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No. 376. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Cuddalore, 16th April 1868, No. 13 :—

1. With reference to the Order of Government of the 23rd of October 1867, No. 3,289, I have the honor to state that I received from the Collector of Salem two lists of Irrigation Works referred to in his report, and after entering against each work the amount and date of repairs, I returned the lists to the Collector. The works are all situated in the Salem and Ahtoor talooks.

2. The Executive Engineer of the Salem range states, that in one case (the Andapatti tank) a breach occurred while the work provided for in the first estimate was in progress, and that the second estimate was for the repair of the breach. In all the other cases the breaches were not in the portions of the bank which had been repaired. There was a calingulah, the wing-wall of which was twice carried away. The Range Officer ascribes this to the tank filling before the masonry had time to set. In this case a better site might have been selected for the calingulah, near the end of the tank bank.

3. In the Ahtoor talook, only in a few instances, works that had been recently repaired had to be repaired again in the same place. Some of these works were loose stone anicuts, which were damaged by trees brought down by heavy floods in the rivers.

4. The breaches in the tank and channel banks and anicuts are not to be attributed either to bad work or bad supervision. The amount of sanctioned estimates much exceeded the amount available for repairs, and it was impossible to make substantial repairs in every instance, the funds only sufficing for filling breaches and work of that kind.

5. Several of the breaches in the Ahtoor talook are ascribed by the Executive Agent to the negligence of the villagers.

No. 377. ORDER THEREON, 22nd April 1868, No. 1,222.

IRRIGATION, No. 15.

The Government await the receipt of the "Lists" referred to in paragraph 1 of this letter. The Board of Revenue will be requested to obtain and submit them at an early date.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.

„ Board of Revenue.

„ Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

N<sup>o</sup> 13.

Superintg. Engineer's Office, 5<sup>th</sup> Division  
Madras 16<sup>th</sup> April 1888.

From

Lt. Col. E. A. Ford R.E.  
Superintg. Engineer, 5<sup>th</sup> Division

To

Colonel Charles A. Orr R.E.  
Secretary to Government D.P.W.

Sir,

With reference to the Order of Government of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October 1887 N<sup>o</sup> 3289, I have the honor to state that I received from the Collector of Salem two lists of irrigation works referred to in his report, and after entering against each work the amount and date of repairs I returned the lists to the Collector. The works are all situated in the Salem and Nellore taluqs.

2. The Executive Engineer of the Salem District states that in one case, the Andapatti Tank, a breach occurred while the work provided for in the first estimate was in progress, and that the second estimate was for the repair of the breach. In all the other cases the breaches were not in the portions of the bank which had been repaired. There was a balingulak, the wing wall of which

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4. The breaches in the tank and channel banks and aunnents are not to be attributed either to bad work or bad supervision. The amount of sanctioned estimates which exceeded the amount available for repairs, and it was impossible to make substantial repairs in every instance, the funds only sufficing for filling breaches and work of that kind.

5. Several of the breaches in the Athon taluk are ascribed by the Executive Agent to the negligence of the villagers.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir

Your most obedt. Servant

E. A. Ford Smith, Col. R.E.  
Superintg. Engineer, 5<sup>th</sup> Division

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5<sup>th</sup> Division  
To, The Secretary to Govt.  
D. A. W.  
Madras

Dated 16<sup>th</sup> April 1868  
Received 18<sup>th</sup> April 1868

No 13

Stating that the breaches  
to certain Irrigation works  
in the Salem District no-  
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to bad work or bad supervision

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