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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th November 1870.*

No. 302. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 22nd October 1870, No. 202 B. :—

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the orders of Government, the accompanying correspondence regarding some Government money which was spent under mistake in repairing a Shotriem tank in the village of Annasamoodrum, Markapoor Talook, Kurnool District.

2. In June 1869 the Collector sent me a list of tanks that had breached from heavy rains in that month, and requested me to issue instructions to the Range Officers concerned for their immediate repair. Orders were at once issued to the Range Officers to see to these tanks, and, if necessary, to carry out the work required in anticipation of the submission of estimates.

3. Lieutenant Taylor, acting upon these emergent instructions, ordered the breach of the Annasamoodrum tank to be filled in, and while this was being done he learnt that the tank was "Shotriem;" he at once stopped work and reported the matter for orders, upon which he was informed that application should be made to the Head Assistant Collector for recovery of the expenditure incurred. The expenditure amounted to Rupees 48.

4. The Head Assistant Collector, in reply to the application made, informed Lieutenant Taylor that "the ryots agree to pay only Rupees 9, as they very justly state that the work was not done with their consent, or on their application." The matter was then referred to the Collector, who, in his reply, states that the Shotriemdars never called on you to execute any repairs. These repairs were carried out by mistake for which it would be unjust to make the Shotriemdars responsible, and submits that the department should accept of the 9 Rupees the ryots offer, as they have already spent Rupees 135, and would still have to spend Rupees 150 to complete the repair of their tank, and that he has no power to enforce the payment of the balance, Rupees 39.

5. The expenditure (Rupees 48) stands unadjusted against the Cumbum Range, and would most certainly not have been incurred but for the tank being entered in the Collector's list upon information received from the Tahsildar, who also appears to have entered another tank (Dasbandam, Kowlutla,) in the list sent to the Collector, but upon which no expenditure was incurred as Lieutenant Taylor knew that it was a Dasbandam tank. I therefore submit that (as there is nothing to show that the ryots dispute that the value of the work done is Rupees 48) the full amount should be recovered from the Shotriemdars, or, as Mr. Chase seems to maintain the report* of his Head

* *Vide* enclosed letter sent under endorsement. Assistant that these men are too poor, that I may be allowed to allot the amount, Rupees 48, from the allotment for "Agricultural Repairs" under the special circumstances of the case.

No. 303. ORDER THEREON, 16th November 1870, No. 2,755.

IRRIGATION, No. 21.

UNDER the circumstances brought to notice in the correspondence transmitted by the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, the Government sanction the charge to Repairs Agricultural of

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the sum Rupees 48 expended by mistake on the Shotriem tank of Annasamoodrum
in the Kurnool District, but it must be observed that the mistake was due to want
of care on the part of the Talook Revenue Officers.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. MULLINS, Major, R.E.,
Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Nb. 202

B.

Superintending Engineer's Office.

3rd Division.

Bellary 22 October 1870.

From,

The Superintending Engineer

3rd Division.

To,

The Secretary to Government

Public Works Department

Fort, Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor to submit
for the orders of Government the
accompanying correspondence
regarding some Government money
which was spent under mistake
in repairing a Shotriem tank
in the village of Annasamoodrum,
Machapoor Talook, Kurnool District.

2. In June 1869, the collector
sent me a list of tanks that had
breached from heavy rains in
that month, and requested me to
issue

issue instructions to the Range officers concerned for their immediate repair. Orders were at once issued to the Range Officers to see to these tanks, and if necessary to carry out the work required in anticipation of the submission of estimates.

3. Lieutenant Taylor, acting upon these emergent instructions, ordered the breach of the Amasamoo drum tank to be filled in, and while this was being done, he learnt that the tank was "Shotrim", he at once stopped work and reported the matter for orders; upon which he was informed that application should be made to the Head Assistant Collector for recovery of the expenditure incurred. The expenditure amounted to Rupees 48.

1. The Head Assistant Collector in reply to the application made, informed

informed Lieutenant Taylor that "the ryots agree to pay only Rupees 9, as they very justly state that the work was not done with their consent, or on their application". The matter was then referred to the Collector, who in his reply states that the Shotrimdars never called on you to execute any repairs. These repairs were carried out by mistake, for which it would be unjust to make the Shotrimdars responsible and submits that the Department should accept the 9 Rupees the ryots offer, as they have already spent Rupees 135, and would still have to spend Rupees 150 to complete the repair of this tank, and that he has no power to enforce the payment of the balance - Rupees 39.

5. The expenditure (Rupees 48) stands unadjusted against the Cumber Range, and would

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incurred but for the tank
being entered in the collector's
list upon information received
from the Sahildar who also
appears to have entered another
tank (Daskindum Kowlitla) in
the list sent to the collector but
upon which no expenditure was
incurred as Lieutenant Taylor
knew that it was a daskindum
tank. I therefore submit that
(as there is nothing to show that
the ryots dispute that the value
of the work done is Rupees 1.8) the
full amount should be recovered
from the Shatrimdars or, as
Mr. Chase seems to maintain,
the report of his ^{Head} Assistant
that these men are too poor
that I may be allowed to
allot the amount Rupees 1.8.
Yours faithfully
[Signature]

+ vide enclosed
letter sent
under Encl.
ment.

from the allotment for "Agricultural
Repairs" under the special circum-
stances of the case.

I have the honor to be

Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

[Signature] Lieut Col. R.
Superintending Engineer
3rd Division

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From, *Ch. of Govt. Works*
The Superintending Engineer
3rd Division.

To,
The Secretary to Government.
Public Works Department.
Fort Saint George.

No. 202
Dated 22nd October 1870.
Received 24th October 1870.

Enc: 9
Forwarding for order
certain correspondence
regarding some Govt.
money spent under
mistake in repairing
a Sholium Tank in
the village of Anasamudram
Kurnool Dist.

No 202
6th Nov 70 J. S.

N^o 162.

Kurnool District
Head Assistant Collector's Office
Kurnool, 6th October 1870.

From, *S. J. McCarthy Esquire,*
Head Assistant Collector Kurnool.

To, *J. A. N. Chas Esquire,*
Collector of Kurnool.

Sir,
With reference to your job note N^o 341 of the
29th ultimo on letter from the Superintending
Engineer N^o 1212 of the 23rd idem, I beg to state
that I have made enquiries regarding the circum-
stances of the Shrotriendars of Anasamudram.
They are at present very poor and are quite unable
to pay any portion of the amount spent on their
tank by the D. P. W. I think it would be very
hard to expect them to do so. They have hitherto on
2 or 3 occasions gone to heavy expense in repairing
the tank and have spent on the whole about Rs. 1000.
Moreover, to add to their difficulties, the bund of

30th June 1869 *J. M. L.* Collector

village was Sholium or not.

the same tank was breached about a month ago,
on the occasion of a heavy downfall of rain, and
this has caused them considerable loss.

I have &c
(Signed) S. J. McCarthy,
Head Assistant Collector.

(True copy.)

N. Crane
Collector.

No. 436

Thiruvallur
Collector's Office
17th October 1870

Forwarded for the information of the
Superintending Engineer 3rd Division with reference
to his letter No. 1212 dated 23rd August 1870.

N. Crane
Collector.

List of Irrigation Works that have
breached from heavy rains in the District
of Tirumool in the month of June 1869

Taluk.	Name of the Village	Description of Irrigation Works breached.	
Tandikotkur	Sirapuram	1 Tank	8
	Musalamadugur	1 Tank	2
	Atagatur	100	100
	Idrupad	1 Chunta	100
	Singarayupalli	100	100
	Mittamidiilingapuram	100	100
	hamlet of Singarayupalli	100	100
Tandikal	Chilakala	1 Tank	100
	Madamalakur	1 Panna Tank	100
	Gorukallu	1 Padda	100
	Kondajetur	1 Turumundara	100
	Alamur	1 Padda	100
Markapur	Srinivasanundram	1 Tank	100
	Setha Tripuravaram	100	100
	Kondubla	100	100
	Tripurambakam	1 Supply channel of the Tank	100
	Yerragundapalem	100	100
	Gundipad	100	100
	Kadavudu	100	100

Thiruvallur
Collector's Office
As circuit Collector
30th June 1869

N. Crane
Collector

village was Thotilur or not.

No 494. Kuruod Collector's Office,
Circum Patickonda -
30th June 1889

Sir,
J. A. T. Chase Esq.
Collector of Kuruod

The Supply Engineer,
3rd Division,
Bellary.

Sir, I have the honor to bring
to your notice the damages done
to your tanks in this District by the
rains which have lately fallen
in the Mandikottur, Mandial
and Markapur Taluks, a detailed
list of which I enclose and
request you to give instructions
to the Range Officers for their
immediate repairs where possible
and where not possible to send
me plans and estimates for their
repairs.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Yours most obedient servant,
J. Chase
Collector

M.R.

Damage was Thottim or not.

1869

Cumbeem Range Office
Cumbeem
25th August 1869

From, The Taluk Officer in Temporary charge
Cumbeem Range.

To, The Superintending Engineer
3rd Division

Sir,
With reference to the docket No. 1158 dated 9th July 69 accompanied with a list I beg leave to inform that in obedience to Range Officer's order, I had, been to Anasamoodrum & taken immediate steps to close the breach, while commencing the work I was made to understand by the village authority that the tank is a Shroosturum one & it had been once repaired by S. O. R. on application to the Tahsildar he informed me that it ought to be repaired by Shroosturumdar, no sooner this information reached me I put a stop to its repairs. I request you will be good enough to give me further instructions about the matter.

With reference to the above mentioned list Kavelkontha tank was also inspected & reported to be a Dasabeendum one & no stops were taken for its repair by me.

I beg to remain
Sir

Your most obed^t servant
Shubhroodhul Taluk Officer
in Temp^y ch; Cumbeem Range

When reported by the village authority that the tank is a Shroosturum one & it had been once repaired by S. O. R. on application to the Tahsildar he informed me that it ought to be repaired by Shroosturumdar, no sooner this information reached me I put a stop to its repairs. I request you will be good enough to give me further instructions about the matter.

1869 Oct 11

The Collector of

In the District Engineer
3rd Division

Bellary

2nd July 1869

Recd

25th 8 94

(Enclosure 1)

I am sending a list of damaged Shroosturum tanks & requesting that steps may be taken for their early repairs.

25th 8 94

village was Shroosturum or not.

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]

[Handwritten signature or initials, possibly "R. H. H. H. H."]

[Vertical handwritten text:]
 The Assistant Engineer
 Charge of Auburn Range

No 375 Auburn Range Office
 Auburn
 17th February 1901
 From The Assistant Engineer
 In Charge of Auburn Range
 To The Superintending Engineer
 3rd Division

Sir,
 In your despatch No 1158 of 9th July/69 you directed me to repair certain tanks amongst others the Anasamodum tank in despatch No 1751 of 4th September/69 you ordered me to stop repairs in this work and to apply to the Collector for any money that I might have expended in accordance with orders work was at once stopped, and the Head Assistant Collector was applied to for the sum of Rs 48 which was expended in closing breaches. The Head Assistant Collector in his reply No 207 of 16th November/69 observes that the Dyke agree to pay only Rs 200 as they very justly state that the work was not done with their consent, and their objection. I have therefore to request that the balance charged by Dyke and Dykes, at present the transaction appears as an advance

... I have the honor to be
 Sir
 Your most Obedient Servant
 P. F. Leiper
 Assistant Engineer
 in charge of Cumbum Range

19th April 1870
 To the Collector of Cumbum Range
 Cumbum
 Sir,
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th inst. regarding the repairs to the tank at the village of ...
 I have the honor to inform you that the repairs to the tank at the village of ... have been completed and the tank is now in a state to receive water.
 I have the honor to inform you that the repairs to the tank at the village of ... have been completed and the tank is now in a state to receive water.

19th April 1870
 To the Collector of Cumbum Range
 Cumbum
 Sir,
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th inst. regarding the repairs to the tank at the village of ...
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19th April 1870

19314. General Collector's Office
 3rd April 1870
 Sir,
 S. A. S. Chace Esq.
 Collector of Cumbum
 The Officer
 in charge of Cumbum Range
 D. P. W.
 Cumbum

In reply to your letter
 No 399 dated 16th March 1870 -
 requesting Rs 48 to be recovered
 from the Shastriendars of ...
 - Samudram. I have the honor
 to bring to your notice that
 the Shastriendars never called
 on you to receive any repairs.
 These repairs were carried out
 by mistake for which it would
 be unjust to make the Shastri
 dars responsible.

The Shastriendars have
 already spent Rs 135 in repairing
 their tank, to complete which
 will cost them 150 Rs more.
 They are however willing to

pay at the rate of 3. P. 100 and
in the Rupee of the sum
expended by you which will be
like the 100 P. 100. And that
in the proportion they formerly
used to contribute to the Dange
Office towards the expenses of
repair.

3. I have also the honor
to inform you that I have
no power to enforce the pay-
ment of money spent by
mistake by the Dange Office.

4. The Village was certainly
entered in my letter to the Supt
Engineer dated 30 June 1867. 1874
as one in which a tank had
breached but it was supposed
that the estimates were

prepared that it would have
been discovered whether the
Village was Shikaria or not.
The original list sent to
me by the Tahsildar showing
in what Villages tanks had

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breached he should certainly
have brought to notice that
Shikaria was a
Shikaria and not a Shikaria
Village.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
J. Quate
Collector

N^o 399 Cambridge Street, Boston,
Cambridge 25th
16th March 1870. 30

Spec. of Assistant Engineer
J. S. of Cushman Range

To,
The Collector of Customs

1. 2.

I have the honor to enclose an original
 Docket No. 3323 of 24th February 1870 from the
 Superintendent, Engineer regarding certain
 repairs to the Newcascomodeam tank & number
 to observe that a list of works & requiring
 repairs as sent to me in July last sometime
 after the Superintendent Engineer stopped
 repairs on the Newcascomodeam tank giving as
 a reason that the tank was private and not
 Government property. When this letter reached
 me I had already expended Rs 48-0-0 and as
 I am in no way answerable for the accuracy of
 the list and as in repairing the tank in question
 I was only obeying orders. I trust that you will
 either recover the money from the ryots or else
 from the individual who prepared the list.

I have no more to write
 signed R. J. Taylor Esq. Lt. Col.
 Resident Engineer

Individuals who
I signed P. J. Taylor Leconte
Assistant Engineer

was *Shetland* or not.

10/10/10

1878 Oct 10
 Dear Mr. [unclear]
 I have the honor
 to acknowledge the
 receipt of your letter
 of the 12th inst.
 and in reply to inform
 you that the same
 has been forwarded
 to the proper
 authorities for their
 consideration.
 Very respectfully,
 [Signature]

True copy,
 F. K. Mason
 Pub. Engineer

MM 4273/7

(No. 4)

(156) Cumberland Range Office
 Cumberland 13 August 1870

The Chief Engineer in charge
 of Cumberland Range,
 The Superintendent Engineer
 of the Division

Referring to your letter marginally
 noted and the enclosed correspondence regarding the mistake
 made in referring the Amasamodene Hunt to the
 State.

1st I am very anxious that this account should
 be adjusted without further delay.

2nd If the matter be referred to Government there is little
 doubt but it will be decided that the error of the mistake
 rests not with this but with the Revenue Department. The
 Revenue Department should not wish this; its Officers
 in the lower grades are local collectors, and answers are
 for the most part, Madras men, and cannot be expected to,
 understand all the distinctions in local Revenue matters.

3rd Lieutenant Taylor before giving over Charge, proposed
 to me to accept the Division offered by Mr. Taylor, namely,
 1st Paper Mine, and to remove in the first instance, the balance
 from Amasamodene Hunt, and to send the ward
 and adjutant from him (Lieut. Taylor) through his agent
 of Madras, should the Amasamodene be brought back, with

Madras was shot in or not

with the Auditor. I object to recover the money from
Lieut. Taylor for two reasons; first, Lieut. Taylor had no
way of finding out the mistake, except through the Auditor
therefore the Auditor is to blame if any one belonging to the
Department is; Second, Lieut. Taylor's Agents would not
pay the money till they heard from Lieut. Taylor, which
would take three months, and I am anxious, as I said
before, to have the matter adjusted, without delay.

4th I trust that you may be able to point out some
way of settling the matter that may appear to you most con-
venient, without touching the pocket of the Officer's Account.

5th I beg to have the matter in your hand.

I have the honor to be

Yours most obedient servant

F. K. [Signature]
Lieut. Taylor
of [Signature]

Copy of a letter from the Superintending
Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Collector of
Munroo, dated, 23rd August 1870
No 1212.

From
The Officer in charge of
Lumber Range
To
The Super Engineer
3rd Division
MW 4253/70.
Date 213th

Recd 18th August 1870
No 156 of 1870/71
Informs regarding the
mistake made in repairing
the Amasamoodrum
Sank and request to point
out the way of settling
the matter.

With reference to your letter
No 304 of 9th April 1870, to the
officer in charge of the Lumbini
Range, I have the honor to observe
that, though the Shotrimdars of
Amasamoodrum did not
call on this Department to execute
any repairs to this tank, you did
in your letter No 494 of 30th June 1869
where you say "request you to give
instructions for their immediate
repairs where possible. But for
this request of yours to do emergent
work, nothing would have been
done until the estimates had
been prepared and sanctioned,
when as you say in para 1, it would
have been discovered whether the
village was Shotrim or not."

In the latter part of your letter you admit that the mistake was occasioned by the Tahsildar's neglect who should, I consider, be made to pay the difference, if you cannot recover it from the Shrivardars

Enclosure

W. H. B. Esq. Supt. Engr.
3rd Div.

10/10/23/70

Enclosure to Letter 10/10/23/70 dated 22 October 1902

Copy of letter to the Tahsildar dated 23rd August 1891 from the Superintendent Engrs 3rd Division, regarding the repairs to the Shrivardars' tanks in the Annasammoodham in the Tirunelveli Dist.

Public Works Department
No. 2785/5-5-100
Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 16th November 1902
Read the following

From The Superintending Engineer
3rd Division } H.E. No. 202 of 22nd October 1902

Under the circumstances brought to notice in the correspondence transmitted by the Superintending Engineer 3rd Div., the Govt. sanction the charge to Repairs Agricultural of the sum Rs. 48 expended by mistake on the Shrivardars' Tank of Annasammoodham in the Tirunelveli Dist. but it must be observed that the mistake was

by 29/10/70.

The first of these is the
 fact that the system is
 not self-sufficient. It
 is dependent on the
 government for the
 money to run it. This
 is a serious flaw in
 the system. It means
 that the system is
 not truly independent
 and that it is subject
 to the whims of the
 government. This is a
 major weakness of the
 system.

The S. Eng. 3rd gn
 Civil Serv
 Rev Sept
 Ch. Engng for Investigation
 Dec 18/11/70

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Oct. of 1870 Madras.

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Superintending Engineer
and Civilian

Date

Recd.

G. O. 16 Nov 1870 No. 2755.

Nos. 302 & 303

Shatruem tank. The charge to
Repairs Agricultural of the
sum of Rs 48 expended by
mistake on the Shatruem
tank of Amiasamudram
in the Kurnool District,
sanctioned with remarks.