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No. 42. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Camp, Kurnool, 19th November 1866, No. 2,561 :—

1. I have the honor to inform you that I have received reports of the breaching of several tanks in the Bellary District in the Koodlighee, Raidroog, and Pennacondah Ranges, and of two in the Anantapoor Range. The cause of the breaches is attributed to the very dry state of the earth from the long continued drought which caused large cracks, and then the heavy rains that fell during the end of September and beginning of October came so suddenly that leakage occurred, and before this could be stopped, the banks gave way.

2. I believe that a great deal of the damage might be prevented if the village authorities and villagers paid more attention to the state of the irrigation works near their villages; instead of repairing petty injuries to the banks or channels, and carefully filling up ruts and rat holes, they allow the damage to increase, and very often do not bring to notice the state of the works until serious injury has been occasioned, or even perhaps a breach has been made. They seem to think that it is the duty of the Public Works Department to go and inspect all the works in their talooks, whether or not information has been sent of their requiring to be inspected. This I do not consider should be required, as, in many cases, it is only taking the Overscers out of their way, and wasting their time to make them inspect a tank which requires no repair. Exception of course should be made in the case of large and important works, and those that they come upon whilst carrying out other duties.

3. The Supervisor of Koodlighee Range roughly estimates the damage at about Rupees 5,000, and has already submitted a few estimates. The Sub-Engineer in charge of the Raidroog Range thinks about Rupees 10,000 will be required to cover the damage done in his talooks, and has submitted two estimates. The Officer in charge of the Anantapoor Range has not yet sent an estimate of the probable amount required in his Range, nor do I yet know what may be wanted for the Pennacondah Range.

Raidroog.
Durmaverum.

4. As the repairs of these irrigation works will give labor to the poor, I purpose, as the allotment for repairs has been already appropriated, getting them carried out from the special grant funds, and have asked the Sanitary Commissioner to enter sums for this purpose in the Statement that he is preparing, in consultation with the Collector and self, for the information of Government.

Referred to the Revenue Department for consideration.

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government, P. W. D.

27th November 1866.

No. 43. ORDER THEREON, 5th December 1866, No. 3,293.

Land Revenue.

1. The Collector of Bellary is authorized to supply funds for the repairs referred to, in anticipation of the submission of estimates.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th December 1866.

2. Mr. Wedderburn's attention is also drawn to the statement in paragraph 2. He will require the village officers to look after the tanks in their villages more closely, and report their condition whenever repairs are needed.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Bellary.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Rec'd at England 13th Dec. 1866.

No. 3293.

Sir

I am directed to transmit herewith for the public funds for the repairs referred to in the enclosure of the Superintending Engineer's letter No. 1308 dated 17th November 1866.

2. Mr. Wedderburn's attention is also drawn to the statement in paragraph 2. He will require the village officers to look after the tanks in their villages more closely, and report their condition whenever repairs are needed.

I have &c.

(Signed) J. D. Sim,
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Bellary.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Rec'd 11th December 1866 Despatch No. 4582

From the Collector of Bellary

Dated 17th November 1866

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No. 2361.

Reports of the breaching of several tanks in the Bellary District.

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N. Wedderburn order

From the Superintending Engineer 2nd Division

To the Secretary to Government P. W. D.

Dated 17th November 1866

Rd 1st Decr.

No. 2361.

Reports of the breaching of several tanks in the Bellary District.