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No. 142. Read the following letter from Major J BEATTY, R E, Acting Superintending Engineer, Godavery District, to Major J O HASTED, R E, Officiating Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Dowlaishweram, 13th August 1875, No 1,474.—

WITH reference to your endorsement, dated 23rd July 1875, on the petition of certain villagers in Ramachendrapur regarding delay in supply of water for cultivation, I have the honor to forward, herewith, the Range Officer's explanation,

- 1 Petition with endorsement
- 1 Letter from Executive Engineer, Eastern Delta Range

from which you will observe that the case was purely accidental, and resulted in a great measure from the reduced state of the range establishment at present in regard to Sub-divisional Officers

2. The Range Officer had also received no complaints from these villagers that their seed-beds were suffering from want of water, and none had been sent me, so that the delay was partly due to their own neglect

3 They have, however, now received a good supply, cultivation is in full progress, and it is believed that no lands in those villages will remain uncultivated.

From Captain R R E BROCKMAN, R E, Executive Engineer in charge No 1 or Eastern Delta Range, Godavery District, to Major J BEATTY, R E, Acting Superintending Engineer, Godavery District, dated Camp at Dowlaishweram, 10th August 1875, No 250

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter, No 1,419, dated 7th inst, enclosing a petition to the address of the Chief Engineer from the ryots of Yendanoor, &c, I have the honor to report that the villages in question are supplied with water from the Vella reach of the Coringa canal, through the north and southside high level sluices lately constructed above the Vellah lock. Water was let down the Coringa canal through the Cocanada and Mundapett canals on the 4th July, and stood at 3 feet 6 inches on the Vellah lock upper sill on the 10th July. It varied between that depth and 4 feet up to the 29th July, when it rose to 5 feet 2 inches, and that canal has ever since been fully supplied. The new sluices constructed to take off on the north and south banks of the canal above the lock, would have been, I concluded, ready to pass water down by the 1st July, as the Overseer, Mr C W Traish, in charge of those works, had intimated as much to Mr Assistant Engineer Larmie, before the latter left this range. I was not aware therefore until I arrived at Vellah, on the 19th July, that no water had yet been let down through these head sluices, although the work had sufficiently progressed to have admitted of the same being done as far back as the 9th ultimo. I ordered them accordingly to be opened and water passed down on the morning of the 21st July. I may remark that the ryots of these villages had at no time during this season represented to me either personally or by letter that their seed-beds were suffering from want of water, and as I was under the impression that water had already been passed down, there was nothing to lead me to inquire into the matter.

Mr Traish was clearly at fault in not having passed water down the sluices as soon as he could do so, nor did he refer the matter to me after Mr Larmie had left the range on the 1st July last. In all probability, therefore, the cross bunds in front of the sluices would not have been removed until the end of the month if I had not accidentally visited the place.

2 Since the 20th July last there has been a full supply in the Coringa canal, the depths on the Vellah lock upper sill varying from 5 feet 8 inches to 6 feet 2 inches. The lands in the villages mentioned in the petition are being rapidly brought under cultivation, and I am of opinion that none of them will remain uncultivated during the season.

3 With my letter No 243, dated 7th instant, I forwarded a copy of my letter* No 156, dated 26th July 1875, to the address of the Acting Collector, which goes more into the details of the supply afforded to the canals in this Range during the past month.

* Copy sent with my No 1,471 of 12th August 1875.

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8th September 1875.

No 143. ORDER THEREON, 8th September 1875, No 2,554.

IRRIGATION, No 13-A

RECORDED, with the remark that
special reports should be required of the
date of opening of all important distribu-

tion works for the season especially where, as in the present case, the arrangements
have been revised.

2 Ordered that the following reply be sent to the Yendanoor petitioners.—

"Inquiry having been made it is found that though the supply of water for
irrigation was delayed for a few days, there is no reason to suppose that more than a
temporary inconvenience resulted, and that as soon as the delay was discovered by the
District Engineer, to whom the petitioners should have represented their wants, the
sluices were opened"

(True Extract)

Major-General, R E,
Secretary to Government

To Petitioners, through Superintending Engineer, Godavery
To the Superintending Engineer, Godavery
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation

No 156' 37 Dowlaishweram
Executive Engineer Office
26th July 1875.

To,
The Acting Collector
Godavery District.

Sir,
With reference to your letter, No 68
dated 22nd Instant, relative to the delay in-
-volved in opening the Main Canals in the
Delta, and the removal of the palmyrah
sluices in their banks, I have the honor
to inform you that in pursuance of my
original intention, notified in the Gazette,
I opened the Cocanada, and with it
the Mundapett, Ingeram and lower re-
-aches of the Coringa Canals, on the 1st
July; a slight delay having occurred
in the completion of the Earthwork of the
Main Duct from the 1st to the 1st Mile.
2 On the 6th July the Madapad, Thos-
-sipooddy, and Chintapully reaches of the
Cocanada Canal were full, having very
nearly

nearly their Maximum supply, whilst on the 7th Instant the Coooor reach received its full supply.

3 On the first of the above dates

the Mundapett Canal had also received its full supply. On the 10th July, the Tel-

-lah reach of the Coringa Canal had received $\frac{2}{3}$ of its full supply, and the

Surplus was passed over into the Munjair reach on the 12th July. (The Injeram

Canal also received $\frac{2}{3}$ supply on this date)

4 These two reaches were navigable up to the 18th instant when I was obliged

to reduce the water on the Head Sluice to enable me to open the Bank Canal.

This I did, when water was passed down the Bank Canal on the night of the 18th.

and the water stood at the full supply level on the Rills of the Alamoor, Tellah,

Munjair (Coringa Canal); Yerrapothaneram (Injeram Canal); and Cowlaisweram

and Roolla Locks, (Bank Canal)

5. The full supply of 8' was to have been put on at the Head Sluices, the next day; but the alarming manner in which the Bank Canal, which has been opened out to full section, drew off the supply from the Main Duet, imperilled the safety of the first Lock and weir thereon at Chop-pella, and I had to reduce the depth of the water to 6'. The draught down this Canal interfered materially with the draught down the Cocanada and Mundapetta Canals, whilst the Bank, Coringa, and Injeram Canals were receiving an abnormally large supply of water.

6. I was obliged therefore to make certain arrangements to rectify this disparity in the capacities of the two Main branches, and this I have effected this day. The improvement on the Cocanada and Mundapett Canals has been apparent since 24th Instant, and nothing, I trust, now militates against each Canal receiving its due and bounden supply for the remainder

The correct maxim to be observed in irrigating a District should be, first, to secure a supply to the lowlands, and then by degrees, to bring those lying higher up under cultivation. Were the high lands to be first supplied, the lowlands must suffer by the drainage water from the former unless a due share of the water, before it has been deprived of its fructifying properties, is secured to them.

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/signed/ R R E Brockman Capt R E
Executive Engineer G. D.

/True Copy/
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Executive Engineer G. D.

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L. Scatty - Major R E
As Superintending Engineer Godanum

transplantation of Paddy were completed by the 15th July, that during the present year the paddy which was transplanted by petitioners by the help of the waters of wells & the rain withered away completely as no water was let in the said channel, that as water was allowed to flow in the channels of other Ranges from 1st April last the wet cultivation in those places has been completed - that Mr. Brockman the Engineer, in charge of the Range No 1 and his subordinates were holding out hopes that the water would be let in the channel in question by the 15th or at latest by the end of June; but that they did not fulfill their promise; that on repeated representations of the matter to the Range Officer both in person & by petition Mr. Brockman, who hates the petitioners, threatened them that he would not allow water in the channel in time for cultivation but that he would make them pay the assessment to Govt for nothing & would reduce them to become coolies working in pits. that the season for the culti.

cultivation of wet crops
by transplantations in
those parts of the country
has passed away & that
they apprehend that
Mr. Brockman would
prosecute them for
their having made
this representation.
Pray therefore that
orders may be passed
to grant them remission
of assessment for the
present Finsli 285
and to deliver them
from the prosecutions
of Mr. Brockman.

Government of Madras.

DEPARTMENT.

Petition No 1655 of 1875.
From. See tharamaraya
of Gendamoor & other
Ryots - Pannachend
Occupation Pannam for one

Village
Talook
District

Dated 9th September 75

Received

Enclosure

ABSTRACT.

Brings to notice that
the wet lands in these
Villages are dependent
on Coinga channel for
their irrigation during
the last Finsli their
cultivation and the

No 250

Camp Dowlaishweram
Executive Engineer's Office,
10th August 1875

From,

The Officer in charge No 1 or Eastern
Delta Range Godavery District

To,

The AG. Superintending Engineer
Godavery District.

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter
No 1419 dated 7th Instant, enclosing a petition to the
address of the Chief Engineer from the ryots of Gen-
damoor &c, I have the honor to report that the villa-
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3. With my letter No 243 dated 7th Instant copy sent with I forwarded a copy of my letter No 156 dated 26th July 1875 to the address of the Acting Collector my No 1471 of 12th August 1875 which goes more into the details of the supply afforded to the canals in this Range during the past month.

I have the honor to be
Yours faithfully
R. R. Brockman Capt. R.E.
Executive Engineer

(True Copy)

J. Beatty Major R.E.
Superintending Engineer Gooty.

No 1474 Supt^r Engineer's Office, Godavery
15th Dowlaishweram 13th Aug^r 1875

From,

The Asst Supt Engineer
Godavery District.

To,

The Chief Engineer
for Irrigation.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement
dated 23rd July 1875, on the petition of certain
villagers in Ramachendrapur regarding delay
in supply of water for cultivation, I have the
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3. They have however now received a good supply, cultivation is in full progress and it is believed that no lands in those villages will remain uncultivated.

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Serv^t

L. Deatty - Major P.E.
 Lt. Superintending Engineer Godd.

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Returns petition of
certain villages of
Pannachendrapur
regarding late sup-
ply of water, with
report on the case.

2. No. 1875
 The Chief Engineer
 No. 5802
 for navigation
 1st 8 September/75 No. 2534
 Dated 13th August/75
 Recd. 21st Sept/75
 Recd. 10. Sept/75
 No 1474 ✓
 Enclosed herewith

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S OFFICE, GODAVERY.
Camp Tiyashweram
DOWLAISHWARUM, 12th August 1875.

No. 1471

From

Sd/- *Suptg.*
District Engineer
Godavery District

To

The Chief Engineer for Irrigation
and Joint Secretary to Government D. P. W
MADRAS

SIR,

In reply to your Memorandum No 802 of 22 Ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the notices given in the District Gazette the Samulcottah Canal was reopened at the beginning of May, and the Cocanada Mundapett, Ingeram and lower reaches of the Coringa Canals on the 4 July-2. The reopening of the Bank canal and with it the upper reaches of the Coringa canal, the completion of which to full project section has been in progress this season, was unavoidably delayed until the 18 July, and when this was done the Coringa and Bank canals drew off so much that the Cocanada and Samulcottah canals suffered temporarily.

3. The defective arrangements were however fully

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2 fully rectified by the 26 ultimo, and since
3 that date the Executive Engineer reports
4 that the supply in all the Canals and chan-
5 nels of the Eastern Delta has been ample,
6 and cultivation all over the Range has been
7 in full progress.

8 As soon as the deficient supply to parts
9 of Ramachendrapur Talug began to be felt
10 the Acting Collector addressed the Executive
11 Engineer on the subject, and a copy of Captain
12 Brockman's reply, which more fully explains
13 what occurred, is herewith enclosed for your
14 information.

15 At the present date with a depth of
16 8 feet on the lower sill of the Dowla's sluiceway
17 Lock, there is 5'-9" and 8'-9" on the Upper
18 and lower sills of the new Chopalla lock and
19 3'-3" passing over the Chopalla lock weir,
20 while at the same time a full supply is main-
21 tained in all the reaches of the Cocanada canal.

* This will
be reduced
shortly to
8 feet.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most obedient servant

L. Beatty, Major R.E.

Superintending Engineer Goda

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Replying to his Memo
No 802 of 22nd ult, re
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Taluk - Beant
Ct. & Dhamulath, 25th 77

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No 2554 27.8.16.
The Madras Govt.

SCALE

MADRAS DIST.

to the 8th Sept 17th

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To
 The Engineer
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by 30/8
 C. W. W.

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Petition from Certain Ryots
 of Gandanore, Esq. B. H.
 Letter from the Esq. for
 the Range Officer Esplanade
 in relation to the petitioners
 for the supply of water for
 cultivation. Recorded with
 remarks.

Petitioners thro' Esq. Esplanade
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