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11th May 1876.*

No. 174. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th April 1876, No. 1,045 :—

Read the following letters :—

From J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 10th January 1876, No. 7.

With reference to Board's Proceedings, dated 21st October last, No. 2,922, I have the honor to report that there are no private tanks in this district which command the railway line.

From H. W. BLISS, Esq., Acting Collector of Madura, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kotiamputty, 25th March 1876, No. 121.

In reply to the Board's Proceedings, No. 2,922, dated the 21st October 1875, I have the honor to report that I have obtained from divisional officers lists of tanks which command the line of railway and the bursting of which might endanger it. I have also obtained the opinion of the District Engineer on the subject. He thinks that, speaking generally and considering the heavy rainfall of last October and the little damage done by it to many of the tanks on the line of railway, their condition is satisfactory. I gather from his letter that his remarks apply chiefly to Government tanks on the line of railway, whereas the subject on which his opinion was requested was the condition of such tanks belonging to private proprietors. As to these I find from the divisional officers' reports that considerable improvements appear in many cases to be necessary to render the tanks secure. Some have no calingulahs. Others require masonry in substitution of pot-sluices. I propose therefore to address the District Engineer again, and to request him to have such tanks inspected by a competent officer of his department and a report submitted of the requirements of each case. I will also instruct divisional officers to point out to private proprietors that such defects as the absence of calingulahs and of masonry sluices are considered by competent judges to be good proof of "negligence" as defined by the law : and that if they refuse to remedy them they will be held responsible in the event of damage occurring. Other defects I will have pointed out to them on receipt of the professional report for which I will ask the District Engineer. I do not anticipate any difficulty in getting serious defects, whether such as the absence of calingulahs or others, remedied. Should I do so, I will address the Board again.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G.O., dated 21st September 1875, No. 2,724.

2. The Collector of South Arcot reports that there are no private tanks in the district which command the line, and the Collector of Madura states that the District Engineer considers the condition of such tanks on the whole satisfactory, but as the reports of the divisional officers show that some of the private tanks are insecure he

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has requested an inspection by a competent officer of the Department of Public Works,  
a copy of whose report should be submitted in due course.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,  
*Acting Secretary.*

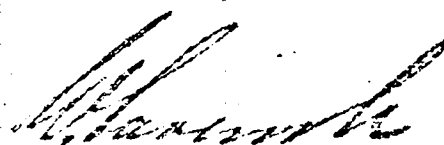
No. 175. ORDER THEREON, 11th May 1876, No. 1,170.

IRRIGATION, No. 23.

COMMUNICATED to the District Engineer, Madura, in connection with G.O.,  
No. 1,721, of the 25th June 1874, and

Chief Engineer's for Irrigation Circular No. 65. Where isolated private tanks  
affect lines of railway they will be treated like similar tanks forming members of a  
group.

(True Extract.)

  
Colonel,  
Offg. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Madura, with G.O., No. 1,721.  
To all other District Engineers except Chingleput, with G.O., No. 1,721. *Relieve*  
To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.  
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.  
" Revenue Department. ✓

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REPLY.

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Plans belonging to private Proprietors and  
concerning Public Works in Madura and  
South Arcot Districts. Proceedings Board of  
Revenue submitting reports on the condition  
of the same and requesting the Collector of Madura  
to forward the report of the Proprietors of the  
Public Works on the subject  
communicated to the District Engineer,  
Madura, with remarks.

*Do 1266*  
Communicated to the District Engineer

*21 May 1876*