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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 331. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Coonoor, 25th April 1868, No. 19 :—

1. Finding that the accompanying Memorandum, expressive of my views on the subjects of G. O., in the Revenue Department, No. 161 of 21st January, has, through some misconception, not been submitted to Government either by Major Farewell or the Collector, I have now the honor to remedy the omission in compliance with Public Works Order No. 265, of 24th January.

2. I have now more detailed information regarding the Nilumboor tank, which confirms my first impression as to the crudeness of the idea taken up by Mr. Grant on his Tahsildar's information. It is reported as being silted up from three to nine feet all over its bed, which is of such a spread, that to clear it to a depth of one foot only, throughout, would cost Rupees 33,000 at average contract rates, which would probably have been exceeded in working with famine coolies. The Range Officer has been called on to report the cost of utilizing it as far as possible by construction of a new sluice at a higher level, and partial raising of the revetement where exceptionally low.

MEMORANDUM.

1. With reference to G. O., No. 265 of 24th January, I have to state that I have no information whatever on the subject of the Nilamboor tank. But if the Collector feel assured that the work is one calculated not only to afford relief to a large circle of distressed laborers, but to raise the revenue by Rupees 1,000 per annum, there can be no professional objection to its being undertaken, as its nature is most simple, and requires no skilled supervision.

2. Not so with the clearing of the Kaniampolliam channel, or rather, if I am rightly informed, the cutting of that channel to correct levels, to which it has never yet been laid down. I am not of opinion that such work can be advantageously undertaken without professional supervision, which the Collector seems to deprecate, and this, I am sure, with the sole view of concentrating responsibility on one department, for no one is better disposed to do us justice, and avail himself of our services generally, than Mr. Grant.

3. But, perhaps, Mr. Grant only means to undertake such a clearing out of silt, and cutting away of jungle, as now completely blocks up the channel, and makes it a refuge for wild beasts and harbour for malaria. This would indeed be a good work, worth the Rupees 3,000 he asks for it, and an essential preliminary to the investigation of the project of restoring the channel as well as the anicut, which we can arrange for having planned as soon as the relief works admit of levelling being carried on. The Surveyor and Draftsman now under Mr. Viffen, for special irrigation works, can be employed to work under Mr. Grant for this purpose.

4. This Memorandum might be communicated to the Collector, or sent to Government through him, for fuller explanation of his views with reference to the Kaniampolliam channel.

NOTE.—The proposed new channel from the Kaniampolliam anicut on the right bank of the Bhowany, should of course be planned together with the improvement of the left bank channel. It is likely to make the whole project pay.

COONNOOR,
25th January 1868.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

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Transferred to the Revenue Department, with reference to the Orders in that Department, No. 161, 21st January and No. 975, 15th April 1868.

23th April 1868.

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

No. 332.

ORDER THEREON, 14th May 1868, No. 1,344.

Miscellaneous.

1. Communicated to the Collector of Coimbatore, through the Board of Revenue.
2. The proposal for clearing the silt out of the Nilumboor tank must evidently be abandoned.
3. The work on the Kaniampolliem channel has been sanctioned, and the Government await the submission of the scheme for its further improvement, promised by the Superintending Engineer.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue,
the Public Works Department.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

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Read the following
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Engineer & Division.

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