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No. 242. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd November 1866:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Trichinopoly, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Camp, Voytullagudalur, 1st November 1866.

1. In continuation of my letter of the 21st ultimo, I have the honor to state, for the information of the Board, and for subsequent transmission to Government, that the breaches were effectually closed on Monday last. As mentioned in my last letter, it was determined to throw a dam across the head of the channel, supplying the Peruvullay head sluice, and thus cut off all water from the breaches simultaneously. The height of the Cavarey and Ayyar, as well as the velocity of the stream, rendered the construction of the dam a most difficult matter, nothing could be got to stand against the current; but as soon as opportunity offered, the "horses" were put down and fascines and rollers thrown in front, earth being subsequently added. The bank is now strong and turfed, thus effectually answering the intended purpose, and the breaches can be repaired quickly now that the water is completely shut off. It cost Captain Oakes and Colonel Greenaway much exertion and exposure to complete this work, and the Tahsildar of Trichinopoly helped in a manner which these Officers approved of.

2. As to the damage done, I cannot as yet accurately state what extent of cultivation has actually suffered; but I think we may make a very fair approximate as follows:—

	Rs.
Cost of repairs to breaches and roads not including new bridge over Ayyar	20,000
Assessment to be remitted on land which has suffered either totally or by loss of only one crop	20,000
Total loss ...	40,000

I have put the area damaged at 5,000 acres, and upon the average the assessment would be four Rupees per acre, the amount therefore that will be claimed will be about 20,000 Rupees. I am in hopes that much of this area may again be cultivated, but we shall have to remit for one crop in those cases where the first has perished. At a moderate computation, considering the heavy crops of the present season, we must calculate the loss to the landholders in actual straw and produce at not less than 3½ lakhs.

3. I will have the villages concerned carefully examined by responsible officers, so that at the settlement no unfair claims may be made, and I will see that every opportunity is given to the Ryots to cultivate again, by repairs being made to the channels which have been injured by the late heavy floods. Thus, as soon as the repairs are completed to the Peruvullay channel, a vent will be opened in the newly constructed dam, and a sufficient supply thereby let through to the head sluice. It is unfortunate for the district that Mr. Comyn, in whose talooks these mishaps occurred, should be removed just at this moment, and no one sent in his place; but I trust that should his present acting appointment

soon expire, he may be allowed to return to his late charge, with which he is so well acquainted, and in which he is so useful.

4. I may add that the other portions of the district are all that could be desired, as regards agricultural prospects. Crops could not look better, and the late thorough baking which the soil has undergone will cause the present yield to be unusually favorable.

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1. Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Board rely confidently on Mr. Banbury's exertions to remedy the disasters.

No. 243. ORDER THEREON, 12th November 1866, No. 3,061.

Miscellaneous. Communicated to the Department of Public Works.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
,, the Board of Revenue.

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Submitting for information
letter from Coll^r of Trichinopoly
reporting further on damages done
to the crops in the Dt by the overflow
of the Ayyaur & Coleroon, and stating
that the breaches caused thereby
have been effectually closed.

J P Ward

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