Public Works (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 629

DATED 21 January 1898

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Kumili Reservoir: Communicating to the Political Dept certain correspondence and requesting that the Resident in Travancore may be directed to ascertain and report whether the Durbar has any objection to necessary steps being taken to prevent water from the flowing to the Watershed Cutting near the head of the Periyar tunnel, while work in connection with fitting the new shutter is being carried out next year.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Irrigation.

Read—the following papers :—

From the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, dated 19th November 1897, No. 1697 M.D.
Telegram to the Executive Engineer, Madura division, dated 1st December 1897.
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No. 284 I.

Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

The Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, reports that surplus from the Kumili tank which is in Travancore territory flows into the watershed cutting of the Periyár lake and might interfere with the head sluice work sanctioned in G.O., No. 658 I., dated 16th July 1897. The Superintending Engineer considers it necessary to divert the course of this surplus and asks that the sanction of the Travancore Durbar be obtained for doing this.

7th December 1897.

(Signed) W. HUGHES,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Order—No. 62 I., dated 21st January 1898.

Communicated to the Political Department with the request that the Resident in Travancore and Cochin may be directed to ascertain and report at an early date whether the Travancore Durbar has any objection to necessary steps being taken, whether by breaching the bank or otherwise, to prevent water from the Kumili reservoir flowing to the watershed cutting near the head of the Periyár tunnel, while work in connection with fitting the new shutter is being carried out this year. Any breach which may be made will, if desired by the Durbar, be closed when the tunnel work is completed. It is observed that the course of the surplus from the reservoir which it is now desired to divert originally took a different direction, and that the reservoir is not required for the use of the villagers.

The course of the surplus appears to have been altered when the reservoir was enlarged to store water for driving the machinery of the Periyár project.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUGHES,
Joint Secy. to Government,
Irrigation Branch.

To the Political Department.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

Note regarding the diversion of course of surplus from the Kumili

H.E. the Governor

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Public Works Department,
Irrigation Branch.

P. W. Current No: 420

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Under date the
Reas: 17.1.98

Read the following

From the Superintending Engineer
Sixth circle---(H.E.NO:1697.M.D.dated 19-11-97)

Telegram to the Exe:Engineer,
Madura Division(dated 1-12-97)

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Note by the Chief Engineer for
Irrigation (H.E.NO: 284.I. dated 7-12-97)

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To The Hon'ble the Chief Secy to Govt
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Order thereon:- No 62 I d 21.1.98

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Travancore Durbar has any objection to necessary steps being taken whether by breaching the bank or otherwise, to prevent water from the Kumili reservoir flowing to the watershed cutting near the head of the Periyar tunnel while work in connection with fitting the new shutter is being carried out ~~next~~ this year. Any breach which may be made will, if desired by the Durbar, be closed when the tunnel work is completed. It is observed that the course of the surplus from the reservoir which it is now desired to divert originally took a different direction and that the reservoir is not required for the use of the villagers.

The course of the surplus appears to have been altered when the reservoir was enlarged to store water for driving the machinery of the Periyar Project.

To

The Political Department
The Chief Engr: For Irrigation
" Supg: Engineer, VI circle.

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Order

From
The Supg. Engineer
VI Circle

No. 1697 Ind.

Dated 19 November 1897
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SUBJECT.

Kumili Reservoir:— Submitting certain Correspondence on the question of breaching the — and requesting to obtain sanction of the Travancore Govt. for so doing, if necessary —

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From A. Joyce Esquire, Executive Engineer, Madura Division, to the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, No: 479 S.E. d/. 13 November 1897:—

I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of letter No: 1752. of 3 November 1897, from the Sub Divisional Officer, Dindigul. You already, I believe, know something about this Kumili Tank. So the only thing I need write is as follows:— Mr: Vaz may possibly be correct in his surmises and also in what he has heard (But we are in this case dealing with a semi independent, semi savage state, &) I think that the British Resident ought to be addressed before we deal with this question. I do not myself think that we shall do any damage by simply breaching the Tank & emptying it. This is what I want permission to do and would like to receive that permission quickly.

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(True copy)

18/11/97

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Lt. Col. R.E.
Supg. Engineer, VI Circle

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Copy of Communication from the Sub Divisional Officer, Dindigul, to the Executive Engineer, Madura Dn, dated 3rd November 1897, No: 1752:—

– Your No: 841 S. d/ 25 August 1897.

In returning the enclosures of the above (Sluice Supdt's No: 575/9 June 97) I beg to submit a sketch showing Kumili Reservoir, its old course and present course. It would appear that there was a sort of reservoir before the Periyaur Project was undertaken belonging to the Travancore Sircar, but the water used to flow N. E. When, however, the project was undertaken the water was diverted to work the turbine of the wire Ropeway and for work in Tunnel into its present course which now flows in large quantities into our water-shed cutting - southwards. A masonry wall with one vent worked with screw gearing shutter was also constructed by the Project as shown by red line in the sketch. I am not aware whether there is any correspondence between the 2 Governments as regards the utilization of this reservoir in this manner, but I dont think there was any or that the

Travancore Sircar is particular to maintain the reservoir any more. It is stated that on completion of the Project that either the Travancore D.P.W. in order to reduce flood on road or Augoor Rowther actually dismantled in July 1896 the northern portion of this masonry wall for a length of 19 feet and thus breached it during heavy freshes. Augoor Rowther then commenced cultivation in the Reservoir bed as far as he possibly could come. He does not own any cultivation that could be irrigated by this Reservoir and his present cultivation being in Reservoir bed and to the back of it, he appears to be interested in doing away with the Reservoir itself and is not benefitted by it in any way. Besides himself there are no others owning wet lands here and so no ryots are interested in maintaining the Reservoir for the present. It can therefore be entirely breached by us to prevent the flow of water into watershed cutting and I do not find that anybody would object to our dismantling the whole wall constructed by the Project.

The dismantling would cost Rs 50. The mere dismantling however will not tend to divert the water to the old course which is now silted up and overgrown with jungle. It requires clearing for about 2 furlongs and will cost about Rs 200, to drain the little water that may flow after the wall is dismantled. The water will also not be diverted from the present course owing to the existence of rock at a and the bed of present course being lower than the old course at a by 3 feet. It is also therefore necessary to construct a masonry bund 5 feet high from B to C, a length of 100 ft. and this may cost Rs 400. The entire cost being thus about Rs 650. An earth bund is not likely to stand especially on rocky bed inclining towards present deep channel. This new masonry bund will be benefitting the Travancore Road to some extent, but I do not suppose the Travancore D.P.W. will in any way contribute or do the work themselves. What might be done now is simply dismantle the existing masonry wall of reservoir at a cost of Rs 50 and allow water which will be very much less to flow thro' present course only, and then undertake the deepening of old course & bunding near road, if it be found that the water flowing thro present course in February next is detrimental to our works of temporary dam in watershed cutting. Request early orders.

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Signed/. A. Joyce
Executive Engineer
Madura Division
13-11-97.

CHIEF ENGINEER
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O. V. Boddy Lt Col. R.E.
Supg Engineer, VI Circle
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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
6TH CIRCLE,
Trichinopoly, 19 November 1897.
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From
Lt Col. O. V. Boddy R.E.
Superintending Engineer,
6th Circle.

To
The Chief Engineer,
for Irrigation

SIR,

2. ENCLOSURES.

In forwarding herewith copy of letter from the Executive Engineer, Madura Division, No: 479 S.E. d/13 November 1897, with copy of its enclosure, I have the honor to inform you that the surplus from the Kumili Reservoir finds its way into the watershed cutting between the site fixed on for the dam and the entrance to tunnel and that consequently there is a possibility of work to fitting Stoney's Shutters being hereby interfered with. It is, I consider, necessary that this surplus should be diverted to its old course and if you consider that sanction for so doing should be obtained from the Travancore Government, I have the honor to request that it may be applied for. There are no records in my office to show under what conditions the Kumili Reservoir was utilized to supply water to work the Turbine of the wire rope way.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servant,

J. J. Nodley Lt. Col. R.E.
Supg Engineer, VI Circle

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Public Works (1897) Department.

IRRIGATION BRANCH.

ISSUE No. 124 W.D.

To
The Executive Engineer
Madura Dn thro
S.E. VI

(Reply to letter No. , dated)

Dated 1-12-97
Despatched 1-12-97
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SUBJECT.

Kumili Tank – Forwards by post Copy of telegram enquiring whether – is within boundaries of land leased by British Govt or in Travancore territory

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Deferred telegram

Ex Engr. Madura Dn.

No 76 Tele

Your number 479 to S.E. is Kumili land within boundaries of land leased by British Government or in Travancore territory

1/12/97

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Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 155 M.D.

Order

From The Ex Engineer
Madura Dn

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Dated 3d December 1897
Received 3d — do —
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Kuruli Tank — Telegram reporting that — is not in Periyar but in the Travancore territory.

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To (Person) Chief Engineer Irrigation

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