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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th August 1865.

No. 275. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department :—

Recording the letter fron the Acting Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, reporting about the flood which came down in the Cauvery river on the 3rd ultimo, and the damages done thereby. (Here enter 12th August 1865, No. 2,345.)

No. 276. ORDER THEREON, 17th August 1865, No. 1,910.
Communicated to the Revenue Board.

Miscellaneous.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 2,345.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 327. Read the following letter from Captain R. F. OAKES, R. E., Acting Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 31st July 1865, No. 654 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to inform you that the Angunda Cauvery came down in flood on the 3rd instant, and the waters rose very rapidly, reaching their highest level as mentioned below :—

	13th, Over Cauvery dam, upper anicut,	11	feet	3 inches.
	14th, In the Coleroon at the Ponairy head sluice	15	„	7 „
* Above dam.	15th, Lower anicut, north branch ...	*5	„	6 „
	South do.	*5	„	9 „

2. In the Trichinopoly District two breaches are reported in the Weyacondan channel. Some breaches have occurred in the north bank of the Coleroon in the Wodiarpoliem Táluq. The river here until lately has been without a bank, and the embankment is being raised by degrees as funds can be spared, the surplus streams also are unprovided with sluices ; it is not, therefore, to be wondered that this bank was injured, but to what extent I have not yet been informed, but little injury has probably resulted from these breaches, as the land, as a rule, is high, and the waters with the fall of the river would soon drain off the lands.

3. The largest and most important breach occurred at Sootamullay in the Myaveram Táluq, in the Coleroon south bank. There is a most dangerous set of the river here, and a groyne constructed this season for the protection of the bank has been entirely swept away ; the breach, however, occurred about 100 yards west of the groyne, fortunately a large area of country was not flooded, the waters finding their way back to the river by breaching the bank from the rear about 1½ miles lower down. The Tahsildar was informed of the breach on the 7th, and proceeded at once to the spot, where he was joined by Mr. Donaghue on the 8th, and Captain Hasted on the 11th ; the breach was partially closed on the 13th, when the waters rose rapidly, carrying away the piling in the centre and submerging the high ground in rear, so as to render it impossible to procure earth. The work was resumed on the 21st, and as the rivers have fallen considerably has, I trust, been completed. The Tahsildar has afforded every assistance in his power, and has proved most useful. The village authorities, however, Captain Hasted reports, not only rendered no assistance, but actually threw obstacles in Mr. Donaghue's way when he was endeavouring to procure materials, &c. ; and they appear to have made no effort to prevent the breach, for Captain Hasted says, "if they had been willing they could "have easily prevented any damage, as they admit that when the breach was first "noticed a bundle of straw would have closed it." Captain Hasted's original report has been sent to the Collector for such notice as he may deem proper.

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4. Another breach in the Coleroon south bank, in the Sarusvathevelagum limits, is also reported. The breach is not deep, but the escaped waters have injured road No. 2, breaching it in three places about one mile south of the bridge at Anacara Chuttrum, and also injuring the bank of the south Rajah Voikal.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th August 1865.

5. A few small breaches are reported to have occurred in the Nunnelem Táluq, in the minor streams which pass through it, the Supervisor in charge attributes them to gaps, cracks, and rat holes; I fear, however, that they are attributable to the general inefficient state of the banks in that Táluq.

6. In all the Ranges in the Delta the river banks have been more or less injured by the late floods, and a few temporary protective works have been sanctioned for immediate execution. It is not to be wondered at that coming down so suddenly and rising so rapidly as they did, the waters injured the banks where the streams set upon them. On the whole, however, the damage has been very trifling.

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ORDER THEREON, 12th August 1865, No. 2,345.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 44.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

8th 1916

Communicated to the
Revenue Board.

To the Superintending Engineer of the 6th Division.
" Revenue Department.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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letter from the Ag. Sup.
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concern about the flood which
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ry River on the 3d Ultimo
and the damages done
thereby.

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