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From R. E. NORFOR, Esq., District Engineer, South Arcot, to Lieutenant-Colonel  
J. MULLINS, R.E., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Cuddalore,  
15th April 1874, No. 11.

2. In July 1870, Mr. Hawksworth appears to have submitted an estimate for Rupees 700 under Repairs Agricultural for the restoration of this ruined anicut, situated on the Vasadavanur River in the Kullacurchi Taluq, and for cutting a channel therefrom to Selliampolleri fields; in submitting this estimate among others Mr. Hawksworth reports having put this particular work in hand in anticipation of sanction, but it would appear from the records that he was at once ordered to stop the work in No. 266 of 3rd August 1870; whether these instructions were disregarded or not I am not prepared to say, at any rate in No. 330 of the 26th November 1870, Mr. Hawksworth reports the completion of the work by the ryots, and states that the work was commenced in July and completed before the monsoon set in in 1870, the ryots agreeing to await payment till estimate was duly sanctioned.

4. The ryots who executed the work claim payment, and from a return of revenue derived from the work since its completion, just received from the Sub-Collector, it seems that the Government have already got a total revenue from it of Rupees 512-14-3 as follows:—

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In a letter No. 226, of the 21st January 1871, the late Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, submitted for sanction two estimates for the restoration of ruined

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irrigation works in the Kullacurchi Taluq of South Arcot. The information forwarded was extremely defective and they were returned.

2. It now appears from the letter No. 11, of the 15th instant, that one of these works, viz., the restoration of Selliampolliem Anicut, had actually been carried out under instructions from the then Range Officer, Mr. Hawksworth, some months before the Superintending Engineer's letter was written, though no intimation of the fact was then given. Now nearly three years afterwards it is stated that the villagers who carried out the work claim payment, and it would appear also that the work done has either not been measured, or the measurement has never been sent in to the District Engineer.

3. It is far from satisfactory that such irregularities should have been committed, and on the receipt of the report from Mr. Hawksworth, dated 26th November 1870, that the work, notwithstanding the prohibition, dated 23rd August 1870, No. 266, against its being gone on with, had been ~~completed~~ <sup>arrangements</sup> for settling the claims of the villagers should have been made.

4. Mr. Norfor reports that from 1870-71 to 1873-74 Rupees 513 have been obtained as revenue from the anicut, and the sanction of the estimate as a Minor New Work is therefore recommended. The District Engineer should take care that the anicut is safe and efficient, and not in danger of being turned or otherwise damaged.

(Signed) J. MULLINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,  
Chief Engineer for Irrigation

No. 401.

ORDER THEREON, 19th May 1874, No. 1,338.

IRRIGATION, No. 30.

The estimate, amounting to Rs. 700, for restoring the Selliampolliem Anicut in the Kullacurchi Taluq of the South Arcot District, is sanctioned as a Minor New Work under Agricultural, in order that the claims of the villagers who carried out the restoration in 1870, under instructions from Mr. Hawksworth, the then Range Officer, may be adjusted.

2. The circumstances brought to notice in the correspondence show that irregularities which called for the immediate notice of the late Superintending Engineer were overlooked, and the length of time that has elapsed, since the work was done, without a report being made, says little for the administration of the business of the department in the South Arcot District.

(True Extract.)

Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,  
Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.  
" District Engineer, South Arcot.  
" Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.  
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April 1874

Wm. L. Smith (S. P. E.)

Chief Engineer for Irrigation

To

The Secretary to Government.

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Recd the following:-

From the Chief Engineer for  
Irrigation } (H.O. dated 27 April 1874)

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of Irrigation No: 2072.

The Chief Engineer  
for Irrigation

Dated 27 April 1874  
Received 21 May 1874.

Encl. 1.

Submitting  
a letter from the  
Chief Engineer for  
Irrigation  
to the Secretary  
to the Government  
of Madras  
above by report in  
the district.

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To the Chief Engineer for  
Irrigation

5 - Distt. Engt. South Arizot

5 - Controller of P.W. Accounts

Recd. despatch to att 27/5/74

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Nos. 403-404.

William poller Ancient

Estimate amounting to  
\$2700 for restoring the  
William poller Ancient  
in the Pulla Kuroby  
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of the same with remarks.