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No. 16. Read the following letter from Captain J. G. RYVES, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Waltair, 16th November 1864, No. 1,277 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to report, that the severe gale (on the night of the 1st instant) which caused the storm wave which overwhelmed Masulipatam with such disastrous effect, also passed over the Godavery District. But I am happy to say with comparatively insignificant results.

2. At Cocanada the sea rose to 2' 9" above ordinary springs (at Bunder I believe it was as much as 9 feet above that level), No. 2 Sea Dredge was driven ashore, but has since been floated off uninjured; No. 3 Channel Dredge, which was sunk, has since been raised, and on examination its engine, &c., have been found undamaged with the exception of a steam pipe and some wood work, some damage to crops raised under cover of sea dykes has occurred, this having been swamped with sea water in consequence of breaches; and in the Nagaram Taluq there has been loss of life, besides cattle and houses.

3. The damage to public works has been very slight, and it is not anticipated that the cost of their repair will be large.

4. The cause of the damage to the Ellore canal, of which I sent you a report by telegraph on the 8th instant, was distinct from the gale now reported; that canal was breached on the 3rd instant by the flood water of the cross drainages in the neighbourhood of Ellore. Ellore was inundated and many houses destroyed; owing to Lieutenant Smalley having been attacked by fever since the occurrence, I have not yet received full particulars. The canal will be re-opened for traffic before the end of the week.

5. I leave on the 18th for the Godavery, and shall be at Ellore on the 20th.

No. 17. ORDER THEREON, 1st December 1864, No. 3,441.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

Superintending Engineer's Office,
No. 1277 1st Division, Waltair, 16th ³/₄

November 1864.

From

Captain J. G. Pyne R. E.

Superintending Engineer, 1st Division

To

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W. J. ... Captain R.E.
Superintending Engineer Division

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