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Government of Madras.

Public Works **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 206. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 29th October 1872, No. 3,400 :—

Read the following letter from the Officiating Quarter Master General, to the Officiating Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort St. George, 28th October 1872, No. 673—8,115.

I HAVE the honour, by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to forward for submission to Government a letter in original, No. 323, dated 17th instant, from the Officer Commanding Vellore, bringing to notice that the recent heavy rains have caused large quantities of water to flow through the Cantonment, creating much anxiety and dismay among their inhabitants, who fear a repetition of the disasters of May last.

2. The circumstances are such as, in the opinion of Sir F. P. Haines, to require immediate attention, and he would recommend that a competent officer of the Public Works Department be deputed to inspect the locality as early as possible, and to take such means as may be necessary to divert the storm waters into a safe channel and secure the Cantonment from the danger of inundation.

3. The Officer Commanding Centre District has, in the meantime, informed the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, of the apprehensions of the inhabitants of Vellore, with the view to his immediate attention being directed to the subject.

COMMUNICATED to the Public Works Department for the early issue of the necessary orders.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. C. SILVER, Colonel,
Offg. Secretary to Government, M. D.

No. 207. ORDER THEREON, 10th December 1872, No. 2,917.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 8.

IN his Minute recorded with Military Department Order No. 1,551 of 10th May, the Honourable Mr. Ellis brought prominently to the notice of Government the necessity for an early decision of the question of maintaining or abandoning the tanks above Vellore, the breaching of which led to the disaster of the 2nd May.

2. The above Minute was communicated for report with Public Works Order No. 160 of 18th May, to the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division, who had already, under date the 14th May, stated as follows regarding the tanks, namely,—

The Veroopatchee and Allapooram Tanks receive the drainage of a considerable tract of country to the south. Their beds appear to be much silted, the calingulahs and channels below them insufficient to discharge any extraordinary fall of rain; the bridges on the various roads also are too small.

3. In his letter No. 737 of 20th May, replying to the G. O. last noted, the Superintending Engineer reported that, with the Collector's concurrence, he

proposed to defer the repair of the tanks till they could more fully discuss the subject. And that all the channels by which the water from the neighbouring hills is conveyed through or round the town to the Palar are much choked and require examination.

4. In a letter No. 1,548 of 13th July, he reported generally on the subject of the channels through the town and Cantonment; and stated his opinion that the repair of the tanks should be deferred till the subject could be more carefully studied, and he proposed that the tank-beds should be let for dry cultivation for four years.

5. The remodelling of the town drainage will be taken in hand by the Municipality, whose attention has been called to the subject in G. O., No. 1,536, of 19th November. But it appears to His Excellency the Governor in Council that the question of the restoration of the tanks has been too indefinitely postponed. He desires, therefore, that it shall be at once taken up by the District Engineer of North Arcot; and the Chief Engineer for Irrigation will likewise give his personal attention to the subject and see that it is not suffered to remain longer in abeyance.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, North Arcot.
,, Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
,, Financial Department.
,, Military do., with one Enclosure.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 3400.

Proceedings of the Madras Government,
29th October 187 .

Read the following Paper:—

Quarter Master General's Office,
Fort St. George, 28th October 72.

No. 673
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Colonel A. C. Silver
Offg. Secretary to Government
Military Department

Sir,

I have the honor, by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to forward, for submission to Government, a letter in original No. 323 dated 17th instant, from the Officer Commanding Vellore, bringing to notice that the recent heavy rains have caused large quantities of water to flow through the Cantonment, creating much anxiety and alarm among the inhabitants who fear a repetition of the disasters of May last.

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2. The circumstances are such as, in the opinion of Lieut P. Haines, to require immediate attention, and he would recommend that a competent Officer of the Public Works Department, be deputed to inspect the locality as early as possible, and to take such means as may be necessary to divert the storm waters into a safe channel and secure the Cantonment from the danger of inundation.

3. The Officer Commanding Centre district has, in the mean time, informed the Superintending Engineer 4th Division of the apprehensions of the inhabitants of Tillay with the view to his immediate attention being directed to the subject.

I have &c.
(Signed) H. O'Connell, Colonel.
Offg Quarter Master General.

Order.——Communicated to the Public Works Department, for the early issue of the necessary orders.

(True Extract)

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Offg: Sec: to Government

To The Public Works Department

With one original Enclosure (to be returned)

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No. 5370.
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The above Minute was communicated for report with Public Works Order No. 160 of 18th Inst. to the Supt. Engineer 4th Division, who had already under date the 14th May stated as follows regarding the Santhia vez

The Veranpatchee and Allapooram Sauks receive the drainage of a considerable tract of country to the South. Their beds appear to be much silted the Calingubahs and channels below them insufficient to discharge any extraordinary fall of rain; the bridges over the various roads also are too small.

In his letter No. 434 of 20th May replying to the G.O. last noted the Supt. Engineer reported that with the Collectors concurrence he proposed to defer the repair of the tanks till they could more fully discuss the subject. And that all the channels by which the water from the neighbouring hills is conveyed through or round the town to the Palar are much choked and require

examination.

Your letter No. 1548 of 13th July has reported generally on the subject of the channels through the Sowar and Cantonment, and stated his opinion that the repair of the Sauks should be deferred till the subject could be more carefully studied and he proposed that the Sauk beds should be let for dry cultivation for four years.

The remodelling of the town drainage will be taken in hand by the Municipality as soon as attention has been called to the subject vide G.O. No. 1536 of 19th November.

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To The Dt. Engineer North Arcot
5 " Chief Engr. for Irrign.
" Legl. Department
1 " Mily. Dept. with one Enclosure.
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PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The Executive Engineer

North Arcot

Dated

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From 16th Dec. No. 2917.

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Vellore Cantonment.

Passing orders on Proc. in two Mily. Dept. communicating letters regarding the measures that should be adopted to prevent the inundation of the Cantonment of Vellore.

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