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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
1st May 1867.*

No. 38. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 18th April 1867, No. 177 :—

1. With reference to Memorandum No. 864, of the 20th ultimo, I have the honour to inform you that I carefully inspected all the Toongabuddra anicuts and channels in the Hospett talook in March 1865, with Mr. Assistant Engineer Porter, who had shortly before assumed charge of the Range, and would then have submitted a report on each of the anicuts and channels, but that I did not think a report, without correct plans and estimates, would be acceptable by Government.

2. The surveys and sections in my possession were so incomplete and inaccurate, that if I had attempted to frame any plans and estimates for improving the channels, and had submitted them to Government, I should most probably have had them returned with a severe reprimand.

3. I pointed out to Mr. Porter the improvements that I thought might be carried out, and deputed an Overseer to prepare the surveys and levels, and these are now almost completed. The next thing to do is the preparation of the plans and estimates, and these will take some time, as Mr. Porter has a good deal of other work on hand.

* No. 243, dated 28th March 1866.
372, 7th June
1,106, 20th July
1,387, 14th August

4. For the past year I have advocated* the placing the Town and Cantonment of Bellary under an Officer, and not requiring him ever to leave the station; I also begged that another Officer should be posted to this district; that the Hospett talook should have been added to the present Kudlighi Range and placed under this Officer. If Government had acceded to this request of mine, the plans and estimates for improving the Toongabuddra anicuts and channels would, most probably, have been ready for submission by this time.

5. As regards the state of the channels themselves, in comparison with what they were formerly, I do not think any one would say that their conservancy is not properly attended to, so far as it depends on the Public Works Department, they are now in better order, and are being improved each year, although the price of labour has risen and no increase has been made to the repair allowance.

6. Formerly the channels were cleared under no regular system; but now, with the aid of the Revenue authorities, an arrangement has been made with the ryots, so that the channel is completely closed for a short period while the clearance and repairs are being carried out.

No. 39. ORDER THEREON, 1st May 1867, No. 1,311.

IRRIGATION, No. 5.

1. The Government are glad to observe that the conservancy of the Toongabuddra channels in Bellary is receiving the joint attention of the local Revenue and Public Works authorities, and they will await the receipt of the plans and estimates, which are now under preparation, for improving the condition of those channels.

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1st May 1867.*

• No. 88, dated 11th April 1867. 2. Major Moberly's last letter regarding the re-distribution of the Ranges of the Bellary District has been disposed of in the order of the 30th ultimo No. 1,289.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
„ Revenue Department.

Erd, S. T. Augustin.

No. 177.

From,

The Superintending Engineer
3rd Division

The Secretary to Government.
Public Works Department.

Sir,

With reference to Memo No. 884 of the 20th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that I carefully inspected all the Irongabuddia Aricents and Channels in the Kerpets Taluk in March 1865, with Mr. Assistant Engineer Porter, who had shortly before assumed charge of the Range; and would then have submitted a report on each of the Aricents and Channels but that I did not think a report, without correct plans and Estimates, would be acceptable by Government.

2. The Surveys and Sections in my possession were so incomplete and inaccurate that, if I had attempted to frame any plans and Estimates for improving the Channels and had submitted them to Government, I should most probably have had them returned with a severe reprimand.

3. I pointed out to Mr. Porter the

improvements that I thought might be carried out, and deputed an Engineer to prepare the surveys and levels and, these are now almost completed. The next thing to do is the preparation of the Plans and Estimates, and these will take some time, as Mr. Peter has a good deal of other work on hand.

4. For the past year, I have advocated the placing the Town and Cantonment of Bellary under an Officer and not requiring him ever to leave the station, I also begged that another Officer should be posted to this District; that the Hospital Salary should have been added to the present Nudighi Range and placed under this Officer. If Government had acceded to this request of mine the plans and Estimates for improving the Soongabuddra Aricuts and Channels would, most probably, have been ready for submission, by this time.

+ No 243 of 28 March 1866
" 372 of 7 June 1866
" 1106 of 20 July 1866
" 1387 of 14 August 1866

5. As regards the state of the Channels themselves, in comparison with what they were formerly, I don't think any one would say that their Conservancy is not properly attended to, so far as it depends on the P.W. Department, they are now in better order and are being improved each year, although the price of labor has risen and no increase has been made to the Repair allowance.

6. Formerly the Channels were cleared under no regular system; but now with the aid of the Revenue authorities, an arrangement has been made with the Ryots, so that the Channel is completely closed for a short period while the clearance and repairs are being carried out.

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A. W. B. May 1866
Superintending Engineer
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Replied to Memo No. 854.
of 20th April 1867. Regarding
the inspection of the
Barrage. Council and
in the Budget being

No. 177.

Recd 15th April 1867.
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Mr. D.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 1st May 1867.
Read the following
from the Supg. Engineer
of the 3rd Div. - (H. E. No 177 of 18 April 1867)

The Government
are glad to observe
that the conservancy
of the Trongabudda
channels in Bellary
is receiving the joint
attention of the Revenue
and P.W. authorities, and
they will await the
receipt of the plans and
estimates, which are
now under preparation
for improving the condi-
tion of those channels.
2. Major Incherly's last
letter regarding the re-dis-
tribution of the ranges of
the Bellary District
has been forwarded
in the order of the 30th April 1867.

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Pro: of the Madras Govt.
1st May 1867

The attention paid
to the conservancy of Loonga-
buddra channels by the
local Revenue and P.W.
authorities noticed, and the
receipt of the plans and
estimates for the improvement
of the channels, awaited.

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