he will be directed to be more guarded in his statements for the future, and not to make assertions impeaching the administrations of other Departments without full and careful inquiry.

7. From the Superintending Engineer's letter, it would appear that nearly all the irrigation works and roads in the Bellary District had been left in charge of Subordinates; and that the only Engineer Officer employed in it was engaged entirely upon Military buildings. The Government observe that this defect has since been remedied.

8. The owner of the private tank alluded to in paragraph 19 of the foregoing letter should be called on to repair it thoroughly. The Range Officer should point out to him what is required to insure the safety of the road.

9. The Government are of opinion that much time and correspondence would be saved if Collectors, before submitting statements with reference to the working of another Department, would discuss those statements with the local head of that Department. The Board of Revenue will be requested to issue general instructions to this effect.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
To all other Superintending Engineers.
To the Board of Revenue, with 15 enclosures.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

No 1
 From
 Lieut Col C. E. Munnery R.E.
 To
 The Secretary to Government
 P.W.D.
 Cpd. Dapah
 Suptg. Engrs Office
 25 August 1864.

On the 15th Ultimo, the day after the receipt of Order N^o 966 dated 8th July 1864, I called on Mr. Melhuish, Collector of Bellary, at Cooly, and requested him to specify the ports alluded to, in his letter to the Board of Revenue.

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cularly refused to the lands in the Western Agency and
to the Sharnawood.

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4. With regard to what Mr Hathaway terms, "a rather heavy fall of rain," Req. to Submit Reports from the Officers in charge of the Indisipi, Raid, Ing, Naumaton and Pima-hondah Ranges, from which it appears, that on the night of the 2^d June last, exceedingly heavy rain fell in that part of the country whilst the injury sustained thereby by herds of Wigahon, was remarkably small.

5. In the Rudolphi Range, Mr. Simpson Seaton reports that the Sunnaiskera, and Gullakally tanks, with capacious beds and small drainage

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7. The Gullabally tank was breached owing to the weak state of the bank, and to the neglect of the village authorities, either to enforce petty repairs, or to bring the state of the bank to the notice of the Chief Engineer.

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13. In the same range, the Moorad yard Godda-gutlak tanks were breached owing to the rains having blocked up the Rahigala with mud banks half a yard high, and the other works reported as damaged are small ponds, the land under which is irrigated by wells.

14. Mr. Claidge, Supervisor in charge of the Bellary Range reports, that the Bellary Range tank filled on the night of the 2nd June last, only one tank in that range was injured, for repairing which, an estimate amounting to Rs 243 has been sanctioned by the collector. The roads near Bellary were very much cut up, but very little work has been made to repair them from the annual maintenance allowances.

15. Mr. Wilson, Asst. Engineer in charge of the Anantapur range was at Moodly on the night of the 2nd June when the rain fell so tremendous. He describes it as coming down in sheets for three hours, and early next morning on examining the gauge at the Sahig Batcher, he found that 8 1/2 inches had fallen during the night.

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rotten, and so numerous, that it was
future accident. The road is now in good
at this spot will never be repaired.
20. In the Purna tank, the irrigation
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is reported by the headman of the village, that
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26. I herewith enclose the explanation from Captain
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Birmingham, and I regret that Mr. Hathaway's letter has (though unintentionally) caused Government to form so very mistaken an opinion on that subject.

27. The cause of the comparatively small outlay on repairs to works of irrigation in the Bellary District in 1863/64, was owing partly to the numerous changes in the Establishment, but chiefly to the fact that these works were in such good order, that after a very scanty monsoon little or no repairs were required.

28. The Statements called for in para 3 Order of Govt. Government are herewith forwarded, and satisfactory explanations are given by Superintendents Cairnes and Mr. Dy. Insp. Engrs. Why the full amounts of the Estimates were not submitted by the end of April last in their respective ranges.

29. With regard to the employment of Capt. Tisdall and Mr. Wilson, I have the honor to report that with the concurrence of the Collector, Bangalore, I have transferred them to the Bellary Range, to Captain Tisdall in addition to his present charge of the Military Buildings at Bellary and Ramandurg, the Bellary Range will therefore be under the supervision of Mr. Wilson and Mr. Tisdall.

30. Mr. Wilson is most usefully employed in charge of the Anantapur Range, containing a large number of very important tanks, and a series of 200 miles of Clap Road.

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bulletin to each, generally in a recumbent position, and my experience and that of the Range Officers on this point is very different from his; besides which, I doubt whether Mr. Hathaway could tell a Road Master from any other individual.

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I have &c.
D. Cairnes
Dy. Insp. Engrs.
3rd Div.

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I am willing to make every allowance for Mr. Hathaway who is naturally anxious to maintain the Irrigation works of his District in good order - but I must say that I have seldom read two letters more calculated to lower my estimate of his capacity to perform the duties of his office than the two now before me - In the first he makes a sweeping statement as to the ^{bad} condition of the Lake in his district, asserts that the repairs are badly executed - while in the second he explains away all that he has formerly said, under his remarks upon the past to be considered as prospectus and as intended to strengthen the hands of the RW Department - from Col. Humeys letter it would appear that the extent of the damage done to the Lake & channels has been very much exaggerated and that the breaches in the Lake Pounds &c have been in nearly every case caused by the carelessness of

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Noting of the amount of the balance of the money on the statement of the Chicago Irrigation & Mining Co. for the year 1864-1865-1866-1867-1868-1869-1870.

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with reference to the working
of another Department,
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with the local head of that
Department, and I
think it would be desira-
-ble that instructions to
this effect should be
generally circulated -

6 Sept 69

Mellicor

Collectors & Engineers Officers have been so repeatedly asked
to correspond fully & freely, that I fear the suggestion at the end of the
President's Minute would not lead to much result - as the Dept^t
is now constituted I can but foresee continual discrepancy of the
present nature between those 2 classes of Officers - The greater authority of the
Collyer over the Villagers is one reason why I have always argued for the tanks being kept
under the Rev. authorities, with a view to their being steadily repaired & their
safety being watched for in heavy rains. - Experience seems to show that a District In-
-spector for canal Collectors should be again appointed. Etc

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certainly somewhat loose
and inconsistent. Mr
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found interesting
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by H.E. President at
the end of his private
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Public Works Dept.

No 2787

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Under date the 26th September 1864

Read the following
letter from the Superintending
Engineer 3^d Division.

Replying to the remarks of
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he had previously

made. In his second

letter Mr. Hathaway

states that he "had no

" intention of ascribing

" inefficiency or neglect

" to any of the Officers

" of the Department of

" Public Works or of

" asserting that the works

" of irrigation and roads,

" previous to the time

" alluded to by him, ^{were} in

bad state - Mr.

1. Mr. Hathaway further
states that his previous
remarks were almost
entirely prospective; and
that his object was
not to impute blame
to the Officers of the
Dept., but to strengthen
their hands!

2. The paper at the
head of these Pro:
is the Superintendent's
reply to the Govt. order
of the 8th July - Coll. No. 1966
He merely submits reports
from the various Range
Officers in the Bellary
Dist., from which it

would appear that
the Collector's first letter
to the Board of Rev:
was written under consi-
derable misapprehension
of the actual circumstances
while the fall of rain
on the night of the 2nd
June last seems to have
been much heavier than
Mr. Hathaway imagined,
the extent of damage
which the irrigation works
sustained was compa-
ratively small, and seems
to have been chiefly due
to the carelessness of the
Peons, and the neglect
of the Subordinate Officers
of the Revenue Departt.

4 The Post have
read with surprise Mr.
Hathaway's two letters.
In the first he makes
a sweeping statement
as to the bad condition
of the works in his
District, and asserts that
the repairs are badly
executed; while in the
second, he explains away
all that he has formerly
said, and wishes his
remarks upon the past
to be considered as prospective,
and as intended to strengthen
the hands of the MS.

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From Colonel
Hemery's letter there
would seem to be no
reason to fear that
the state of the Pub,
the Works in Bellary
is likely to have
serious results on the
revenue and the pro-
sperity of the District, as
anticipated by the
Board of Revenue:
and the Govt regret
that their time, and
that of their Officers,
should have been
wasted to no purpose,
merely because Mr.
Hathaway has
chosen

chosen to express an
opinion upon matters
of which he was ignorant,
and as to which he
did not take the
ordinary means of
acquiring information.

With Demery's
letter, with its enclosures,
will now be communicated
to the Collector, thro'
the Board of Rev.;
and he will be directed
to be more guarded in
his statements for the
future, and not to
make assertions im-
peaching the administration
of

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of other Departments
without full and careful
inquiry.

7 From the Super-
intending Engineer's letter,
it would appear that
nearly all the irrigation
canals and roads in the
Bollanah had been
left in charge of Sub-
ordinate; - and that the
only Engineer Officer
employed in it was
engaged entirely upon
military buildings. The
Govt observed that this
defect has since been
remedied.

8 The owner of the
private tank alluded to
in

in para 19 of the foregoing letter should be called on to repair it thoroughly. The Range Officer should point out to him what is required to insure the safety of the road.

The Govt are of opinion that much time and correspondence would be saved if Collectors, before submitting statements with reference to the working of another Dep't, would discuss those statements with the local head of that Dep't.

The Board of Rev: will be requested to ^{general} issue instructions to this effect.

M.

To
The Supergr. S. D.
All other Supergr.
Bd. of Rev. with 15/5 enclosures

Dec 27th September

1864. Dept
Proc. of Govt. for Sept

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Proc. of the Alisoat
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Proc 5064/64

Letter from the
Supy Emgr & Co. for.
requesting the explanation.
called for, regarding
certain complaints of
neglect and inefficiency
brought by the Collr.
of P. Bellary, against
the working of the
N. P. D. in the D. H.

No 547. 548.