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Read the following papers :—

No. 214. From W. FRASER, Esq., C.E., District Engineer, Kurnool, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Kurnool, 29th August 1873, No. 583.

In forwarding plan, estimate, and report for the reconstruction of the sluice at Rangareddi tank, and the closing of the breach, I have the honour to make the following remarks.

- 1 Plan.
- 1 Estimate.
- 1 Report.

2. The tank, which is in Cumbum Taluq, was breached in August 1872 at the site of its only sluice.

3. The Superintending Engineer authorized the sluice to be rebuilt and the breach closed in anticipation of sanction. This was in August 1872. A ring bund was constructed and a small quantity of materials collected up to 22nd March 1873, when I saw the work. No proper plans nor estimates had then been prepared. I gave directions to the Range Officer and Overseer on the ground what to do. I could get nothing from the Overseer until near the end of May, and it was not until the 20th of June that, seeing he could not carry out my instructions, I took the papers out of his hands. The Range Officer was too much upset to do anything.

4. The District Draughtsman proved to be nearly as bad as the Overseer, and for his delay in completing the plans, etc., I had, after repeated warnings, to stop one week's pay from him in last month.

5. I was suffering very severely from guinea-worm, or I would have done the work myself; and the Draughtsman got fever on the 8th instant at Nundial and has not yet returned to work.

6. These are the reasons why the plans, etc., have not been sent up ere this.

7. The work is under construction. An estimate for some petty repairs will be sent to the Collector for sanction.

P. S.—I should have stated above that there are no Draughtsmen in the ranges. The only one in the district is the one in my office, and when he gets sick we come to a stand-still.

No. 668.

No. 214A. *Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.*

THE estimate, Rupees 2,330, for a sluice for the Rangareddi tank bund in the Cumbum Range is high compared with the revenue, which is only 1,439 Rupees, and it would seem from the section on the line C D of the breach, which shows stiff clay for several feet above the kunkur, and from paragraph 3 of the report, which shows that the sill of the sluice may be placed much higher than that of the old sluice, that by placing the sluice more to the south some feet in depth of substructure might have been saved. However, the District Engineer himself inspected the tank in March last, and decided upon the arrangements.

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MEMORANDUM.

Requested for reference the under-mentioned papers :—

- 1 { 4 Copies of L. O. R. 1754 of 30 June 1874 with
2 Copies of the Enclosure referred to therein.
- 2 { Plan, Estimate and Report referred to in
L. O. R. 2515-15 October 1873.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER
FOR IRRIGATION,

14-7-1874.

J. M. Hunt

Head Clerk.

To

The Registrar of the

Port of the

N 668.

Note by the Chief Engineer for Brigade

The estimate, Rupees 1330 for a sluice for the Rungareddy Tank bund in the Kambam Range is high compared with the Revenue, which is only 1439 Rupees, and it would seem from the section on the line C.D. of the breach, which shows stiff clay for several feet above the Kumbur, and from para 3 of the report, which shows that the sill of the sluice may be placed much higher than that of the old sluice, that by placing the sluice more to the South, some feet in depth of substructure might have been saved. However the District Engineer himself inspected

inspected the Tank in March last, and decided upon the arrangements.

2. It will be observed that the Tank breached more than a year ago, and the Superintending Engineer of the late 3rd Division authorized the reconstruction of the sluice & the closing of the breach, but the Raup establishment appears to be quite inefficient, and the estimate has only just been received.

3. The work may be sanctioned for execution from the minor new works allotment, and under recent instructions from the

Government of India, it should, I think, be a charge against Revenue.

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Chief Engineer for Irrigation

To The Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

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