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8th April 1864.*

No. 199. Read the following letter from Captain J. BEAN, R. E., Officiating Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 22nd March 1864, No. 2,211 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to paragraph 2 of Order No. 694 of the 7th March 1864, calling for replies to certain Orders of Government, I have the honor, in advertence to Proceedings of the 28th January 1863, No. 247, regarding the spoil boats at Negapatam, to report that the late Acting District Engineer on the 17th February 1863, forwarded to the Deputy Chief Engineer a letter from Mr. Mechanical Engineer Wait, dated the 10th idem, stating that when a breach occurred in the Harbour wall at Negapatam he was directed by Mr. Fraser, Assistant Engineer, to discharge spoil from the boat at the spot, with a view to closing the breach. Owing to the rush of water through the breach, and the strong flood in the river at the time, he was unable to moor the boat at the spot, but he took her round the head of the pier into comparatively still-water, to be there discharged.

2. Mr. Wait goes on to say that he fastened the boat securely with new rope taken from his stores, and went to his breakfast, when shortly afterwards he was informed that she was adrift and upset on the bar. Mr. Wait believes that the boat was cut from her moorings, but there is no evidence to prove this, and Captain Mullins the District Engineer had no reason to credit Mr. Wait's statement. I think it most probable that, in the high fresh running at the time, the boat slipped from her moorings.

3. On my late visit to Negapatam, I may mention, with reference to this subject, that I made enquiries with a view to recover the spoil boat, but I believe there is no possibility of effecting this object. She is buried several feet below the sand and is not visible, having sunk gradually by her own weight. In the monsoon the spot is covered by the sea. Attempts have been made to raise the boat but without success, and none of the Natives accustomed to such work at Negapatam held out any hopes of being able to recover her, and even were it possible to raise her, the attendant expense would be greater than the value of the spoil boat.

No. 200. ORDER THEREON, 8th April 1864, No. 983.

The Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, will be requested to report the value of the spoil boat as entered in the books of the Tanjore District. On the receipt of this information, authority will be granted for the amount being written off "to profit and loss."

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

N. 2221

Super. Engrs Office to Govt
Bombay 22nd March 1864

From

Captain J. Dean R.E.

Offr. Super. Engineer, to Govt.

To

Colonel G. S. Dyer R.E.

Secretary to Government

P. W. D.

Sir,

With reference to para 2 of Order
N. 694 of the 7th March 1864, calling for
reports to certain Orders of Government,
I have the honor, in answer to Proceedings
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the Spoil boats at Akyapadam, to report
that the late Acting District Engineer, on
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2. Mr. Wait goes on to say that he fastened the boat securely with new rope taken from his stores, and went to his breakfast, when shortly afterwards he was informed that she was afloat and upset on the bar. Mr. Wait believes that the boat was cut from her moorings, but there is no evidence to prove this, and Captain Mullins the District Engineer had no reason to credit Mr. Wait's statement. I think it most probable that, in the high fresh running at the time, the boat slipped from her moorings.

3. On my late visit to the pier, I may mention, with reference to this subject, that I made enquiries with a view to recover the spoil bank, but I believe there is no possibility of effecting this object. She is buried several feet below the sand and is not visible, having sunk gradually by her own weight. As the morning the spot is covered by the sea. Attempts have been made to raise the bank but without success, and none of the natives accustomed to such work at a regular rate

held out any hopes of being able to recover her, and even were it possible to raise her, the attendant expenses would be greater than the value of the spoil bank.

I have the honor to be

Your most obedient servant

John R. E.
Off. Sup. Engineer, D. M.

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 The date: 10/18/84
 by Dr.

The Secretary
 Government - 10/18/84

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The Secretary
 will be requested to report
 the value of the spoil lost
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 the Finance District. On
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 for the amount paid within
 10 to 15 days and less.

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The Secretary - 10/19/84

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