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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th October 1874.

No. 363. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th September 1874, No. 2,554:—

ABSTRACT.—*Bellary Range Officer's Progress Report*—for May and June 1872.—Explanation of District Engineer in regard to statement of Deputy Collector in charge of Harpanhally Division that certain sums had been entered in — as having been expended in particular months on repairs to certain tanks when no repairs had been in reality effected, submitted to Government with remark that Board consider explanation unsatisfactory and agree with Collector in considering it inexpedient to make further inquiries in the matter.

No. 364. ORDER THEREON, 15th October 1874, No. 2,944.

IRRIGATION, No. 30.

ORDERED to be recorded. The Government concur with the Board.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, Bellary.
,, Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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No. 2,554.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 10th September 1874.

Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 13th August 1874, No. 292:—

WITH reference to the Proceedings of the Board, Miscellaneous, No. 6,406, dated the 25th September 1873, and to their reminder in Memorandum No. 1,030 of the 9th ultimo, I have the honor to report the result of the enquiries made.

2. The statement of the Deputy Collector in charge of the Harpanhally Division, was that certain sums had been entered in the Range Officer's Progress Report as having been expended in particular months on the repairs to certain tanks, when no repairs had been in reality effected.

3. I addressed the District Engineer on the 3rd July 1873, but received no reply till the other day.

4. I enclose copies of his letters: he states that with regard to one of the tanks referred to, the expenditure entered in the Progress Report for May and June 1872 was for work done *previous to April* 1872, and with regard to another that the Range Officer has actually inspected and measured work done two years ago, which the Deputy Collector reported had never been done in the months to which the expenditure as entered in the Progress Reports referred.

5. I do not myself consider the explanation as altogether satisfactory, but as so long a time has elapsed, and as many of the officers in the Public Works Department, who had anything to do with the matter have been changed, I do not think there would be any advantage in pursuing the enquiries further.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Colonel E. A. FORD, R. E., District Engineer, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated 16th June 1874, No. 348.

WITH reference to your letter, No. 953, dated 13th June 1874, I have the honor to inform you, that the Range Officer has not yet had an opportunity of inspecting the taluqs about which certain discrepancies in the statements of work done were noticed by the Deputy Collector in charge of Harpanhally Division. A definite report on the subject cannot be made until the tanks have been examined by the Range Officer.

2. The following information is however gathered from the Overseer's report and the Range Officer's remarks thereon:—

3. SANSVOLAVADA TANK.—The payment of Rupees 132 appears to have been made in the Range Office on the bills submitted by the Overseer then in charge of the Kudlighee Taluq.

4. TUMMERGOODY AND JIGGINHULLY TANKS.—The expenditure of Rupees 40-14-8 was incurred in closing the breach which occurred on the 7th June 1872.

5. BELLADAVEE TANK.—The Overseer is in a position to point out the repairs carried out to this tank during September, November and December 1872.

From the same Officer, dated 5th August 1874, No. 681.

WITH reference to your letter, No. 1,172, dated 16th July 1874, I have the honor to report as follows:—

2. SANSVOLAVADA TANK*.—The Range Officer reports after personal inspection on the 22nd July 1874, that the payment of Rupees 132 charged in the Progress Reports for May and June 1872 against this work, is on account of repairs carried out previous and not subsequent to April 1872. The water in the tank is not now going out.

* Paragraph 4 of Deputy-Collector's letter, No. 187, dated 28th June 1873.

3. BELLADAVEN TANK*.—The Deputy Collector reported that no repairs were carried out to the tank subsequent to August 1872, although the Progress Reports for September, November and December 1872 showed an expenditure of Rupees 152. The Range Officer from personal inspection and measurement now values the repairs, to which the above expenditure referred at Rupees 124-2-0, although they were done some two years ago. The repairs consisted of carting and spreading gravel to the different portions of the bund.

* Paragraph 10 of Deputy Collector's letter, No. 187, dated 28th June 1873.

4. TUMMERGOODY AND JIGGINHULLY TANKS†.—The expenditure of Rupees 40-14-8 incurred on this work was on account of closing the breach which occurred on the 7th June 1872.

† Paragraph 6 of Deputy Collector's letter.

5. With reference to paragraph 8 of Deputy Collector's letter, I have to state that he is at liberty to correspond with the Range Officer on matters connected with the Public Works.

6. I request that a list of Irrigation works in need of repair may be furnished to this office before the end of each official year, in order that the requirements may, as far as possible, be attended to early in the following year.

7. The subject of maintaining the irrigation works in efficient state of repair, is engaging the attention of the Range Officers, and much improvement in this direction may be seen ere long.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. H. MASTER,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government, with reference to paragraph 6 of G. O., dated 16th September 1873, No. 2,278, Public Works Department.

2. The Board consider the explanation very far from satisfactory, but they agree with the Collector's remarks in paragraph 4 of his letter and consider the length of time which has elapsed and the changes which have during that period taken place among those officers of the Public Works Department who were concerned in the matter, render further enquiries inexpedient.

(True Copies and Extract.)

To the Secretary to Government, P. W. D.
Copy to the Collector of Bellary.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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Board of Revenue
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 10TH SEPTEMBER 1874, No. 2,554.

Bellary Range Officer's Progress, Report—for May and June 1872.—Explanation of District Engineer in regard to statement of Deputy Collector in charge of Harpanhally Division that certain sums had been entered in—as having been expended in particular months on repairs to certain tanks when no repairs had been in reality effected, submitted to Government with remark that Board consider explanation unsatisfactory and agree with Collector in considering it inexpedient to make further enquiries in the matter.

Received 15th September 1874.

Dispatched 16th September 1874.
Encl.

P. W. D.

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Read the following

Pro: of the Bd. of Rev: dated 10th Septr. 1874
No. 2554

Ordered to be recorded.

Here is no reason why these explanations should not be accepted as satisfactory in the absence of proof to the contrary - The Deputy Collector's object would have been obtained more effectually by personal inspection, and inquiry of the Range Officer at a much earlier date than that of his report to the Collector - It is quite credible that payments for work done at the close

It would be more correct to say that the Govt. concur with the Board:

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Should the explanation is not be satisfactory - and not from a Govt. point of view the action of the Dy. Collr. is wholesome and such as should be upheld by a Govt. in the sense of this Dept.

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close of one season were made at the beginning of the next, when funds became available; and that the gravelling to a Sauk bund was done long after the more immediate repairs necessary before the monsoon. Where suspicion of wrong doing exists, it is the duty of those officers who consider it well grounded to take steps for ascertaining the real facts of the case before reporting to Govt. on the subject. The contrary practice leads to nothing but departmental recriminations, which should be avoided.

Govt.

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R. J. 20/1/74.

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Govt. of 1874 Madras.

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To

Mr Supdg. Engr
Bellary

Dated

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G. O. 15 Oct 1874. No. 2944

Nos. 363-364.

Progress Report of the Bellary
Range Officer for May & June/74

Prov. of the Bd of Rev. agreeing with
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to make further enquiries in
connection with certain sums
entered in the — as having been
expended on the repairs of certain
tanks when in reality no repairs
had been effected ordered to be
recorded with remarks.