

(1) Number of pages_____

(2) Date of repair_____

(3) Initials of the Referencer_____

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE

Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.	143	Press
B.P. No.		Mis.
Dated	28-1-	1955

Not to be folded or roughly handled

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
18th January 1875.*

No. 301. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Suramungalam, 7th December 1874, No 1,015 —

From Major J. BEATTY, R E, District Engineer, Godavery, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R E, Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Dowlaishweram, 25th November 1874, No 2,691.

WITH reference to the Under Secretary's docket, No 848, of 30th ultimo, on G. O., No. 189, of 25th September 1874, regarding extracts from certain Telugu newspapers, I have the honor to report as follows —

I.—The statement of the Editor of the *Sudhi Ranjani*, that the Cocanada canal was under repair for ten months, is simply untrue. That canal was closed on the 1st February 1874 for repairs, and in order to carry out certain improvements sanctioned by Government, it was re-opened on 15th July 1874. Of this closure ample notice was given by advertisement in the *District Gazette*, so that the public might not be inconvenienced. But although that canal was closed from 1st February, communication by water between Cocanada and Dowlaishweram by the Samulcottah line (the alternative route) was kept open until 15th April; and as to irrigation there is none at that season of the year. The *Sudhi Ranjani* therefore gives an incorrect and exaggerated account of the state of the canal.

The purport of the latter part of the extract from the *Sudhi Ranjani* is not clear. The complaint appears to be that the number of bridges and other means of crossing the canal for bandies and laden cattle is insufficient. There are four bridges and eight ferry boats on the Cocanada canal, in fact, that canal is at present better supplied with crossings of the two kinds than any other canal in the district. If the complaint be that more bridges are needed, the people who specially feel this want should make their complaint to the Local Fund Board, who will no doubt give it every consideration.

II—In regard to the statements in the *Purusharthaprathani*, I quite agree with the Range Officer that they appear to be absurdly untrue. Of course in providing means of distribution, under the different irrigation channels, it is not always possible to meet the wishes of individual landholders, who sometimes make unreasonable demands, it is believed, however, that the crops under the Ellore Canal, to which the complaint is supposed to refer, were never finer than they are this year. But owing to the vague nature of the statements made it is impossible to give a very definite reply.

I send herewith the Range Officers' replies to the reference I made them on the subject.

From Captain R. R. E. BROCKMAN, R E, Officer in charge No 1 or Eastern Delta Range, Godavery District, to Major J. BEATTY, R E, District Engineer, Godavery District, dated Camp at Chintapilly, 13th November 1874, No 382.

WITH reference to the remarks in the Telugu paper *Sudhi Ranjani* regarding the Cocanada canal, communicated to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation for report in G. O., No 189, dated 25th September 1874, I have the honor to state that the first portion of the paragraph extracted from the paper is false. The Cocanada canal was closed on the 1st February 1874, and re-opened on the 15th July 1874.

2 The purport of the latter portion of the paragraph is not clear. It may, however, refer to the want of over-bridges on the canal at as frequent intervals as the ryots would wish to have them.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
18th January 1875.*

From G T WALCH, Esq., Executive Engineer No III Range, Godavery District, to Major J BEATTY, R.E., District Engineer, Godavery District, dated 15th November 1874, No 494.

With reference to your No 2,563, and its enclosures, I have the honor to state that paragraph No 2, extracted from a native newspaper, seems to me to be an absurdity, and if it refers to the Ellore canal in this range, I can assure you the statements contained therein are false

2 No representations such as stated have been made to this office, and water has not been wasted. The crops under the Ellore canal were never finer than they are this year. I would respectfully express my surprise that it should be thought worthwhile occupying the time of officers in dealing with anonymous statements in a petty paper

SUBMITTED for the information of Government

2. While the extensive improvements in the delta now in progress are being carried out, there will no doubt be more or less inconvenience experienced, but, in the opinion of the undersigned, the Range Officers deserve much credit for the way in which they manage to continue irrigation and to keep open navigation; and so far as their arrangements have come under notice, these have appeared to

• 1871-72	ACRES	be very judicious	Not only has the
1872-73	456,432	former area of irrigation	been supplied
	516,653	with water, but a considerable extension*	
1871-72	RS	has taken place, and a material addition	
1872-73	14,01,997	has been made to the revenue.	
	14,81,281		

2 The question of the sufficiency or otherwise of the means of crossing the Cocanada canal may very properly be considered by the Collector and District Engineer. Considering that this canal runs along the country which was formerly occupied by the old Tooliabaga, and that this country was well-nigh impassable for much of the year, it is certain that means of communication have been very greatly improved, but it is not necessary to suppose therefore that further improvements are not desirable.

3. As regards the Ellore Canal, whether under the Godavery or Kistna portion, facts are opposed to the statements in the *Purusharthaprathami* —

	1871-72		1872-73	
	ACRES	RS	ACRES	RS
Ellore Canal, Godavery	32,704	1,00,213	41,515	1,17,580
Do Kistna	11,777	34,002	13,114	34,228
	44,481	1,34,215	54,629	1,51,808

and in the Kistna the floods of October 1872 had probably much to do with the want of proportion between the increase of area and that of revenue.

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

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
18th January 1875.*

No. 302 ORDER THEREON, 18th January 1875, No. 143.

IRRIGATION; No. 34.

COMMUNICATED to the Public Department with reference to the Order in that Department, No. 1,026, dated 17th September 1874, also to the Revenue Department for communication to the Collector of Godavery.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
.. District Engineer, Godavery.
.. Revenue Department
.. Public ..

* Etd S T. Austin.
Spare Copies

N^o 382.

Camp Chintapilly.

From,

The Officer in charge N^o 1 or 3rd
Eastern Delta Range,
Godavery District.

To,

The District Engineer
Godavery District.

Dated 13th Nov^r }
Recd: 1st Dec } 1874.

Subject.

Reference.

Sir,

With reference to the remarks in the
Telugu Paper "Sudhu Ranjani" regarding the
Cocanada Canal, communicated to the
Chief Engineer for Irrigation for report m^d O.
N^o 189 dated 25th September 1874, I have the
honor to state that the first portion of the
paragraph extracted from the paper is false.
The Cocanada Canal was closed on the 1st
February 1874, and reopened on the 15th July 74.

The purport of the latter portion of
the paragraph is not clear. It may however
refer to the want of over Bridges on the Ca-
-nal at as frequent intervals as the ryots
would wish to have them.

I have the honor to be recd &
/sd/ R R E Brockman Cap R E.
Executive Engineer Godav.
(True Copy.)

L. Beatty. Mayor R E.
District Engineer Godavery D.

8 M. 7808/74

CS. 1/2274/74

No. 494

From.

The Executive Engineer
No. III Range Godavery.

To.

The District Engineer
Godavery District.

Dated 15th / 11 /

Received ; ; ;

1874.

Enclosure.

Subject.

Sir,

With reference to your No. 2568 and
its enclosures. I have the honor to state that
paragraph No. 2 extracted from a native
newspaper seems to me to be an absurdity
and if it refers to the Ellore Canal in this
Range I can assure you the statements
contained therein are false.

No representations such as stated, have
been made to this office. And water has
not been wasted. The crops under the Ellore
Canal were never finer than they are this
year. I would respectfully express my sur-
prise that it should be thought worthwhile
occupying the time of officers in dealing with
anonymous statements in a petty paper.

I

Have you seen
Signed) C. J. Walch
Executive Engineer

/ True Copy/

J. Beatty. Major R.E.
District Engineer Godavery.

P.M. 7808/7
2

No 2691 District Engineer's Office, Godavery
Dowlaisheram 25 November 1874

From, ...

Major J. Beatty R.E.
District Engineer Godavery.

To,
Lieutenant Colonel J. Mullins R.E.
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
Madras.

Sir,
With reference to the Under Secretary's
docket No 848 of 30 ultimo, on G.O. No 189 of 25
September 1874, regarding extracts from certain
Telugu newspapers, I have the honor to report
as follows:-

I. The statement of the Editor of the
"Sudhi Ranjani" that the Cocanada Canal
was under repair for ten months is simply
erroneous. That canal was closed on the 1st
February 1874 for repairs, and in order to carry
out certain improvements sanctioned by Govern-
ment; it was reopened on 15 July 1874. Of
this closure ample notice was given by ad-
vertisement in the District Gazette, so that
the

the public might not be inconvenienced. But although that canal was closed from 1st February, communication by water between Cocanada & Dowlaishweram by the Samulcottah line (the alternative route) was kept open until 15th April. And as to irrigation: there is none at that season of the year. The "Sudhi Ranjani" therefore gives an incorrect and exaggerated account of the state of the Canal.

The purport of the latter part of the extract from the "Sudhi Ranjani" is not clear. The complaint appears to be that the number of bridges, and other means of crossing the canal for bandies and laden cattle, is insufficient. There are four bridges and **eight** ferry boats on the Cocanada Canal; in fact that Canal is at present better supplied with crossings of the two kinds than any other canal in the District. If the complaint be that more bridges are needed, the people who specially feel this want should make their complaint to the Local Fund Board, who will no doubt give it every consideration.

II. In regard to the statements in the
Purusharthaprathami

"Purusharthaprathami" I quite agree with the Range Officer that they appear to be absurdly untrue. Of course in providing means of distribution, under the different irrigation channels, it is not always possible to meet the wishes of individual landholders, who sometimes make unreasonable demands; it is believed, however, that the crops under the Ellore Canal, to which the complaint is supposed to refer, were never finer than they are this year. But owing to the vague nature of the statements made it is impossible to give a very definite reply.

I send herewith the Range Officer's replies to the reference I made them on the subject.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most obedient Serv^t
L. Beatty. Major R.E.
District Engineer Godavery

10/15

Submitted for the information of Government.

Encl. 3.

While the extensive improvements in the Delta now in progress are being carried out, there will no doubt be more or less inconvenience experienced but in the opinion of the undersigned the Range officers deserve much credit for the way in which they manage to continue irrigation and to keep open navigation, and so far as their arrangements have come under notice these have appeared to be very judicious. Not only has the former area of irrigation been supplied with water, but a considerable extension has taken place, and a material addition has been made to the Revenue.

1871-72	456,432
72-73	516,683
1871-72	14,009,997
1872-73	14,842,800

P.M. 13th Nov 74
No. 3219

2. The question of the sufficiency or otherwise of the means of crossing the Cocanada Canal may very properly be considered by the Collector and District Engineer. Considering that this Canal runs along the Country which was formerly occupied by the old Toliabaga, and that this country was well

To
The District Engineer
for Irrigation.
The Chief Engineer
for Navigation.

Dated 25th Nov 1874
Recd 3rd Dec 1874

No. 2691

Enclosures Two
Tunnicliffe & report
on certain extracts
from Selinger's
papers.

S. M. 808774

3. As regards the Ellore Canal, whether under the Godavery or whether particular facts are opposed to the statement in the Purucharthapathami

and in the Hissar the floods of October 1872 had probably much to do with the want of proportion between the increase of area and that of revenue.

The Secretary of the

[The page contains several lines of extremely faint, illegible handwriting.]

055-424
h681

585-

P. W. 1874 Report
 Rev: 1874 for Camp
 from No 7868
 The Chief Engineer
 for Irrigation
 To The Secretary to
 Govt Mr D

M 1015
 Dated 7
 Recd 12th Dec 1874
Encl 3

Submits report
 from the P. L. Goda-
 very with reference
 to certain remarks
 in Telugu newspaper
 regarding the Cora-
 nada & Elloor Ca-
 nals.

El. No 143. 18-1-75.

No 301
 6th 18-12-74
 6th 15-12-74 17-12-74

P. W. Dept
 Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following

143
 The Chief Engineer } (H. L. No 1015 d/7 Dec: 174
 for Irrigation }

Communicated to the Public
 Department, with reference to
 the order in that Department
 No 1026 dated 17th September 1874

also to the Revenue Dept
 for communication to the
 collector of Kodavery.

The Chief Eng. for Irr. ✓
 P. L. Godavery ✓
 Revenue Dept. ✓
 Public ✓

Sept 19/1/75

7808 ✓

Govt. of 1875 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The Chief Engineer
Madras

Dated

Recd

Encl 3

18 Jan. No. 143.

No. 201-102

Also to the Revenue
for communication
to the Collector of Coim.

Picanada and Ellore

Canals Report sub-
mitted by the Chief Eng.
for Dr. regarding
certain remarks in
Telugu newspapers
with reference to the
Canals, Comd. to the
Public Dept. with reference
to the order in that Dept.
dated 17 Sept. 1875.