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Read the following papers;—

No. 238. From Brigadier-General H. O'CONNELL, Quartermaster-General, to Colonel J. MICHAEL, C.S.I., Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Fort St. George, 23rd January 1877, No. 550.

I have the honour, by order, to forward, for the information of Government, letter No. 14, dated 13th instant, from the Officer Commanding Ceded Districts, reporting on the supply of water and forage at Bellary.

From Major-General W. G. OWEN, Commanding Ceded Districts, to the Quartermaster-General, Fort St. George; dated Bellary, 13th January 1877, No. 14.

Adverting to paragraph 5 of my No. 195, dated the 4th November 1876, in which I submit the probabilities of a move, at about this time, of the mounted branches of the troops here stationed to some spot where both forage and water would be more plentiful than either promised to be here, I have the honor to report our present condition, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

2. The water supply has held out longer than it was thought possible, as the date of my letter above referred to.

3. The depth in the two wells from which the horses of the Cavalry and Artillery are watered, after the day's wants are supplied, is as follows:—

Cavalry well—1 foot 7 inches.
Artillery well—4 feet 1 inch.

4. [illegible] the depth of water in these wells was respectively 9 feet 6 inches and 7 feet 4 inches, and the water fell during the last [illegible] season in these wells was 6 feet 2 inches, and 5 feet 9 inches, so that, whilst the Cavalry well has fallen 4 feet 2 inches below last hot season's low-water mark, the rate of the Artillery is yet slightly in excess of that.

5. I purpose making over to the Cavalry well No. 2, situated about 2,700 yards from the horse lines, which yet retains a depth of 9 feet of water. A horse-trough is attached to this well, which will require very little repairs prior to being taken into use. This addition to their source of water supply will last us through most likely wants for some few months.

6. In the case of the Artillery, should their present source of supply fail, the well now used for supply of the plunge bath might be diverted to supply the horses, by which means I am hopeful that about a week will also be won for some time to come.

7. The masonry of Iungo is no longer one for alarm, the exertions of the Commissariat Officer having been rewarded by a successful issue.

8. The fort ditch is empty, though [illegible] is supplied still to contain about 100,000 gallons, which will meet the present demands made upon it by the civil population, for possibly a fortnight more.

No. 239. Orders thereon, 15th March 1877, No. 1,529.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

[illegible], Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

To the Quartermaster-General.
" Controller of Military Accounts.
" Revenue Department, for information.
Read A. Keith.

