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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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No. 84. Read the following Endorsement of the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, dated Madras, 21st August 1866, No. 1,702:—

Read the following letter from the Officer in charge No. 3 Range, Madras District, to the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, dated Streetpermattur, 9th July 1866, No. 67.

1. I have the honor to forward my second Report on the above experiment, and trust it will afford some little information at least on the subject, which only very careful observation can decide. I have done my best in the matter, under circumstances in which the work was imposed on the Department.

1 Report.
1 Particulars of water supply, B.
1 Experimental observations, A.

2. I find it necessary to bring to your notice that the Mirasidar of the land who allowed as to experiment thereon has suffered rather largely by obliging us. I have computed his loss at Rupees 27-8-0 on the first experiment, and Rupees 21-13-0 on the latter. This loss has been occasioned by our having imposed on him an expensive lift for raising the water from well; this usual method was by means of two piccotas, for which four men were hired at a monthly rate. These men served him for ploughing, sowing, &c. By having him use a bullock lift, he has had to support them with a driver at a heavy cost, and provide also leather buckets at the rate of one a month almost at no little cost. When the said Mirasidar undertook the cost of experiment, he did not calculate he would have been a loser, he has too certainly ascertained the fact now. I think he ought to be compensated for the loss, and I would recommend that on the sale of the Government bullocks, which were employed on the experiment, he be paid from the proceeds. Some little compensation is also due to my office establishment, who devoted some time and care in the recording of observations, and collecting other incidental information connected with the experiment. I therefore solicit you will be pleased to permit me to dispose of the sale proceeds of the bullocks in compensating all concerned in the matter, and beg your consideration thereof; a large outlay has been saved by the service my office has done in the matter, and considering the information collected, I think they deserve some little encouragement.

Report, second series, on the experiment to ascertain the quantity of water required for Paddy cultivation.

1. In the preliminary report on the "first series" of the above experiment, furnished on 11th June last, a description was given of the nature and condition of the land on which it was made, and the system and means of irrigation, &c. The present "second series" was observed on the same land, in connection with the "second crop" of the cultivation of the season thereon. It commenced on February 7th, immediately after the first crop had been reaped, and extended over 120 days, or up to 6th June, the crop having been reaped six days after this latter date. The ground was prepared from 7th to 11th February, the seed, "Samba paddy," the same as on the "first series," was sown on the 12th of the same month, and between this date and the 14th March, when the transplanting was made, the ground was being prepared for receiving the plants. From B., accompanying, shows exactly the every day observations, and the particulars of cultivation. There was rain on but one day during the whole period of observation, and this quantity computed (239 cubic yards) together with the water supplied (14,966 cubic yards) from well, gives the total supply to the crop at 15,205 cubic yards over 2.22 acres, which produces 6,849 cubic yards per acre. From this it appears that 57 cubic yards per acre per diem is the result of the observations.

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These figures very closely tally with the "first series" result (65½ cubic yards), the small difference being accounted for probably by a decrease in the ratio of absorption, since the ground must have been less impermeable, after going through the first crop irrigation. A very different result was expected, as the temperature was, as will be known, extremely oppressive, during the period these last observations were made. The yield of this second crop was 168 mercials of paddy, which with the straw realised, may be valued at present market rates at Rupees 105-14-0. The observations made on this second series are embodied in Forms A. and B. accompanying.

2. It has been shown above that the results of the experiment give 65 cubic yards in the "first series," and 57 cubic yards in the "second series," as the quantity of water required per diem for one acre of land. These figures are obtained from taking a general average, but the observations need be considered from another point of view.

3. From the Forms B. attached to reports of both the series, it will be observed that seventy days were occupied in the one case, and only thirty-five in the other for preparing land, &c., before actual continuous irrigation commenced. Dividing, therefore, each series into two periods, one for "preparation" and the other for "actual irrigation," we obtain the following figures:—

1st Series.				2nd Series.			
70 day's preparation	53 Cubic yards.	35 days' preparation	38 Cubic yards.	93 do. actual irrigation...	75 do.	85 do. actual irrigation	65 do.
as being the quantity per acre, per diem needed for a crop.				The great difference, both in time and supply, between the periods of "preparation," as seen in each case, may be explained thus, that it required more water and more time to puddle the land at the start. The average for the actual continuous irrigation afterwards, in both cases, is pretty close.			

4. The following Statement exhibits at a view the comparative results of the experiments, as twice taken:—

Particulars of observations.						First Series	Second Series.
Quantity of land	...	...	...	...	Acres	222	222
Period of observation	...	...	...	...	Days	193	126
Actual period of supply	...	...	...	...	Days	163	120
Actual supply from well	...	...	...	...	Cubic yards	12,925	14,966
Supply from rain	...	...	...	...	Do.	10,889	239
Total supply	...	...	...	...	Do.	23,814	15,205
Period occupied in preparing	...	...	...	...	Days	70	35
Period occupied in actual irrigation	...	...	...	...	Do.	93	85
Supply for preparation	...	...	...	...	Cubic yards	8,244	3,033
Supply for actual irrigation	...	...	...	...	Do.	15,570	12,172
Quantity of seed sown...	...	...	...	...	Mercials	12	12
Paddy produced	...	...	...	...	Do.	240	168
Actual cost of each crop	...	...	...	...	Rupees	170	143
Actual produce	...	...	...	...	Do.	122	105
Assessment	...	...	...	...	Do.	21	11

From the above particulars the following are deduced:—

Water required for one Acre per diem.			
For preparation	...	Cubic yards	45
Actual irrigation	...	Do.	70
Seed required	...	Mercials	5.4
Probable produce	...	Do.	92

From the above Statement it appears that the cost of producing a crop of paddy far exceeds the out-turn thereof. This peculiarity appertains to the experiment only, for an expensive method of irrigation was adopted. In the case of the land experimented upon, the usual method was to raise the water by two picottals, for which four men were employed, these men not only worked at the lifts, but did the ploughing, sowing, &c. Such was not the case in connection with the

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experiment; bullocks were used, which required a man to attend them. The support of these formed a large item, besides which contingent expenses for leather buckets, &c., &c., swelled the charges. From the data collected regarding cost, in the usual method, 20 Rupees an acre seems the average for one crop, exclusive of assessment.

4. The above observations apply to lands of one particular class, and therefore cannot be applied as the rule in all cases, as paddy land is very varied in description, each of which would need its own particular rate of supply.

6. To obtain definite information, requires that the subject "what quantity of water an acre of paddy land requires for cultivation" be treated in all its details under close and undivided supervision, and to realise this, with any certainty, a special establishment should be employed to investigate the matter. It is, moreover, one, on which theory will absurdly fail, put it in any way one will: and as there is only one way of doing a thing properly, the subject should be so treated. As far as was practicable every attention has been paid in obtaining information on the subject under reference, in the experiments carried out in this range, and it is to be hoped that the reports furnished thereon will throw some light on the subject at least.

(Signed) S. OTTMANN,

Acting Sub-Engineer, No. 3 Range,
Madras District.

STREPERMATTUR,
9th July 1866.

Enclosures 3.

1. Submitted to Government in continuation of endorsement No. 1,021, dated 12th July 1866.

2. The second series of experiments were commenced on the 6th February 1866 and concluded on the 12th June 1866, and show 2½ cubic yards of water to be required per acre per hour.

3. Under the circumstances represented by Mr. Ottmann in paragraph 2 of his letter, his proposal to compensate the Meerasidar of the land experimented upon is recommended for the favorable consideration and sanction of Government. The sale proceeds of the bullocks purchased to conduct the experiment to be resorted to to meet the outlay.

4. The money account in connection with the experiment stands as follows:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Amount granted in G. O. No. 1,686, dated 17th June 1865	300	0	0
Cost of first experiment	311	4	0
Do. second do.	65	0	0
Compensation to Meerasidars recommended in this letter...	49	5	0
	425	9	0
Deduct amount recovered by sale of bullocks...	63	11	7
Balance	361	13	5
Deduct amount of grant	300	0	0
Balance in excess of allotment	61	13	5

5. Orders are requested as to whether the experiment is to be continued in the current official year.

(Signed) J. GODDARD, Captain, R. E.,
Offg. Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

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4th September 1866.*

No. 85. ORDER THEREON, 4th September 1866, No. 2,813.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 17.

1. The foregoing papers will be communicated to the Revenue Department in continuation of the Orders of Government No. 2,333, dated the 24th July 1866.

2. The Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division will furnish in detail the particulars of the expenditure reported in paragraph 4 of Captain Goddard's endorsement.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
,, Revenue Department, with two Enclosures.

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Govt. Office P.W.D. being Original
Enclosures.*

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for the use of this office*

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16 Oct 1866.*

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N^o 67

N^o 3 Range Office
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9th July 1866

From J. Ottmann Esq.

Acting Sub Eng^r D.W.

N^o 3 Range Arrows Dist.

To

Captain J. Spedard C.E.

Off^r Sup^r Eng^r & Dr.

Sir

I have the honor to forward my second Report on the above experiments, and trust it will afford some little information at least, on the subject, which only very careful observation can decide. I have done my best in the matter, under circumstances in which the work was imposed on the Department.

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1 Report

1 Particulars of water supply B.

1 Experimental observations A.

I find it necessary to bring to your notice that the Mirador of the land who allowed us to experiment thereon, has suffered rather largely by obliging us. I have computed his loss at Cipes 2nd - 8th on the first experiment and C. 21-13th on the latter. This loss has been occasioned by our having imposed on him, an expensive lift for raising the water from well; this usual method was by means of two picotas for which 4 men were hired at a monthly rate. These men served him for slaughtering, cowing, &c. By having him use a bullock's lift, he has had to support them with a driver at a heavy cost, and provide also leather buckets at the rate of one a month almost, at no little cost. When the said Mirador undertook the cost of experiment, he did not calculate he would have been a loser: he has too certainly ascertained the fact now. I think he ought to be compensated for the loss, and I would recommend that on the

I have the honor to be

Your most Obedt. Servant

W. W. W. W. W.

By Subcom. L. W. S.

H. M. Chadwick

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Submits the 2^d report
on the experiment of ascer-
taining the quantity of water req-
d for an acre of Paddy Cultivation
and states that the here-
before has suffered loss
by this experiment which
has been compensated, as also
by the Office Establishment
who have devoted a portion of
their time in this observation
and suggests that these charges
may be paid from the proceeds
of the sale of Bullocks.

Report. Second series, on the experiment to ascertain the quantity of water required for Paddy Cultivation -

In the preliminary report, on the 'first series' of the above experiment, furnished on 11th June last, a description was given of the nature and condition of the land, on which it was made, and the system & means of irrigation &c. The present "second series" was observed, on the same land, in connection with the "second crop" of the cultivation of the season thereon. It commenced, on February 7th, immediately after the first crop had been reaped, and extended over 120 days, or up to 6th June, the crop having been reaped, six days after this latter date. The ground was prepared from 7th to 11th February, the seed, 'Samba paddy', the same as on the 1st Series, was sown on the 12th of the same month, and between this date and the 14th March, when the transplanting was made, the ground was being prepared for receiving the plants. Form **B** accompanying, shows exactly, the every day observations, and the particulars of cultivation. There was rain on but one day during the whole period of observation, and this quantity computed $23\frac{3}{4}$ Cuyds together with the water supplied $14,966\frac{3}{4}$ from well, gives the total supply to the crop, at 15205 Cuyds over 2.22 acres, which produces 6849 Cubic yards per acre. From this it appears that 57 Cubic yards per acre per diem, is, the result of the observations. These figures very closely tally with the 'first series' result $65\frac{3}{4}$ Cuyds, the small

difference being accounted for probably by a decrease in the rate of absorption, since the ground must have been less impervious, after going through the first crop irrigation. A very different result was expected, as the temperature was, as will be known, extremely oppressive, during the period these last observations were made. The yield of the 2nd crop was 168 bushels of peas, which with the straw realized, may be valued at present market rates at Rs. 105-14-0. The observations made on the second series are embodied in forms A & B accompanying.

2. It has been shown above that the results of the experiments, give 65 bushels yards, in the "first series" and 57 bushels yards, in the 2nd series as the quantity of water required per diem for 1 acre of land. These figures are obtained from taking a general average, but the observations need be considered from another point of view.

3. From the forms B. attached to reports of both the series it will be observed, that 70 days were occupied in the one case, and only 35 in the other for preparing land &c, before actual, continuous, irrigation commenced. Dividing each series into two periods, one for "preparation" and the other for "actual irrigation", we obtain the following figures.

1 st Series	2 nd Series
70 days. Preparation — 53 Cyp ^{rs}	35 days. Preparation — 38 Cyp ^{rs}
93 days. actual Irrigation — 75 Cyp ^{rs}	85 days. actual Irrigation — 65 Cyp ^{rs}
as being the quantity per acre per diem needed for a crop. —	
The great difference, both in time and supply, between the periods of "preparation" as seen in each case, may be	

explained thus, that it required more water, and more time to puddle the land at the start. The average for the 2 actual, continuous irrigation afterwards, in both cases, is pretty close.

The following statement exhibits at a view the comparative results of the experiments, as twice taken.

Particulars of Observations	1 st Series	2 nd Series
Quantity of land ————— Acres	2.22	2.22
Period of Observation ————— days	193	126
Actual period of Supply ————— days	163	120
Actual supply from well ————— Cyp ^{rs}	12,925	14,966
Supply from rain ————— Rs.	108 89	239
Total supply ————— Cyp ^{rs}	23,814	15,205
Period occupied in preparing ————— days	70	35
Period occupied in actual Irrigation ————— Rs.	93	85
Supply for preparation ————— Cyp ^{rs}	8244	3033
Supply for actual irrigation ————— Rs.	15,570	12,172
Quantity of seed sown ————— bushels	12	12
Peas produced ————— Rs.	240	168
Actual Cost of each crop ————— Rupees	170	143
Actual produce ————— Rs.	122	105
Assessment ————— Rs.	21	11

From the above particulars the following are deduced

water required for 1 Acre per diem	
For preparation ————— Cyp ^{rs}	45
Actual irrigation ————— Rs.	70
Seed required ————— bushels	54
Probable produce ————— Rs.	92

From the above statement it appears, that the Cost of producing a crop of passey, far exceeds the return thereof. This peculiarity appertains to the experiment only, for an expensive method of irrigation was adopted. In the case of the land experimented upon, the usual method, was to raise the water by two spicottahs, for which 4 men were employed, these men not only worked at the lifts, but did the ploughing, sowing &c. such was not the case, in connection with the experiment; - bullocks were used, which required a man to attend them. - The support of these formed a large item, besides which contingent expenses, for leather buckets &c. &c., swelled the charges. - From the data collected regarding cost, in the usual method, 20 Rupees an acre seems the average for one crop, exclusive of assessment.

5 The above observations apply to lands of one particular class, and therefore cannot be applied as the rule in all cases, as passey land, is very varied in description, each of which would need its own particular rate of supply.

6 To obtain definite information, requires that the Subject "what quantity of water an acre of passey land requires for Cultivation" be treated in all its details under close, and undivided supervision, and to realize this, with any certainty, a special establishment should be employed to investigate the matter. It is moreover one, on which theory will abundantly

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abundantly fail, put it in any way one will: and as there is only one way of doing a thing properly, the subject should be so treated. As far as was practicable, every attention has been paid, in obtaining information on the subject under reference, in the experiments carried out in this Range, and it is to be hoped, that the Reports furnished thereon, will throw some light on the subject at least.

No 3 Range Office
Sheep Pen
9th July 1866

W. K. M. M.
Asst. Sub. Commr.
No 3 Range Madras Dist.

N^o 1702.

Second Report on the experiment for ascertaining the quantity of water required for maturing Paddy.

Letter from the Executive Agent N^o 3 Range Madras N^o 67 dated 9th July 1865.

Enclosure

Submitted to Government in continuation of endorsement N^o 1021 dated 12th July 1866.

The second series of experiments were commenced on the 6th February 1866 and concluded on the 12th June 1866, and shew 2 1/2 Cubic ft of water to be required per acre per hour.

Under the circumstances represented, by Mr. Ottomann in para. 2 of his letter, his proposal to compensate the Merasidar of the land experimented upon is recommended for the favorable consideration and sanction of Government. The sale proceeds of the bullocks purchased to conduct the experiment to be resorted to meet the outlay.

The money account in connection with the experiment stands as follows.

Amount

From D 1/1839/10.
The N^o 3 Range Madras N^o 67

To Mr. Ottomann

Rs 246 3/4

July 1866

Endorsement by Mr. Ottomann

Report Second

Series on the quantity of water required for Paddy Cultivation.

Amount granted in G. O. N. 1686 dated 17 June 65 Rs. 300

Cost of first experiment _____ Rs. 311. 4--

D. second D. _____ Rs. 65. --

Compensation to Meerasadans

recommended in this letter _____ 49. 5--

425. 9--

Deduct Amount recovered by
sale of bullocks _____ } 63. 11. 7.

Deduct Amount of grant _____ Balance Rs. 361. 13. 5.

Balance in excess of allotment _____ 300. -- 300.
Rupees 61. 13. 5.

Orders are requested as to whether
the experiment is to be continued in the
current Official year.

Supr. Engrs. Office
4. Division

Madras

21st August 1866.

To forward Capt. R. E.
Offg. Supr. Engr. to D.

To
Colonel C. A. Orr R. E.
Secretary to Government M. D.

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 From
 The Sp. Hall Cong.
 403 Range Nevada Dist.
 To The Off. Supp. Cong.
 H. R.

Dated 9th }
Rec^d } July 1862

Experimental observation
to determine the quantity
of water per acre per hour
required for Parry Cal.
= Division.

P.W. Ross - 708 W. 9th St.

Live Love & Letter No 67

dated 9th July 1866.

B.

Particulars of Water supply to 2.22 acres of land in the Village of Kinnunahill.
District of Madras
Taluk of C. S. District.

1920 S. S. S.

Month & Date	Water Supply	(Rain Fall)	Mean temperature	Mean wind	(Clear or Cloudy)	Remarks
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February 7	450	—	91	South East	Clear	Puddling a piece of ground for ploughing in Nursery.
8	900	—	91	do	do	
9	900	—	91	do	do	
10	900	—	91	do	do	
11	900	—	91	do	do	Seed sown in Nursery
12	900	—	91	do	do	
13	—	—	91	do	do	
14	—	—	91	do	do	
15	900	—	91	do	do	Watered Nursery
16	450	—	91	do	do	Puddling ground for ploughing
17	450	—	91	do	do	
	900	—	91	—	—	Watered Nursery
18	900	—	91	do	do	Watered ploughed ground

19	450	—	91	do	do	Puddling ground for ploughing
20	450	—	91	do	do	
21	1800	—	91	—	—	
	900	—	—	do	do	Watered Nursery
22	2700	—	91	do	do	Watered ploughed ground
23	2700	—	92	do	do	
24	2700	—	92	do	do	Puddling ground for ploughing
25	2700	—	92	do	do	Watered ploughed ground
26	2700	—	92	do	do	Watered Nursery
27	2700	—	92	—	—	Watered ploughed ground
28	2700	—	92	do	do	Puddling ground for ploughing
March 1	2700	—	92	do	do	Watered ploughed ground
2	3600	—	92	do	do	
3	3600	—	93	do	do	Puddling ground for ploughing
4	3600	—	93	do	do	Watered Nursery
5	900	—	—	do	do	Watered ploughed ground
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Candy & Rains

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Rich. Clay Brown

Lady

Dear

South West

Carried Over

3400	96
341100	9590

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P. W. Dept. 311

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 4th Aug 1866
Read the following

From
The Secy: Supg: Engr: of
the 4th Divn. (H.S. No 1702 dated 21st Aug 1866)

The foregoing papers
will be communicated
to the Revenue Dep^t in
continuation of the order
of Government No 2333
dated the 24th July/66.

The Secy 2 Engrs of
the 4th Division will furnish
in detail
the particulars of the
expenditure reported in
para 4 of Captain
Goddards endorsement

To the Secy 2 & 4 Divn
Revenue Dep^t with two enclos.

Dep^t 5th Sept 1866

[Signature]

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Particulars of water
supply to 2.42 acre of
lands in the Village of
Cannanukillan near
Mangadu, attached to
Mangadu Taluq in
the Madras District.

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Progo of the Madras Govt

Dated 10th Sept 66

Second Report
on the experiments made
near Ponnammallee in the
Madras District to ascer-
tain the quantity of Water
required for Paddy cultu-
ration, communicated to
the Revenue Department,
and the Superintending
Engineer requested to fur-
nish the particulars of
the experiments in conne-
tion therewith.