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5th September 1866.*

No. 130. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Valagudi, 25th August 1866, No. 591:—

1. I have the honor to reply to G. O., No. 2,484, dated 7th instant. The expenditure on the channels specially adverted to in paragraph 8 of the Acting Collector's letter is as follows:—

Channel.	Expenditure.		Estimates of 1866-67.
	1865-66.	1866-67 up to 31st July.	
Wyacondan... ..	RS. 4,017	RS. 3,902	RS. 7,083
Peruvally	2,417	1,507	2,272
Iyen	821	...	...

2. The head of the Wyacondan channel requires improvement; an estimate providing for its improvement was submitted on the 4th November 1865, and is now under re-consideration under the Orders contained in G. O., No. 595, dated 20th February 1866, and will shortly be re-submitted with a report, provision being made in the Budget of 1867-68 for the sum required for the improvements proposed. A large quantity of silt both in the eastern and western portions of the channel has been removed during the late working season, and with regard to the clearing

26th June.

adverted to by the Collector as going on when he wrote, I have to observe that the work then in progress was not included in the estimates sanctioned by me; but was being carried out by the desire of the Tahsildar from a small balance on those estimates, and when the river was freshed, the work should have been stopped; the Overseer, however, most improperly requested the Tahsildar to close the head sluice, and the Tahsildar most unfortunately complied with his request. On hearing that the head sluice was closed, I addressed Colonel Greenaway, who in reply wrote as follows:—

No. 263, 5th July.

“The very objectionable proceeding therein referred to was of course without either my authority or knowledge. I found it out the next day by the absence of water in the channel, and sent peremptory orders to countermand it, and to prevent such occurrence for the future. All the sanctioned estimates for the channel clearance have been either completed or stopped long ago.

“The one here referred to was a small clearance in Shengolum limits applied for by the Tahsildar, which I allowed to be done out of a small saving on the other estimates, while the water was out of the channel in that part for a few days, owing to the Dark's bridge shutters being closed to supply the fort tanks, &c., &c.”

3. What the Collector means by “useless style of repairs” is not clear, and I can only say that if the channel establishments in Trichnopoly only made use

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of the works provided for the conservation of the channels, and checked the proceedings of the Mirassidars, who too often wantonly injure the channels by opening new heads, putting banks across the channels, cutting malays in the banks, &c., &c., much of the work which is now required would be unnecessary. The Collector's attention has been called to this subject more than once, and doubtless steps will be taken to check the irregularities complained of.

To Collector No. 1,691, 17th January 1866.
No. 285, 16th June 1866.

4. With regard to the condition of the Peruvally and Iyen channels, the Collector is mistaken, as will be observed from the following extract from Colonel Greenaway's Inspection Report for July.

"Having devoted special attention during the month to all the river channels in the range, I have great satisfaction in stating that on the north bank the Iyen, Peruvally, Pungany, and Cudoovoy channels, with all their branches, are in a thoroughly efficient state, and amply supplied with water, the only complaints were from the extreme end of the north branch of the Iyen, where for a time the supply failed owing to waste from the upper sluices."

5. Nothing further in the Collector's letter appears to require notice, unless perhaps his remark that the channels should have been cleared in January or February, or even March; the Collector is apparently not aware that in the Trichinopoly District water is required for cultivation till late in March, and the clearing of the channels cannot be undertaken till a later period.

No. 131. ORDER THEREON, 5th September 1866, No. 2,836.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 25.

The foregoing letter will be communicated to the Revenue Department with reference to the Orders in this

Department No. 2,484, dated the 7th August 1866.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Revenue Department.
Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Superintending Eng^r's office 6th D^{iv}
Valagudi 25th August 1866.

From

Captain R. F. Castro O.C.
Superintending Eng^r 6th D^{iv}.

To

Colonel C. A. Orr R. E.
Secretary to Government. 6th D^{iv}.

Sir,

I have the honor to reply to G. O. N^o 2,184, dated 7th Inst. The expenditure on the channels specially adverted to in para. 8 of the Acting Collector's Letter is as follows.—

Channel	Expenditure		Estimate of 66/67
	65/66	66/67 up to 31 st July	
Wyacondan	4047	3902	7083
Peruvally	2417	1507	2272
Iyen	824		

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and western portions of the channel had been
removed during the late fortnight. I am, and
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Collector as going on when he wrote I have
observed that the work then in progress must
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but was being carried out by the desire of
the Tahsildar from a small balance on
these estimates, and when the river was raised
the work should have been stopped. He came
however, most improperly, requested the Tahsildar
to close the Head Sluice and the Tahsildar most
unfortunately complied with his request, in-
dearing that the Head Sluice was closed.
I addressed Colonel Cunningham who in reply
wrote as follows:-

"The very objectionable proceeding of closing
referred to was of course without either my
authority or knowledge. I found it out the
next day by the absence of water in the channel
and sent peremptory orders to countermand it
and to prevent such occurrence for the future.
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closed to supply the Fort Tanks &c."

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To Collector
No 1681.

11th January 66

No 285/16th June
66.

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I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedt servant

H. P. Aker Capt: P.E.
Superintending Engineer
64 Division

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(No. of Govt. for 3552)
Supt. Engr. 68

to
Col. G. 2/10/66
Supt. to Govt. 10/66

Dated 25th Aug 1866
No. 29

No. 591

Reporting on the condition
of the Wynandam River
and open channels
relative to remarks by the
acting Collector in his
administration report for 1865

No. 130.

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W. F. A. Supt. Engr.
Superintending Engineer
64 Division

Public Works Department
No. 2836

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Under date the 5th ^{Sept} ~~Aug~~ 1866

Read the following

From

The Superintending Engr

of the 6th Division (H.E. No. 591 of 25th Aug 1866)

The foregoing letter will
be communicated to the
Revenue Department with
reference to the orders in
this Department No. 2184
dated the 7th August/66

W.F.A.

To the Revenue Dept
Supt. Engr.

W.F.A.

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Letter from
the Superintending Engineer
of the C^o Division,
relative to certain remarks
made by the Collector on
the condition of Weyers
dam, &c., channels in the
Trichinopoly District in
his report on Public Works
for 1866-66 communicated
to the Revenue Department.

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23rd August 1886 A. 130-131

Superintending Engineer
C^o Division