

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th October 1875.*

Read the following:—

No. 1,123.

No. 127. *Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.*

IN submitting to Government, in June 1874, an estimate for the repair of the Gudur large tank in the Kurnool District, it was noticed that the proposed means of disposing of surplus were inadequate, and that no time should be lost in providing a large extent of supplementary escape.

2. In his letter, No. 13 of the 6th March last, the District Engineer reported that this tank had again breached, and he transmitted a letter from the Range Officer, showing that the additional surplus work had not been constructed, and that when he in accordance with the instructions conveyed in the Note on the sanctioned estimate had commenced to level the ground to form an additional escape, he was instructed by the then Acting District Engineer, Captain Taylor, to discontinue this work.

3. The papers were transmitted to the Superintending Engineer, Chingleput, for Captain Taylor's explanations, and this officer stated that he had anticipated the instructions referred to by forming a natural escape 240 feet long at the east end of the bund.

4. Upon this a further reference was made to the District Engineer, Kurnool, and that Officer's reply* with its accompaniment from the Range Officer leaves no doubt but that the natural escape was never properly carried out, and that the 240 feet of ground, to which Captain Taylor refers, were not cut down to 6 inches above F. T. L. as intended.

The want of care shown has resulted in damage to the extent of Rupees 720 being sustained by the tank, and for this Captain Taylor is clearly responsible. It may be noticed that the direct evidence in this matter is conclusive, and that there are no grounds for supposing that the villagers would have desired to close or could have closed an escape 240 feet long with its crest 6 inches above F. T. L. The water could not have risen to the level it reached had the escape been formed as directed. It has since been constructed.

5. The section marked B shows also that the repairs sanctioned in 1874 were not properly carried out, for the bund was not brought to a uniform level of 4 feet above F. T. L., while the closing of the breach notwithstanding the abnormally high rate allowed must have been inefficiently performed seeing that at this point the bund failed again.

OOTACAMUND,
27th September 1875.

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

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8th October 1875.

No. 128. ORDER THEREON, 8th October 1875, No. 2,887.

IRRIGATION, No. 13.

Account.

THE Honorable the Governor in Council notices with much dissatisfaction the neglect of Captain R. F. Taylor, when Acting District Engineer of Kurnool, to carry out the instructions of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, with regard to providing adequate means of escape at a proper level for the Gudur tank in that district. The evidence is quite conclusive that whatever work to this end was done under Captain Taylor's orders was altogether inadequate, the necessary level of 6 inches above F. T. L. not having been attended to. Captain Taylor's services having already been placed at the disposal of the Military Department, his connection with the Public Works Department is terminated.

2. The estimate of Rupees 720 for repairing the damage sustained in consequence of this neglect is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.F.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Kurnool.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Military Department.

MEMORANDUM.

REQUESTED for reference the under-mentioned papers :—

A Original Enclosure submitted with the Chief Engineer's Report printed in S.B. No. 2887-8 Oct.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER
FOR IRRIGATION,

7 — 11 — 1875.

L. W. Hamilton

Head Clerk.

To

The Registrar of the

P. D. Secy.

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G. O. 2797 d/29 Sep. 1875²¹¹
 is at Macao being printed.
 It is to the following effect.

The Services of Capt.
 R. F. Taylor are placed
 at the disposal of the
 Military Dept. from
 such date as they may
 be needed of.

R. F.
 Taylor

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with G.O. No. 1791 of 4th
July, that "no time
should be lost in ...
... the additional
means of disposing
of surplus water," but
actually stopped the

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Range Officer, who in his
responsibility was
carrying out those in-
structions as soon as
he had copy of the G.O.
concerning them. See
accompanyment to Dis-
trict Engineer No 13
of 6th March.

In G.O. No 1025 of 21st April
1874, Captain Taylor's ser-
vices were discontinued
with for incompetency;
sentence which was
recommended to be dis-
continued in G.O. No 1066B of 24
April 1874 from further compen-
sation on ac-
count of severe illness

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widely domestic affliction
under which Capt. Taylor
had suffered at home.
The services of Capt.
Taylor having however
been demanded by
H.S. the Chief Engineer
for military duty, &
made available by
G.O. No 2797 of 29th Sept. 1875,
the Chief Engineer in
the interest of the Dept.
over which he presides,
has the honour to recom-
mend that it be dis-
tinctly recorded that
he will not be eligible

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in the Dept. in attain-
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Wm. H. Meyer
Chief Clerk D.C.

1st October 1875

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Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Encl. 4.

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P.M. G. No. 1771
4th July 1874

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6th April/75

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Voluntarily Lieut Col R. G.
Chief Engineer for Irrigation

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24 Sept 1945

To. The Secy: of Government
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P. W. 1895 Sept.
No: 6460

From

The Chief Engr.
for Irrigation

Dated 27th Sept.
Recd 11th Oct. 1895.

C. H. No: 1123.

Note on letter of the
Dt. Engr, Kurnool reporting
with reference to the
natural escape of Gos-
door Tanks.

20th October 1895

No 2887

No 127

No 2887
P. W. of the Madras Govt.
Under date the 8th Sept 1895
Read the following

From
The Ch. Engr for M. H. E. No 1123 of 27th Sept 1895

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Governor in Council
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 consequence of this neglect
 is sanctioned.

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 Mr. J. J. J. J.
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Asst. Secy	5
Chf. Secy	15

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Gobt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Mr. J. P. J. J. J.

Dated

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 8th Decr 1875, No. 2887-

Nos. 127-128

Capt. R. F. Taylor.

Noticing with much dissatisfaction the neglect of — when Ag. Str. Engr. of Kumbal, to carry out the instructions of the Chief Engr. for Brigades with regard to providing adequate means of escape at a proper level for the Gudux Tank in that Str. Engr. the estimate of Rs. 720 for repairing the damage sustained in consequence of this neglect.

22-10-75