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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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<u>145-146</u>	
Dated <u>7 - 6 -</u>	<u>1867</u>

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7th June 1867.*

No. 145. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp, Bellahoonsy, 23rd May 1867, No. 518:—

1. With reference to G. O. No. 1,357, of the 4th instant, calling for a report on the progress made in repairing the Coragulanicut, I have the honour to inform you that I did not reply earlier, as the remarks in my Diary of 30th ultimo had already given you the information.

2. I now beg to inform you that I have again this morning inspected the anicut, the repairs of which are not yet quite completed, having been delayed by small freshes between the 7th and 10th instant. On my arrival here, yesterday morning, I learnt that it was expected the stone work would be finished last evening; unfortunately yesterday, instead of steadily working, the Wudders went away for some time to fish, and as, at about 4½ p.m., rain came on they stopped work, and so a small portion remained incomplete.

3. On my proceeding this morning, with Mr. Porter, to inspect the anicut, I found that a small fresh had come down about an hour before, which prevented the Wudders getting to the unfinished spot; but, as the water is again falling, it will most probably be finished by to-morrow, or Saturday.

4. I beg to state that I think great credit is due to Overseer Vardarajooloo Moodelly for the manner in which he has carried on the repair of this work, and I think it extremely unfair on the part of the Collector or Acting Head Assistant to make the least insinuation against him.

5. The Overseer had to look after the other anicuts lower down, but spent most of his time at the Coragulanicut, having been present nineteen days in March, twenty-four days in April, and the whole of this month; a Maistry has been present all the time.

6. Before troubling the Board and Government, I think the Collector should have made full inquiries. I cannot account for the Acting Head Assistant not having seen any people at work on the 8th ultimo, except by supposing that he went at too early an hour; as, from the accounts, there appears to have been both Wudders and coolies employed on that day. There was little work done on the 4th to 6th, owing to the absence of the Wudders on account of the Telooogo New Year day, when they went to Humpy. We cannot forcibly detain the workpeople if they wish to go away; but, as far as I can learn, none went away unless they were suffering from fever, of which there was a good deal here at one time: the Overseer however, by purchasing pills and distributing them among the workpeople, managed to get many to stay. All this I have informed the Collector.

7. In conclusion, I would beg for an expression of the opinion of Government as to whether the Collector should utterly ignore the Range Officer. On the 8th March, Mr. Wedderburn directed the Overseer to submit weekly reports to him of the progress of the work at the Coragulanicut, but give no intimation of his having done so to either Mr. Porter or myself. On the 29th idem he wrote to the Overseer to the same effect, and then sent to me, for information, a copy of his letter. I was at that date at Durnavaram, and immediately replied that, in my opinion, reports from Overseers should be called for through Range Officers, and, as Mr. Porter was within one day's post, any information required should have been obtained

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through him. In another letter, as I found that the Collector quite overlooked the Range Officer, I requested that, whenever he wrote a letter or gave an order (which I begged should be in writing) to an Overseer, he would, at the same time, send a copy of such communication to the Range Officer. Mr. Porter was in ignorance of what was passing between the Collector and Overseer until it had been through my Office, and I ordered the Overseer to submit all reports through his Range Officer, communicating what I had ordered to Mr. Wedderburn.

N. B.—Since writing the above, the water has gone down sufficiently for the Wudders to put in all the stones. Only a few clamps remain now to be fixed.

No. 146. ORDER THEREON, 7th June 1867, No. 1,708.

IRRIGATION, No. 6.

1. The Government are glad to observe that the repairs of the Coragul Anicut have been successfully completed, and they are fully satisfied with the explanations of the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division, as contained in paragraphs 1 to 5 of the letter above recorded.

2. Adverting to paragraph 7, His Excellency in Council considers that as Talook Overseers are directly subordinate to Range Officers, all communications from the Revenue authorities regarding the works under the supervision of the former should be addressed to the latter, to whom also application should be made for any reports or information which may be required.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 518.

Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division
Bellary District, Mysore & Malabar Districts
Camp, Bellary
23rd May 1867.

To

The Superintending Engineer
3rd Division

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No. 135 of the 4th Instant calling for a report on the progress made in repairing the Coragul Anicut, I have the honor to inform you that I did not reply earlier as the remarks in my Diary of 30th ultimo had already given you the information.

2. I now beg to inform you that I have again this morning inspected the Anicut. The repairs of which are not yet quite completed, having been delayed by small freshes between the 7th and 10th Instant. On my arrival here yesterday morning I learnt that it was expected the stone work would be finished late evening; unfortunately yesterday, instead of steadily working, the Wudders went away for some time to fish, and as, at about 4 1/2 P.M., rain came on they stopped work and a small portion remained incomplete.

3. On my proceeding this morning with Mr. Porter to inspect the Anicut I found that a small fresh had come down about an hour before, which prevented the Wudders getting to the unfinished spot; but, as the water is again falling, it will most probably be finished by tomorrow or Saturday.

4. I beg to state that I think great credit is due to Engineer Vardarajulu Mudali for the manner in which he has carried on the repair of the work and I think it is extremely unfair on the part of the Collector

or Acting Head Assistant to make the best arrangement
against him.

5. The Overseer had to look after the other demands
lower down but spent most of his time at the Coragui
Ancient, having been present 4 days in March & 4 days
in April and the whole of the month; a boundary has
been present all the time.

6. Before troubling the Board and Government
I think the collector should have made full inquiries
I cannot account for the Acting Head Assistant not
having seen any people at work on the 4th & 5th March
by supposing that he went at too early an hour as from
the demands there appears to have been full Waddera
forces employed on that day. There was little work done
on the 4th to 6th owing to the absence of the Waddera on
account of the Elongor, a few years ago when they went
to Namby. We cannot forcibly detain the work people
if they wish to go away; but as far as I can learn
none went away so far as they were suffering from fever
of which there was a good deal here at that time.
The Overseer however, by purchasing fells and cloth
baking them among the work people, managed
to get many to stay. All this I have informed the
Collector.

7. In conclusion I would lay for me a copy of
the opinion of Government as to whether the Collector
should wholly ignore the Range Officer. In the 8th March
Mr. Wedderburn directed the Overseer to submit
weekly reports to him of the progress of the work at the
Coragui Ancient, but gave no intimation of his having
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Wedderburn.

I have the honor to be,

A. W. O. Major R.E.
Superintending Engineer
3rd Division

N. B.

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gone down sufficiently for the Waddera
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ENC. 17087

Under date the 7 June 1867

(Here enter No. *518* dated *23^d - Aug 1867*)

The Government are glad to observe that the repairs of the Coragal Bicut have been successfully completed, and they are fully satisfied with the explanations of the Superintending Engineer of the 3^d Division, as contained in paras 1 to 5 of the letter above recorded.

Adverting to para
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Considers

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The undersigned
Edw. Emerson
 of the Secretary to Board
 of W. & A. Co.

Charles E. Hall
Dec. 29th 1864.
Chas. E. H.

Deposition the papers
insert in explaining the
Contract drawn up in the
last year of service. —

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authorities regarding
the works under the
supervision of the
former should be
addressed to the latter,
to whom also applica-
tion should be made
for any reports or in-
formation which may
be required.

W.D.

To the Supt. Engineer, 3rd Divⁿ
" Revenue Dept.

Recd 8/6/67

P. W. 1867. Department.

Proc. of Govt for Service
No. 1708

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated

*The Supr. Engineer
of the 3rd Division informed
that his explanations relative
to the progress made in the
repairs of Coragul Amicut
in the Bellary District, are
satisfactory.*

*The Rev. Deputy
informed that all communi-
cations with Talook Overseers
regarding works under their
Supervision should be ad-
dressed to Range Officers*