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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
6th December 1865.*

No. 138. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 22nd November 1865, No. 170 :—

1. With reference to paragraph 1 of G. O. No. 2,541 of 31st August last, I have the honor to inform you that during this year expenditure is being incurred on the roads as per margin to which reference is made in the Collector's letter attached to this Government Order. As regards the road between Harpanhally and Dugavutty I have already submitted a report, it being a portion of the road from Hospett to Hurryhur.

Pennakondah to Madaksirah.
Hindapur to Madaksirah.
Hindapur to Somandapally.

Paragraph 18 of Collector's letter, No. 129 of 12th July 1865.

No. 144 of 5th October 1865.

2. The amount of Local Funds in this District is very small and disproportionate to the number of miles of road that are required, and until they can be increased there must always be complaints of some of them being in bad repair.

3. As regards the Purghi tank the present Supervisor in charge of the Pennakondah Range reports, that he inspected the work on 19th January last soon after taking charge of the Range, and found the small quantity of chunam then at the site of the work to be of good quality; the same kind is stated to have been used throughout the whole work, and what speaks best for the mortar is that, during the high freshes in the Jaianangali river which have occurred this year and which nearly breached the bank of the Purghi tank, neither the anicut nor head sluice sustained any injury.

4. With respect to the misunderstanding stated to exist between the Ryots and the members of the Department Public Works, with regard to the supply from the Camalapore tank, I beg to state that this tank is supplied from the Toongabuddra river, being at the end of the Roya channel. The villagers were in the habit of keeping the tank sluices constantly open, and the waste of water therefore was very great: the Overseer repeatedly reported the conduct of the Neergunties to the Tahsildar but apparently with little effect. The village authorities tried to throw the blame of the waste of water on this Department and misled Mr. Lilly. I cannot, I think, do better than now transmit a copy of Mr. Lilly's letter to the Collector, explaining how he came to make the statement regarding misunderstanding between the Ryots and members of the Department Public Works.

5. As regards the proposals of the inhabitants of Palsamudram and Mathody, I have called for an estimate which shall be submitted as soon as received, and had delayed this letter in hopes of receiving them; but as I have directed the Supervisor to prosecute one of his Overseers for defalcations in his accounts, it may be some time before they are received, and so I will no longer delay this letter.

6. With respect to the Bukkachera project, I beg to inform you that I propose inspecting it early next month, and will then submit a report.

Paragraph 2 of G. O. No. 2,541 of 31st August 1865.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
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No. 139. ORDER THEREON, 6th December 1865, No. 3,701.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 23.

1. In his report on the operations of the Public Works Department for the past official year, the Collector of Bellary brought to notice,

1st. That the raising and levelling of the anicut across the Jaiaamangali river, which supplies the Purgli tank, had been "badly executed."

2nd. That owing to misunderstanding between the Ryots and the Officials of the Public Works Department, the Camalapore tank supplies were allowed to run to waste.

3rd. That the new Taluq Cutcherry at Hospett was in a most unsatisfactory condition, and required a new roof, although the building had only lately been constructed.

4th. That the Toongabuddra channels, and the anicuts connected therewith, required early attention.

2. The Collector's report having been referred to the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division, that Officer submits his reply, which is recorded at the head of these Proceedings.

3. The Superintending Engineer's explanations are generally satisfactory. The Government are glad to find that the Collector's remarks regarding the misunderstanding between the Ryots and the Officials of the Public Works Department, in connection with the supply of the Camalapore tank, were based on a misapprehension of the circumstances, which are fully explained in Mr. Lilly's letter of the 13th October 1865, No. 44.

4. The unsatisfactory condition of the new Taluq Cutcherry at Hospett was noticed at length in the Proceedings of Government No. 2,840, dated 25th September 1865.

5. From paragraph 3 of Major Moberly's letter, it is clear that the report which had reached the Collector of Bellary of the defective character of the work performed to the anicut across the Jaiaamangali river was incorrect. The Board of Revenue will be requested to impress upon the several Collectors the necessity for measures being taken to satisfy themselves that the statements made in their reports on the operations of the Public Works Department are accurate and reliable.

6. The Superintending Engineer has been requested in the Order of the 20th September last, No. 2,776, to give special attention to the Toongabuddra anicuts and channels, and to take timely measures for their effectual repair on the cessation of the freshes. He has also been requested to take the earliest opportunity of inspecting the channels again at the most favorable time for their careful examination, and to furnish detailed practical suggestions for the improvement of each separately, accompanied by plans, estimates, &c.

7. The estimate and report promised in paragraphs 5 and 6 will be awaited.

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
" Revenue Department.
" Board of Revenue.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

*Para 22. It is a source of constant trouble that the relation between the village servants who have charge of irrigation works and the
Ryots of the D.P. on the one hand and between those servants and the village Revenue Officers on the other are so unsettled or misunderstood
as there is not a copy of the Public Works Code in this Office I cannot say which of them is more culpable. (Sg.)*

*Head Assistant Collector's Office,
Camp, Bangalore, 13th October 1865.
From Mr. S. Lilly Esquire
Acting Head Assistant Collector,
Bellary.*

*To A. Mathew Esquire
Collector,
Bellary.*

*Sir, With reference to your letter No. 111 dated
20th September 1865, I have the honor to inform you that the
report meaning intended to be conveyed by para 11 of my letter
No. 20 dated 15th May 1864 is that the supply of the Camalapore
Tank was wasted to a lamentable extent and that this waste
was attributable to the want of a proper understanding
between the villagers and the Public Works subordinates
regarding the control of the Nigunties.*

*2. The village authorities anxious, as they state to
me, to escape censure and unfavourable reports of their
conduct to me and the taxing authorities had directed the
Nigunties to take their orders from the D.P. Officer and
gromastahs and implicitly to follow their directions. The
D.P. Officer however would not take upon themselves
the responsibility of attempting to control the operations
of village servants over whom they had no authority.
The consequence was that no one looked after the
Nigunties that their work was neglected and the supplies
wasted.*

*3. As stated in para 22 of my letter above quoted
which is transcribed in the margin, I was not at the time
of writing it fully informed of the nature of the duties of the
subordinates.*

subordinate of D.P. H. with respect to the distribution of water. I now learn that they are in no wise concerned with the actual distribution, which it appears should be supervised by the village authorities.

4. This point however is very generally misunderstood by the village authorities of Coimbatore and of the other villages under the Tungabudra channels. A strong feeling I have reason to believe, exists that it is the business of the D. P. M. authorities who have so much to do with furnishing the supplies to regulate also their distribution,

5. The Lamla-poon San B is unique in this Division in deriving its chief supply from a River channel (the Roga); it is on this account that the D. P. M. Sub-ordinates are more concerned with it than with any other San B; and it is ^{the} only San B in the Division in which any considerable wastage of water occurs.

6. The wastage of water from the Singabudra channels in the Hospett. Taluk is however not less considerable than that from the Canla-poor Can. Here again the D. P. M. Subordinates are brought in to contact with the village authorities, the business of the former being (it would seem) the Conservancy of the works of irrigation; and that of the latter the distribution of the water.

The Nigunties have thus to attempt to serve two masters. In theory they are to receive their orders from the village authorities, and to perform their duties under the surveillance of the D. P. M. Quereur or Pormastah as a proof that this surveillance is vigilant and constant. I may remark that scarcely a week passes without complaints of their neglect or embezzlement being preferred.

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Wm. A. Hathaway
Collector.

Bellevue 19th October 1865.

to me, or to the Sasildar of Hospett.

8. On investigating these complaints it will be frequently be stated that the Magistrate had been directed by the village authorities to apply to the D. P. W. Gomastah or Overseer for instructions regarding the quantity of water to be distributed, as those authorities would know what supply might be expected; that no such instructions had been given and perhaps that no attempt had been made to obtain them and that the Magistrate acting on his own responsibility had been unduly lavish in giving the cultivators water.

Cultivators water.

9 So far as I can judge from what I have seen I think that ^{the} only effectual way of securing a fair distribution of the water of the Camlepoor Tank and Tungabadrah Channel and a proper performance of their duties by the Murgutias would be to place them under the orders of the Overseer in charge of the Channels. Here this step taken I am convinced that the water supplies would be much more economical & it is my opinion that a good deal of the irritation and misunderstanding inseparable from the present system would disappear.

I remain Sir your honor to be.

I have the honor to be.

Dr.

Your most Obedient Servant
 Sig^d W. S. Lilly

Ag. H. Asst. Collector.

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A. M. Barry Captain R.E.
Super Engineer 3^d Division.

10. With respect to the misapprehension to exist between the Ryots and the members of the D.P. W. with regard to the supply from the Camala-poor tank, they state that this tank is supplied from the Pongabuddra River, being at the end of the Poya Channel. The pillagers were in the habit of keeping the tank's sluices constantly open and the waste of water therefore was very great. The

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No 541 of 31 Aug
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Byd. ...

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Chief Engineer
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to the
Secretary
of the
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dated
22nd Nov 1865
No 170

31st Aug 1865
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Dated 22nd Nov 1865
No 170

Enclosed are

Replying to the remarks
of the Collector of Bellary
in his letter No 129 of 12th July
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communicated with G.O. No 2541
of 31st August 1865.

No 170

Public Works Dept
No 3701
Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 6th Nov 1865
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No 170

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careful examination,
and to furnish
detailed practical sug-
gestions for the improve-
ment of each separately,
accompanied by plans,
estimates &c.

7 The estimate of
repair promised in
paras 5 and 6 will
be



8 " Rev. Secy Mr. Hall's note
This is the Governor's
note of the 5th inst.
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