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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th August 1864.*

No. 288. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th July 1864, No. 4,806.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Bellary, dated Gooty, 16th July 1864, No. 17:—

1. I have the honor to submit, for the consideration of the Board of Revenue, and for submission to Government, the following remarks with reference to their Proceedings of the 8th instant, No. 1,966, communicated with the Board's Proceedings (without number) of the 11th idem.

2 In my letter to the Board of Revenue of the 20th June 1864, No. 97, to which the said Proceedings of Government relate, I had no intention of ascribing inefficiency or neglect to any of the Officers of the Department of Public Works; or of asserting that the works of irrigation and roads, previous to the time alluded to by me, were in a bad state. In paragraph 4 of my letter, it is true that I stated that "there was no reasons why tanks should burst, as they have been doing lately in this District, after a rather heavy fall of rain, if they had been scientifically constructed, with good material and sufficient waste weirs." In paragraph 2, "these tanks" were qualified by the adjunct "some."

3. This was but an expression of my own opinion; and the Department of Public Works may very possibly be able to show, that under the circumstances, it was quite natural that the tanks in question should burst.

4. I have distinctly stated, in paragraph 6 of the said letter, that I assented to the remarks in paragraph 2 of Mr. Wedderburn's letter, No. 22 of the 13th February of this year, which conveyed high praise of Captain Fischer, R. E., Major Babington, and Captain Flint; and I have reason to believe that the Assistant Engineer, Mr. Wilson (who I have since learnt is in one sense, though not the one which I meant when I used the term in paragraph 2 of my letter, a "Covenanted" officer), is a very efficient and zealous officer.

5. As the Superintending Engineer in his letter, No. 258 of 10th June, had expressed his inability to comply with my request to get certain roads (alluded to therein) repaired for want of sufficient agency, with an acknowledgment that the important Talook of Hospett would be left without any one, and that his "remonstrances, as to the utter insufficiency of the present establishment had had no effect whatever" I thought it my duty, knowing as I did how much of late years the works of irrigation, and the means of communication, had been improved, to urge the necessity of increasing the number of officers attached to this District.

6. My remarks were almost entirely prospective, and tending to show that with so small a staff of superior officers, the works must suffer. It seemed to me out of the question, that a Supervisor, having the charge of three or four large Talooks, could possibly superintend and scrutinize the execution of repairs to tanks and roads; and the honesty of Maistries left to themselves in these matters is somewhat proverbial; my object therefore, in writing as I did, was not to impute blame to any Officers of the Department Public Works, but to strengthen the hands of the Department, so that it might have a fair chance of duly carrying on its important duties.

7. I annex a Memorandum showing the tanks which had burst when I penned my letter of the 20th June; those which have burst since; the rain fall in the month of May in the Talooks in which the tanks first alluded to were situate; also the number of Range Officers with their charges; and the chief roads and channels which, independently of tanks, large and small, and cross roads, have to be looked after.

8. I may add, that at present, as the Superintending Engineer resides chiefly in the District of Cuddapah, communication with him must be at times tedious; and in case of emergencies I have to correspond direct with Supervisors and Talook Overseers; who, also, with the exception of Mr. Wilson, are the parties on whose professional dicta I have to rely for advice to guide me in deciding as to the propriety or otherwise of allowing irrigation works to be constructed by rails and other matters after involving serious interests.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.
Memorandum.

Number and name of the Ranges.	Names of the Range Officers.	Extent of charges.
1	Captain Fischer, Executive Engineer.	Military Buildings at Bellary and Ramandrug.
2	Mr. Claridge, Acting Supervisor.	Bellary, Alur, Adoni, and Hospett.
Bellary Range.		
3	Mr. Cairns, Supervisor	Raidrug and Dharmavaram.
Raidrug Range.		
4	Mr. Hasler do.	Kudlighi, Huvinhadgali, and Hurpanhully.
Kudlighi Range.		
5	Mr. Wilson, Assistant Engineer	Gooty, Tadpatry, and Anantapur.
Anantapur Range.		
6	Mr. Conductor Gray	Penkonda, Hindupur, and Madakasera.
Penkonda Range.		

Chief Roads.

No.	Miles.
1. Dharwar road from Bellary to Humpasagur	70
2. Bellary to Herihal frontier	13
3. Kurnool road, from Bellary to Aspery via Alur	45
4. Hyderabad road, from Alur to Madavarum via Adoni	45
5. Bellary to Gooty	55
6. Bangalore road from Gooty to Palasamudrum	85
7. Trunk road Anantapur to Joladarasy	40
8. Gooty to Tadapatry	30
9. Tornagal to Ramandrug	18

And three Ghâts, viz., Bellary, Hospett, and Nagalapur.

Toongabuddra Channels.

Hospett Talooks.	1. Basavanacalva.	The following Circar villages are irrigated by these channels:—	
	2. Bella Calva.	1. Kumply.	1. Ramasangur.
	3. Raya Calva.	1. Mooddapur	1. Balagodehall.
	4. Toorti Calva.	1. Camlapur.	1. Bukkasangur.
	5. Ramsagur Calva.	1. Venkatapur.	1. Danapur.
	6. Kumply Balagodiha Calva.	1. Callaghutta.	1. Bellagode.
		1. Nursapur.	1. Cudarampur.
		1. Chittavadig.	1. Mooddlapur.
		1. Amravaty.	1. Hossoor.
		1. Bassapur.	1. Anavary.
		1. Arlahulli.	1. Banakanagooddi
		1. Hossacotta.	1. Hennapur.

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Bellary.	1. Sirgooppa.	1. Sirgooppa.	1. Kenchanagoodda
	2. Dasanur.	1. Ibbarampur.	1. Dasanur.

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Adonii.—1. Rampura.	1. Madavur.	1. Rampura.
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1. Poonabugutta tank, Hurpunhulli Talook.	Breached by the unlimited supply of water received from the heavy rains of 28th and 30th May and 2nd June 1864, water ran over the bunds of the two first tanks as reported by Tahsildar; no other cause is known.
2. Kunvibussapur Sunniassichervu tank, Kudlighi Talook.	
2. Kolagal tank, Bellary Talook.	

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Fall of rain in these Talooks in the whole month of May, is three inches and nine-tenths; one inch and six-tenths; and three inches, two-tenths respectively. It is not ascertainable from the records what was the fall of rain at the time of the breach.

Tanks, &c., since breached.

3 Coontas at Gramadotta, Hoolikara, and Vurapuram, Raidrug Talook.
1 Nagalapur spring channel, do.
1 Appacherla tank, Gooty Talook.
1 Venkatampulli spring channel, do.
Gooty, 16th July 1864. (Signed) A. HATHAWAY, Collector.

Ordered to be submitted to Government as requested.

No. 289.

ORDER THEREON, 19th August 1864, No. 1,503.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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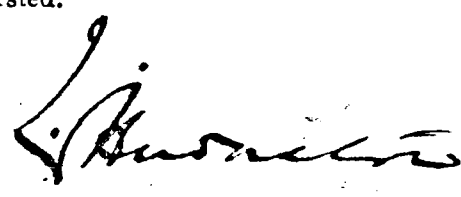
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Secretary.

To Major J. H. M. S. Stuart, R. E., Deputy Secretary to Government, P. W. D.
„ J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

~~Copy to H. C. Smith, Esq., Acting Collector of Bellary.~~

Exd. J. Wright.

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of Agriculture*

No. 2028
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

*Dated 28th July 1864.
J. D. Jackson Esq
Secy to the Board*

No. 4,806.

Submitting as requested letter from the Collector of Bellary making certain observations on the Proceedings of Government dated 8th July No. 1,906, regarding the working of the Public Works Department in the District.

RECORDED.

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