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No. 511A. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Ootacamund, 27th July 1874, No. 539-D:—

From Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Chingleput, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Guindy, 23rd July 1874, No. 1,372.

In reply to G. O., No. 1,904, of 15th instant, I have the honor to report that delay in submitting estimates has been caused principally by the difficulty of making them complete. The banks are in many cases considerably overgrown, so that the Overseers cannot take any sections, and the sluices, which are said to require repair, are not visible. The villagers promise most readily, and even eagerly, to clear away the bushes, and to open up the sluices, and even name dates by which they will have all ready, but have not in a single instance fulfilled their promise.

2. My correspondence with the Collector on the subject has been very considerable. He is not clear as to his power to enforce any action by the villagers, and has applied to the Board of Revenue for general instructions, and brought one instance to special notice, but as yet no reply has been received.

3. The instance I have mentioned is of Tinnanore tank. It belongs partly to Government, partly to a Jaghiredar whose share of acreage is about $\frac{1}{4}$ ths of the whole area. Several estimates for the repairs of its bank, acknowledged by all to be in bad order, have been prepared, but the Jaghiredar has complained of every one, and refused to pay his share. An estimate prepared under my instructions met with better acceptance; but the Jaghiredar insisted that the Collector was bound to compel the villagers to clear the bank of bushes which it was estimated would cost Rupees 1,253.

4. The subject was referred to the Board of Revenue by the Collector on 14th April. The Board had just resolved, 2nd June, on submitting the subject for the consideration of the Government Pleader when the Jaghiredar died, and the Collector has been called on to inquire if the executors will not come to terms.

5. I imagine the subject is discussed largely in the district, and it appears to me very ill-advised for me to concede the point by estimating for repairs till it is settled, and this last I have no power to do. If the Government think otherwise, estimates may be prepared immediately.

6. I may say that I have seen the Collector again after receiving this order, and that he proposes to repeat his orders issued to the Tahsildars as to clearing banks, and to insist on specific refusals (which I must point out have never been received) and with refusals the grounds for such.

7. Other delay has been caused by my having to return nearly every estimate which I have received for want of complete information as required in your Circulars, etc.

8. We have been in such an exceptional condition during the last two years, owing to the unusual rains of 1872-73, and again of this year, that it has been difficult to teach Overseers to prepare their papers properly. I cannot but think that in over-ruling my dismissal of Taluq Overseer Veeraragavalu Naidu for

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21st August 1874.

flagrantly incorrect estimates, the Government have weakened my authority very seriously, and made me appear unnecessarily strict in my remarks as to incorrectness of estimates.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government. G. O., of the 21st July 1874, No. 2,353, has settled the question to which the greater part of the District Engineer's letter refers, and he and other District Engineers will be able to arrange for all such clearances of tank bunds and other irrigation works as may be necessary to enable them to be properly repaired.

2. With so much to be done in the way of Agricultural repairs, it is thought that, notwithstanding the difficulties which interfered with work on many tanks, a good deal ought to have been accomplished in the first month of the year.

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

No. 512.

ORDER THEREON, 21st August 1874, No. 2,354.

IRRIGATION, No. 47.

ORDERED to be recorded, pending the report which appears likely to be received through the Board of Revenue on the general subject.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation. ✓
" Superintending Engineer, Chingleput.
" Revenue Dept

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No 1372

Chingleput Dist. Eng's Office
Guindy 23rd July 1874

From,

The District Engineer
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To,

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Your most obedient servant
G. H. S. by Col. R. E.
District Eng. Chingpat

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From the District Engineer
The District Engineer for
Chingpat of Sanku

To the Chief Engineer for
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Dated 23rd July/74
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Chief Engineer for Irrigation
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From

The Chief Eng.
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Dated 27th July 1874.
Recd. 5th August
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No. 539D.

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