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Dated 10 1 1870.

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No 204 Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishwerum, 4th December 1869, No. 3,211 —

WITH reference to Mr. Sage's letter, No 434, dated 3rd instant, concluding paragraph, in which he informs me he has written direct to you on the subject, I have the honour to forward copies of the correspondence in this matter, and to request you will be good enough to lay them before Government for consideration and orders.

1 copy of letter from Superintending Engineer, No 2,975, dated 12th November 1869
1 copy of letter from Executive Engineer No 1 Range, Godavery, No 405, dated 19th November 1869
1 copy of letter from the Executive Engineer, No 409, dated 20th November 1869
1 copy of letter from Superintending Engineer, No 3,155, dated 30th November 1869
1 copy of letter from Executive Engineer, No 434, dated 3rd December 1869
1 copy of endorsement on Ryots' petition.

2. Briefly, the circumstances are these in forwarding the abstracts of Registers for Irrigation for all the Deltas to Government, I noted the great falling off in the cultivation in the Eastern Delta between Fushes 1275 to 1277, and brought the circumstance to Mr Sage's notice in my letter as per margin. In his reply of the 19th November 1869, No. 405, he treated the matter as a mistake, and in his letter of the 20th idem, No 409, he again declared the whole thing was a mistake. I then pointed to him in my letter, No. 3,155, dated 30th idem, that there was no mistake at all in the matter; the falling off according to his own returns being no less than 27,000 acres under two canals only, namely, the Coringa and Bank Canals, whilst there was an increase under all his other canals, and these are the two canals whence such numerous complaints had come, and had been dismissed by Mr. Sage with the endorsements on the petitions, copies of which are herewith sent for the perusal of Government, and to be obligingly returned The two canals above referred to were also under the immediate charge of the man, C Bhemaiah, against whom petitions had been sent up direct to Government, and regarding which I reported in my letter, No. 2,957, dated 11th November 1869

No 2,975, dated 12th November 1869

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4. I have sent up all the Irrigation Registers for these two canals, village by village, to the Collector for verification and further enquiry, if he should consider this necessary; there may be an error in the area givin for Fusly 1275, but if so, ample time has been afforded to the Range Officer to have his subordinate's returns tested by the Revenue accounts, and it should not have been sent in now as accurate if this had not been done

5. In conclusion, I beg respectfully to observe that I much regret having again to trouble the Government on Mr. Sage's account; but I trust they will see

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No. 205. ORDER THEREON, 10th January 1870, No 107

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 20.

As a great falling off in the area of land irrigated in the Eastern Delta of the Godavery between Fushes 1275 and 1277 is shown to have occurred by the returns submitted to the Superintending Engineer by the Executive Engineer in charge of the canals, it was his duty to explain fully the cause when transmitting the returns As he did not do so the Superintending Engineer very properly called upon him for the necessary particulars, and the correspondence now submitted followed From it the Government observe that, while the Executive Engineer thinks that the difference of irrigated area shown in his statements is not real but arises partly from alterations in the sources from which the lands received their supplies and partly from the incorrectness of the registers of land actually watered in full, the Superintending Engineer is of opinion that the fact of a great diminution of the area irrigated and of a corresponding loss of revenue is indisputable, and seems inclined to throw blame for the result on the Executive Engineer.

2. The information contained in the papers now submitted is not sufficient to enable the Government to come to any conclusions on these points, and they are of opinion that the only way in which the areas of irrigation in the respective fushes can be correctly ascertained is by a reference to the records of the Collector, which, it is observed, is the course taken by the Superintending Engineer.

3. The Government in their Proceedings, No. 3,567, of the 6th November 1869, had to animadvert on the tone in which Mr. Sage addressed the Superintending Engineer, and they regret to have again to observe that his letter of the 20th November 1869, No 409, is not free from objection on the same ground. His Excellency the Governor in Council further notices with disapproval the petulant and inconsiderate manner in which Mr. Sage appears occasionally to have replied to the representations of ryots who, addressing him on matters in which they had a deep interest, had a right to expect from him the utmost assistance which as a public Officer he was able to afford.

4. The Government see nothing however to lead them to believe it to be necessary to remove Mr. Sage from the 1st Division at present, but, on the completion of the enquiry into the actual area of irrigation in the Eastern Delta during

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
10*th January* 1870.

Fushes 1275 and 1277, and as to the cause of any falling off that may possibly have taken place, the Government will consider what measures it will be proper to adopt.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division

No 2975 Supdg Engineer's Office 1st Dn
Dowlaishweram 12th November 1869.

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From

The Actg Superintending Engineer
1st Division

To.

The Executive Engineer
No 1 Range Godavery

Sir

In sending up the abstracts of re=
=gisters of Irrigation for Faslies 1275-1277
to Government, I observed that in your
Range alone there had been a falling off
in the Cultivation of 21,992 acres represent=
=ing a loss to Government of Rs 87,968
in water rate alone.

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Canals of 5169 acres, thus leaving the deficiency as above shewn, of 2199 2. acres of Cultivation

3. I have the honour to request, your serious attention to the above circumstance, and trust you will send in as early as possible, a full, and clear explanation of the matter for submission to the Government.

I have &c &c

Signed/ J. H. Fitzherbert Major RE

Offg Superintending Engineer 1st Div

(Three Copies)

Maj. H. Fitzherbert Major RE

Offg Superintending Engineer 1st Div

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Dowlaiswaram
The Engineer's Office
19th November 1867.

No 405

From

The Officer incharge
Coringa Eastern Delta Range
Godavery District

To

The Superintending Engineer
4th Division
Dowlaiswaram

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your No 2975 dated 12th instant & in reply to inform you that it is not easy in writing to explain the subject alluded to clearly, however I hope the remarks below will be satisfactory, if not I can only suggest your sending your Manager to me, to whom I can explain the matter fully.

2 You state there is a falling off in irrigation in my Range alone of 21992 Acres and a loss to Government of Rs. 87,968 in water rate alone, such is not the case. In the first place the Channels have been altered in name since Registers were commenced, so that Villages at first entered under one Canal are now shewn under another. Secondly Alterations in Irrigation have been made and Villages supplied formerly from one Canal, are now supplied from another.

3 It is not fair to take 2 Canals only & you will take all the Canals in my Range you will get the following results (promising that the Registers are not absolutely correct) -

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No 2975 dated 12th November 1867
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1st In July 1275 total Area irrigable, is shown as ——— } 18,632 acres

In Do — 1277 ——— Do ——— 18,206

shewing a very slight difference in total Area

2nd In July 1275 total area irrigated is shown as — } 14,324 Acres.

In July 1277 ——— Do ——— 12,607

Shewing a difference of 1,717

This is accounted for as follows, in 1275 July when first Irrigation Register was prepared the Subordinates did not exactly comprehend it, and as a natural consequence an error crept into nearly that amount, owing to the Subordinates having shown under head of irrigable, land which could be irrigated if Ryots required it, but which land they prefer to cultivate with dry crops, stating they make larger profits, and I do not see any inclination on their part to change it from wet to dry. of this 24,000 acres according to the season more or less if it is wetter it shows rain fall is short for which Rs: 1½ per acre only is paid the quantity so irrigated varies greatly every year and is not shown in irrigation Register as it is not practicable irrigation then Amounts so irrigated in my Range for the 3 Juslies were -

	Acres	
1275	" —	* is included in the large amount of irrigation shown -
1276	2386	
1277	3436	

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Can't you show the supposed loss under 2 Canals Dist Coringa and Bunk Canal

wherein

whereas it is in reality owing to alteration of names entirely under one Canal Dist. the Bunk Canal -

I have the Hon'r

(Signed) G. A. Sage

Executive Engineer -

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Dowlaeswaram
Exec Engineers Office
20th November 1869.

From, The Officer in charge
No I or E. D. Range
Godaverry District.

To, The Superintending Engineer
1st Division
Dowlaeswaram

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt this day, of your Mems No 3041 of 18th Instant, and with reference to para 2 thereof, to observe that the falling off in cultivation thereon alluded to is a mistake, as pointed out in my No 405 dated 17th Instant, and also that I am not asking for extra lands but merely for the complement allowed me by Government, and which under any circumstances is small enough.

2. Regarding para 3, Y Soondaraswaroo was employed on Mundapetta Canal, as will be seen by my Quarterly Return of Subordinates sent to you in October last.

I have &c &c

(signed) G. L. Laye
Executive Engr.

(True Copy)

Wm. F. Eichens Major RE.
Ag. Superintending Engr 1st Division

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Supt. Engineer's Office 1st Division
Dowlaiswaram 30th November 1869

From

The Ag. Superintending Engineer
1st Division.

To

The Executive Engineer incharge
of No. I Range Godavery.

Sir,

In reply to yours of the 20th Inst. No. 409, I have the honor to observe, there is no mistake in the matter of the falling off in Cultivation under the Coringa and Bank Canals. The extent is over 27,000 and the loss to Government of water-rate of above a Lac of Rupees, and I must beg your most serious attention to this matter, as the Government will no doubt take steps to have it thoroughly investigated.

2 The Ryots on these Channels made constant demands for water, which was denied them by you, on the plea, the supply was short in the rivers, but I do not find in looking over the registers for several years, such to be the case, and as the Government have received many petitions direct on the subject, it cannot be dismissed in the abrupt manner you propose doing.

I have &c &c

(Signed) J. F. Fischer Major R.E.
Ag. Superintending Engr. 1st Div.

(True Copy)

Wm. F. Fischer Major R.E.

Ag. Superintending Engineer 1st Division.

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Corr. Engineer Office
3d December 1841

From, The Officiating Assistant
Quarter Master General
To, The Superintending Engineer
Western Division

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
receipt of your Nº 3155: dated 30th November just
received, and must again deny the falling off
in Cultivation therein alluded to.—

2. Regarding para 2 of your letter under reply
I must unequivocally deny the Statement
therein contained.—

3. You state "the subject cannot be discussed
in the abrupt manner you propose". On the contrary
I can much answer for the fullest and most
minute enquiry into the matter, as I have
already applied to Government for the enquiry
to be made.—

I have &c—

Signed J. Stage
Executive Engineer

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Dy Superintending Engineer

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No. I Range
Godavery District
Eastern Delta

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Abstract of Irrigation Registers for Fuslies 1275 and 1277

Village	Area of Village	Probable Area Estimate Area to be irrigated Fusly 1275	Area Irrigated in Fusly 1277	
Ingeram Channel		15,076	12,479	12,479	
Coringa Canal		47,011	38,093	23,950 ✕	See Note
Yanam Channel		28,197	20,669	7,651 ✕	
Cocanada Canal		41,612	36525	36735	
Mundapetta Canal		30,706	19914	22573	
Junction Canal		3,430	1843	2872	
Samulcotta Canal		21,600	17801	19072	
Total Eastern Delta		187,632	147,324	125,332	

The only Delta in which any falling off in the Cultivation is exhibited

Signed/ J. F. Fischer Major R.E.
Asst. Supt. Engineer 1st. Div.

No. II Range Central Delta.

Nagaram Main Canal	81,544		26193	30285
Bindamurlanka Chan.	16,454		7621	8929
East Bank Channel	45,298	Unknown.	14969	18391
Amalapur Main Canal	62,755		19262	19006
Gunnaram Main Canal	26,787		5742	4734
Lollah H. L. Channel	7,568		175	17
Palli Channel	10,653		1	19
Total Central Delta	251,059		73,963	81,381

Dowlaiswaram
11th November 1869

Signed/ J. F. Fischer Major R.E.
Asst. Supt. Engineer 1st. Div.

No. III Range
Western Delta.

Nursapur Canal	60,821	41,280	40,776
Kaharapurru Channel	3,613	3,000	2,052
Vailpur Canal	15,583	9,731	9,450
Gostanadi Main Drainage	22,115	14,086	17,078
Muccamala Channel	2,644	2,551	3,112
Bank Canal	23,471	13,428	13,557
Nuccala Drainage Chan[l]	2,964	155	110
Attely Main Canal	29,938	22,762	24,087
Wonkia & Wyaru Canal	55,620	33,302	34,198
Undi High Level Channel	44,166	36,066	36,294
Yanamadurru Drainage	6,891	4,716	3,283
Total Western Delta	267,826	181,077	183,997

Dowlaiswaram
11th November 1869

(Signed) J. F. Fischer Major R.E
Af. Supt. Engineer 1st Dn.

(True Copy)
Wm. F. Fischer Major R.E.
Af. Superintending Engineer 1st Division.

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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE, 1ST DIVISION
DOWLAISWARAM, 4th December 1869

No. 3211

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From

Major J. F. Fischer RE
Acting Superintending Engineer

1st Division

To

Colonel Cotton RE.
Secretary to Government D. P. W.

Madras

SIR,

Encl. entries Six

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I have the honor to be
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Your Most Obedient Servt

Wm H Richardson Major R.E.
Act Superintending Engineer 1st Division

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From the Ag. Supdg Engr.
1st Div. (No. 3211 of 4th Dec. 69)

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From Dept
Pro. No. 204 dated 5th January 1870

The Acting Supdg Engineer
1st Division

To The Secretary to Government
Pub: Works Department

Dated 4th
Received 9th December 1869

No. 3211

Enclosures 15

Forwards copies of correspondence on the subject of the falling off in the Cultivation under the Cornega and Bandra Canals, and for reasons stated solicits the removal at once from this Division, of Mr. Sage the Executive Engineer in charge of the No. 1 Range Godavery.

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To

The Superintending Engineer
1st Division

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Nos. 264-265

Comra & Bunds Canals Replying orders on the letter from the Supdg Engr 1st Divn forwarding note remarks & giving correspondence regarding the failure of the cultivation under the Comra and Bunds Canals and requesting further drawings from the unmeaning removal from the Divn, of Mr Sapty Exn Engr in charge of the Rajahmundry -

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Wm H Richardson
Mayor R.E.

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Govt. D. B. Madras.

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