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13th June 1874.*

No. 246. Read the following letter from Captain H. BAILEY, Officiating District Engineer, Salem, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Camp at Karipatty, 5th May 1874,
No. 28:—

As ordered in G. O., No. 1,031-C, dated 21st April 1874, I have the honour to submit the following report on the work executed at Tooloocanoor, and at the same time beg to forward a rough sketch showing the position of the different works, as it will make the report more easily understood.

1 Rough sketch.

2. The first anicut appears to have been built at the site marked B on the sketch, the supply channel running as shown by B, C, H.

This having been breached, a new one was constructed at A to catch the water of the two upper streams, and a new head-cut to the supply channel from A to C.

3. The new anicut appears to have caught more water than the supply channel and surplus calingulah to it could carry off, the result being that a breach occurred at D.

4. Although the channel was breached, the ryots used to be able to get some water, until a few years ago when an unusually heavy flood enlarged the breach at D and made others at C and F, since which time they have been able to get scarcely any.

5. After the upper anicut and channel had failed, a new anicut was constructed at G, but the supply channel being too small it was unable to fill the tank; and the ryots not seeing that the water was quite as available at the lower as at the upper anicut, seem to have got the Overseer to give them the takeed to close the breaches.

6. He, however, did not take the trouble to show them what was to be done, they therefore carried out the work just as they liked themselves.

7. The work they have done is as follows:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Closing the breach at C by a bund and rough stone revetment, 683 cubic yards of earth-work, at 1 Anna per cubic yard	42	11	10
75 Cubic yards of rough stone, at 12 Annas per cubic yard	56	4	0
Making an anicut across the breach at D, 348½ cubic yards of rough stone, at 12 Annas per cubic yard	261	8	0
Widening the supply channel and forming a bund from D to F, and closing the breach at F, 985 cubic yards of earth-work, at 1 Anna per yard	61	9	0
21½ Do. do. small rough stone, at 12 Annas per do.	4	0	0
Total value of work at upper anicut	426	0	0

Raising part of the lower anicut, 138½ cubic yards of rough stone, at 12 Annas per cubic yard	104	0	0
Total value of work...	530	0	0

8. To complete the work at the upper anicut, the revetment at C would have to be raised and the bund properly formed, the anicut at D widened and wing walls given, a regulating calingulah put across the head of the supply channel and the bund from D to F properly formed and revetted with stone.

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9. This I cannot recommend; all that would be gained by it would be that the supply channel from G need not be enlarged, and the remainder of the anicut raised; but against this there would be the disadvantage of having to keep at A, D and G, and two supply channels would be kept in place instead of one anicut and its supply channel.

10. The lower anicut could not be given up even if the others were put all right, as the supply of water from it is much the most certain.

11. For the work executed at the lower anicut, I cannot find that the ryots had any authority, the Overseer's takeed being merely to close the breaches; but as it forms part of the work which, I think, should be carried out, I beg to recommend that Government will sanction its being paid for.

12. Government will perceive that as I suggest that the work at the upper anicut should be abandoned, a loss of Rupees 426 will be incurred.

13. I have been unable to obtain any explanation from the Overseer as he tendered his resignation, and on Overseer Arbuthnot being sent to relieve him, left the district without handing over the whole of his tools or settling the accounts of the works in progress.

14. An estimate for raising the remainder of the lower anicut and enlarging the supply channel will be forwarded as soon as it can be prepared.

No. 247. ORDER THEREON, 13th June 1874, No. 1,562.

IRRIGATION, No. 25.

THE payment to the Contractors or Ryots of the amount, Rupees 530, reported to be due to them on account

of work done in connection with the Toolookanoor tank is sanctioned.

2. Overseer Ramasawmy Pillay very improperly authorized a great deal of the work to be done and his suspension was ordered pending an investigation of his proceedings. He is now reported to have tendered his resignation and left the Salem District without properly making over charge. His resignation will be accepted and his name removed from the service, and any salary and allowances due to him will be credited to Government.

3. Instructions regarding the works to be maintained and abandoned will be given by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" District Engineer, Salem.
" Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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No. 252E. Read the following letter from Major J. N. HUNTER, R.E., District Engineer, Salem, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Yercaud, 23rd March 1874, No. 178:—

WITH reference to your endorsement, No. 655, dated 10th March 1874, on a petition (herewith returned) from certain

1 Petition returned, and
2 Copies of letters.

Contractors of Toolookanoor Anicut in the Ahtoor Taluq, I have the honour to

report that a similar petition was addressed to me which I referred to the Assistant Engineer, Salem Range, for report. I send herewith a copy of that officer's report and a copy of my order thereon, from which you will observe that the money claimed by the petitioners cannot be paid to them, as neither the estimate for the repairs of the anicut in question has been submitted nor sanction obtained. Overseer Ramasawmy Pillay is solely responsible for the amount due to them.

From G. J. TURNER, Esq., Assistant Engineer, Salem Range, to Major J. N. HUNTER, R.E., District Engineer, Salem, dated Camp at Salem, 18th February 1874, No. 744.

In reply to your endorsement No. 839, of 6th instant, on petition from Soobaraya Pundaram and Nalloo Naiken, Contractors of Ahtoor, I have the honour to inform you that the takeed from Overseer Ramasawmy referred to was written without any authority to commence the work before an estimate had been sanctioned or even submitted, and after I had given express orders to the Overseer to stop the practice of commencing so-called emergent works without estimate and sanction. It is now impossible to tell whether any intimation to this Office that he had ordered the Overseer carefully abstained from giving any estimate, I do not see how the Contractors can be work to be done, and has not yet submitted an estimate, I do not see how the Contractors can be paid by anybody but the Overseer. From his takeed, dated 11th October of last year, it appears that he inspected the work in company with the Tahsildar, but he makes no mention of this in his Inspection Report for that month.

No. 252F. ORDER THEREON, 21st April 1874, No. 1,031C.

IRRIGATION, No. 10B.

THE Government do not understand why, as stated in Mr. G. J. Turner's letter, it should be impracticable to

ascertain what work was done to the Toolookanoor Anicut so recently as in October last. The case is one which calls for prompt action on the part of the District Engineer, and he should at once arrange for having the work examined in presence of the Contractors and of Overseer Ramasawmy Pillay, after which a report of the value of the work done, together with the Overseer's explanations of his conduct, should be submitted for orders.

2. The suspension of the Overseer pending the result of the investigation is directed.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. MULLINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" District Engineer, Salem.

Controller of P.W.A.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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MEMORANDUM.

REQUESTED for reference the under-mentioned papers :—

1. *Sl. No. 2162-12 Decr/73 (86) put up with the Ch. Eng^r note 9/5 May/74*
referred to in 86 No. 1381 B - 22 May/74
2. *{ 86 No. 236-25 Mar. 74 sent with the ^{letter from} S. B. Jodhar up and referred to*
in 86 No. 1530-15 June/74
3. *Estimate of Ellora Canal sanitation in 86 No. 895-30 Mar. 74*
{ put up with a letter from the S. B. Kistner referred to in 86 No. 1536.
11 June/74
4. *{ 86 No. 1031 C 731 April/74, in connection with 86 No. 879*
{ Rough sketch sent with 86 No. 879 5 May/74, —————
1562-13 June/74

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER
FOR IRRIGATION,

1-7-1874

D. M. H. M. V. S.
Head Clerk.

To

The Registrar of the *P. D. Sec^t*

5650
N^o 28 - District Engineer's Office,
Camp Karipatty 5th May 1874.

From The Offg. District Engineer,
Salem.

To The Chief Engineer for Irrigation,
Madras.

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75 C. yds. of rough stone at 12 as per cysd. 56-4-0

Making an Anicut across the breach at D

348 2/3 C. yds. of rough stone at 12 as per cysd. Rs. 261-8-0

Widening the supply channel & forming a bund

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Yours most Obedt. Servant.
R. Mailey Captain
Offg. District Engineer

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From the Offs of Engr (H.S. No. 28-2/5 May 1874)
Salem

The payment to the contractors or pay to of the amount Rs 530 reported to be due to them on account of work done in connection with the Solasanoor tank is sanctioned.

Overseer Ramasawmy Pillay very improperly authorized a great deal of the work

E. H. Wickham Esq
District Engineer
Salem
28-3-83

To the Engr Engineers
for inspection.

Dated 5th May 1874
Recd: 9th June 1874
Recd: 1st June 1874
21/6/84
No. 1562. 11-6-74.

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C.M.W.

To the Chief Engr for Dist. ✓
" D. C. Salem ✓
" Controller ✓
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May 16/5/74

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Govt. of 1874 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The Engineer for
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Date

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G. O. 13th June 1874, No. 1562

Nos. 246-247.

Toolucanoor Tank -
Salem Dt

The payment of Rs 530 to the
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