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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11th December 1865.*

No. 47. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Public Works Department :—

Passing orders on certain points brought to
notice by the Collector of Bellary, in his
report on the operations of the Public Works
Department for the past official year. } (Here enter 6th December 1865, No. 3,701.)

No. 48. ORDER THEREON, 11th December 1865, No. 3,002.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
6th December 1865.*

No. 138. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 22nd November 1865, No. 170 :—

1. With reference to paragraph 1 of G. O. No. 2,541 of 31st August last, I

Pennakondah to Madaksirah.
Hindapur to Madaksirah.
Hindapur to Somandapally.

Paragraph 18 of Collector's letter, No. 129 of
12th July 1865.

I have the honor to inform you that during this year expenditure is being incurred on the roads as per margin to which reference is made in the Collector's letter attached to this Government Order. As regards the road between Harpanhally and Dugavutty I have already submitted a report, it being a portion of the road from Hospett to Hurryhur.

No. 144 of 5th October 1865.

2. The amount of Local Funds in this District is very small and disproportionate to the number of miles of road that are required, and until they can be increased there must always be complaints of some of them being in bad repair.

Clause 1, paragraph 1, of G. O. No. 2,541 of
31st August 1865.

3. As regards the Purghi tank the present Supervisor in charge of the Pennakondah Range reports, that he in-

spected the work on 19th January last soon after taking charge of the Range, and found the small quantity of chunam then at the site of the work to be of good quality; the same kind is stated to have been used throughout the whole work, and what speaks best for the mortar is that, during the high freshes in the Jaimangali river which have occurred this year and which nearly breached the bank of the Purghi tank, neither the anicut nor head sluice sustained any injury.

4. With respect to the misunderstanding stated to exist between the Ryots and the members of the Department Public Works, with regard to the supply from the Camalapore tank, I beg to state that this tank is supplied from the Toongabuddra river, being at the end of the Roya channel. The villagers were in the habit of keeping the tank sluices constantly open, and the waste of water therefore was very great: the Overseer repeatedly reported the conduct of the Neergunties to the Tahsildar but apparently with little effect. The village authorities tried to throw the blame of the waste of water on this Department and misled Mr. Lilly. I cannot, I think, do better than now transmit a copy of Mr. Lilly's letter to the Collector, explaining how he came to make the statement regarding misunderstanding between the Ryots and members of the Department Public Works.

5. As regards the proposals of the inhabitants of Palsamudram and Mathody, I have called for an estimate which shall be submitted as soon as received, and had delayed this letter in hopes of receiving them; but as I have directed the Supervisor to prosecute one of his Overseers for defalcations in his accounts, it may be some time before they are received, and so I will no longer delay this letter.

Paragraph 2 of G. O. No. 2,541 of 31st August
1865.

6. With respect to the Bukkacherla project, I beg to inform you that I propose inspecting it early next month, and will then submit a report.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
6th December 1865.*

No. 139.

ORDER THEREON, 6th December 1865, No. 3,701.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 23.

1. In his report on the operations of the Public Works Department for the past official year, the Collector of Bellary brought to notice,

1st. That the raising and levelling of the anicut across the Jaiamangali river, which supplies the Pughli tank, had been "badly executed."

2nd. That owing to misunderstanding between the Ryots and the Officials of the Public Works Department, the Camalapore tank supplies were allowed to run to waste.

3rd. That the new Taluq Cutcherry at Hospett was in a most unsatisfactory condition, and required a new roof, although the building had only lately been constructed.

4th. That the Toongabuddra channels, and the anicuts connected therewith, required early attention.

2. The Collector's report having been referred to the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division, that Officer submits his reply, which is recorded at the head of these Proceedings.

3. The Superintending Engineer's explanations are generally satisfactory. The Government are glad to find that the Collector's remarks regarding the misunderstanding between the Ryots and the Officials of the Public Works Department, in connection with the supply of the Camalapore tank, were based on a misapprehension of the circumstances, which are fully explained in Mr. Lilly's letter of the 13th October 1865, No. 44.

4. The unsatisfactory condition of the new Taluq Cutcherry at Hospett was noticed at length in the Proceedings of Government No. 2,840, dated 25th September 1865.

5. From paragraph 3 of Major Moberly's letter, it is clear that the report which had reached the Collector of Bellary of the defective character of the work performed to the anicut across the Jaiamangali river was incorrect. The Board of Revenue will be requested to impress upon the several Collectors the necessity for measures being taken to satisfy themselves that the statements made in their reports on the operations of the Public Works Department are accurate and reliable.

6. The Superintending Engineer has been requested in the Order of the 20th September last, No. 2,776, to give special attention to the Toongabuddra anicuts and channels, and to take timely measures for their effectual repair on the cessation of the freshes. He has also been requested to take the earliest opportunity of inspecting the channels again at the most favorable time for their careful examination, and to furnish detailed practical suggestions for the improvement of each separately, accompanied by plans, estimates, &c.

7. The estimate and report promised in paragraphs 5 and 6 will be awaited.

(True Extract.)

Colonel R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

Revenue Department,
Board of Revenue.

Edw. T. O'Connor.

Note by His Excellency the Governor

*The conduct of the Collector in
sending forward a more heavy state-
ment which he had not taken pains to
verify is most objectionable. If I re-
collect aright, the Government commented
last year upon a similar erroneous
statement made by Mr. Keshaway.*

Signed W. Denison.

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