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7th June 1876.*

No. 115. Read the following letter from Colonel C. V. WILKIESON, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore, to Major-General G. W. WALKER,
R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Coonoor,
13th May 1876, No. 20 :—

IN reply to G.O., dated 10th April 1876, No. 937, requesting me to give my
decided opinion as to whether the maintenance of the Caniempolliem anicut requires
professional agency, I have the honor to inform you that I am decidedly of opinion
that if the repairs to the Caniempolliem anicut are to be undertaken they require
professional agency, but that the maintenance of the Caniempolliem channel does not
require any professional assistance. I would at the same time strongly deprecate any
more waste of money on the work, which experience shows us that the repairs of one
season were always destroyed in the next. These repairs were done by the Engineer
Department certainly, but I cannot hope for any improved result from their being
estimated for, and carried out by the Civil Authorities.

2. As I have before stated in my letter,* No. 145 of 13th February 1875, the cul-
tivation paid for is "kar" or three months' crop, and the river is always from June to
October sufficiently full to fill the channel,
and if it happened to fail the ryots could put up a temporary whagany to increase the
supply, which used always to be done by kody maramut.

3. If after the Collector has tried to manage this irrigation work for the five or
six years, as laid down in G.O., No. 1,299 of 7th May 1875, he finds it is a failure, then
it would be time to consider if it is worthwhile to build a masonry rough stone wall,
which is the way that all these rough stone native anicuts have to be treated.
Formerly they paid well enough, as the yearly repairs were always done by the ryots,
free of cost, a course which has exploded of late years.*

No. 116. ORDER THEREON, 7th June 1876, No. 1,417.

IRRIGATION, No. 7.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council
is of opinion that the Caniempolliem
channel should be kept in repair under
the Collector's orders, and that no further expenditure should be incurred, at any rate
for the present, on the anicut. Should it be found that in ordinary seasons a kar
crop cannot be effectively irrigated without the anicut, the question of constructing
a weir on a better model will be considered, and in the meantime the Superintending
Engineer will take measures for ascertaining whether there is rock on which to found
a work of this kind.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,
Offg. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Letter from the Superintending
Engineer, Coimbatore, No. 20, dated
13th May 1876.

If Mr. Wilkieson's opinion
is endorsed by Mr. Mullins

~~FOR ORDERS~~

I would abandon the
work altogether & transfer
the land from wet to dry -

Circulated for orders.

If Mr. Mullins differs from

Col Wilkieson I venture to

St. Colonial

omed leave the work done
thoroughly by the D.P.W.

Joint Secretary to Govt.

affairs. - It will be waste

of money to let this

because there is make a

costly experiment & then

call on the D.P.W. to

decide upon further

work. W.W.

Colonel Wilkieson's

proposal seems to me

the best under the

circumstances. It is

to let the Canal alone

for the present and

instruct the Collector

to

247- Mr. 121

I should say let the
 New authorities keep
 the Channel clear
 but not attempt the
 ancient - if it is
 after a year or two found
 that it is desirable to
 repair the ancient it shall
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 manner by P.W. - when
 full knowledge of
 foundations we have
 been obtained
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Your most obedt servant,

C. W. Wilson Coll R. 2.
Supy Rgt Coimbatore

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From
 The Supy Engineer
 Coimbatore
 To
 The Secretary to Govt
 P. W. Department
 Coimbatore
 Dated 13th May 1876
 Resolved 15th May 1876
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Public Works Department.

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UNDER date the 7 June 76

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(No 20 of 13 May 1876)

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S. E. Coimbatore ✓
C. E. for J. ✓
Engr. W. A. ✓
Rev. Sept. ✓

Desd 17/6/06

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Govt. of (1876) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

The Sup^r & Mag^r Combatore

Date

To

By

G. O. 7th June 1876, No. 1417

Nos. 115-116

Cannarpollim Amicut
Combatore District

Passing orders in letter
from the Superintending
Engineer relative to the
question of carrying out
the repairs to the

[Signature]
7-8-76