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17th February 1875.*

No. 398. Read the following endorsement of the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort St. George, 25th January 1875, No. 412 :—

From Colonel A. DRURY, Agent for Remounts, to Colonel A. C. SILVER, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Oosoor, 22nd January 1875, No. 624.

I HAVE the honor to bring to the notice of Government that almost the entire crop of lucerne in the Depot Farm garden has been destroyed during the rainy season, not from any unforeseen calamity, such as the bursting of the tank from which the water-supply is derived, but in consequence of measures not having been taken by the Public Works Department when making a new calingulah to provide for the escape of the surplus water.

2. The calingulah itself is 21 feet broad, and after the very heavy rains the water running over it was 2 and sometimes 3, feet deep.

3. The escape channel, which runs along the boundary of the lucerne garden, is from 6 to 10 feet wide ; the water therefore not having a sufficient escape, filled the space of ground between the tank bund and the garden and almost entirely flooded 26 acres of lucerne, of which I have not been able to save more than three acres.

4. The pecuniary loss in the lucerne crop itself may be calculated at about Rupees 1,000 a month until the new crop comes on (not including the heavy expense of re-cultivating the land,) but we shall suffer most in the want of green fodder during the hot weather when the fresh horses are arriving and require the most nourishment.

5. My object in making this representation now is in the hope that Government may be pleased to issue instructions in the Public Works Department to prevent the recurrence of a similar catastrophe next rainy season, either by enlarging the present escape channel or by making a new one.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department for early notice.

(Signed) A. C. SILVER, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 899. ORDER THEREON, 17th January 1875, No. 454.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 14.

COMMUNICATED to the District Engineer, Salem, for early and full report.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, R.E., Colonel,

Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Salem.

Exd S. T. Austin.
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Abolition Depot
Colon 22 January 1875
From

Colonel Arthur Quincy
Agent for Remounts
To
The Secretary,
to Government.

Military Department
Fort Saint George

I have the honor to bring
to the notice of Government that
almost the entire crop of Lucerne
in the Depot Farmyard has
been destroyed during the rainy season,
not from any infestation of locusts
such as the bursting of the tanks from
which the water supply is derived,
but in consequence of meadows not
having

having been taken by the S. W. D. -
when making a new Calingula to
provide for the escape of the surplus
water.

2. The Calingula itself is
21 feet broad, and after the very heavy
rains the water running over it was
two, and sometimes three feet deep.

3. The escape channel, which
runs along the boundary of the
Lucerne garden is from 6 to 10 feet
wide. The water therefore not having
a sufficient escape, filled the space
of ground between the tank bund
and the garden and almost entirely
flooded 26 acres of Lucerne, of
which I have not been able to save
more than three acres.

4. The pecuniary loss in
the Lucerne crop itself may be

Calculated at about 1000 Rupees a
month until the new crop comes on,
(not including the heavy expense of
re-cultivating the land) - but we
shall suffer most in the want of
green fodder during the hot weather
when the fresh Horses are arriving and
require the most nourishment.

5. My object in making this
representation now is in the hope
that Government may be pleased
to issue instructions in the D. P. W.
to prevent the re-currence of
a similar catastrophe next
rainy season - either by enlarging
the present escape channel, or by
making a new one.

I have the honor to be
Your Most Obedient Servant
Arthur J. J. J.
Agent for Revenue

P. W. 1875 Dept.
Proy of Salt for Monday
No 508.

From.
The Secretary to.
Genl. Military D.

Dated 25th { January
Recd 26th } 1875.

Transferring
a letter from the
Agent for Removals
before intimating
loss of crops in the
Dept. Farm garden
in consequence of
neglect of the P.
W. Dept.
With Order

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Comd to the St Engineer Salem for
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William Joseph Smith

St No 379.

The Secy to Genl.

July. Sept.

Feb. 23. 1875

Dated 22nd

Sept 23 { January

Recd 25th

to 624.

Brings to notice that
almost the entire crop
of wheat in the farm
garden has been
in consequence of the
drought and having been
taken by the P. W. Dept.
the crops of wheat
which - have been

Storero.
Trays.

10/12/1875
The Public, the Government
for such advice.

St. S. Salem
205th Jan. 1875
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Crops

Military

and full report -

Endorsement by the
Department transferring
letter from the Agent for
Pensions to Coe's Co., in
connection with crops in
the de la C. Farm Garden
in consequence of neglect
of the Public Works Dept. (Comm)
to the de la C. Farm for crops