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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 2894

600.601

Dated 26 - 10 - 1866.

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No. 600. Read the following letter from the Collector of Trichinopoly, to the Secretary to Government of Madras, dated 21st October 1866.

1. In continuation of my letter of yesterday's date, I have the honor to report that the Cauvery still continues in full flood; that the water rushes with such violence through the large breach, and along the channel leading to the Paravalay head sluice; that at present any attempt to mend matters would be perfectly useless. Since I arrived this morning, the Agunda Cauvery has risen eleven inches, and there is now four feet of water passing over the anicut. The Ayyar also still brings down a large volume, a portion of which likewise flows through the breach. Until the Agunda Cauvery falls, engineering skill can do positively nothing with the appliances available. We have fascines, horses, and brushwood, all ready to take advantage of any fall in the river; but hitherto we have not had a chance of using them. The damage to the ripe Car crop* ready to be reaped is, I regret to say, serious; the Ryots are cutting it, standing nearly up to their middle in water; but the ears have already begun to sprout, and the outturn will be but insignificant.

* In the neighbourhood of the anicut.

2. As regards Lalgudi, the tract eventually submerged by the breaches; if the Coleroon would fall, there would be a rapid drainage into the river; but now (as I endeavoured to explain yesterday) the would be drainage streams are, owing to the height of the river, unable to perform their task. I am in hopes that much of the Car crop in this Division has been already harvested, and if the Sambah plants are yet young they may survive it.

3. I enclose a rough sketch of the locality made by Colonel Greenaway which will, I trust, with the aid of the District map, enable Government to understand clearly the state of affairs. The "Konakaray" or bank of the supplying source to the Paravalay head was a remarkably strong and well constructed dyke. On Monday night the water actually overtopped it, washed away the earth in the rear, thus weakened the defence and caused the breaches. As stated yesterday, gap No. 1 is the most serious, and is doing the most harm. Our efforts are now being directed to closing the mouth of the supplying channel, thus at once averting all further mischief simultaneously. As the water will then be entirely excluded from all the breaches, they can be closed with comparative ease. At present, however, the stream at the point to be closed is ten feet deep, eighty broad, and running seven miles an hour.

4. In the Moosery Talook seventeen tanks have burst, involving much loss of wet cultivation, and augmenting the floods in the Ayyar. Grain, sheep, picottahs, and even cattle have been carried away in the stream of the thus swollen river.

5. No damage whatever has happened to the cultivation under the Iyen, and Nát channels which flow from the upper anicut; and as to the Waycondan channel, about which fears were lately entertained regarding its dreadful deficiency, it has received such a bountiful supply that the cultivators dependant thereon will now reap abundant harvests.

6. Now that so much injury has been done to the Salem road, and that traffic will be seriously impeded by the loss of the Ayyar bridge, I would respect-

fully suggest that the Great Southern Railway Company be urged to open their line as far as Caroor as speedily as possible. The Transit Company and the Postmaster General would doubtless make arrangements for travellers and tappal to be conveyed speedily over the unfinished portion of the line between Caroor and Errode, and thus expedite both passengers and post.

No. 601. ORDER THEREON, 26th October 1866, No. 2,894.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Public Works and Railway Departments and Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Lxd. T. Cartledge.

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From

The Collector of
Trichinopoly

To
The Secretary to
Government
Madras

Dated 21st
Recd 24th October 1866.

Enclosure 1 Petition
Subject

Continuing representation
regarding Breaches in
Cauvery Channel and
requesting that steps be
taken this season to
protect the main
breach from being
closed, as the Cultivators
the are all in debt

No. 2894-26 Oct^r

With an order

No. 2894.
Reported to Engd
D/ 26th October No 48 of 1866
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Com^r of Pub^c Works
& Railways Debt
& Board of Rev^e
L Ord^s

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26th Oct^r 1866.

2 Spec to the Pub^c Dep^t Dup^d 31
1 — Bd of Rev^e
1 — Coll^r of Trichinopoly

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