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No. 515. Read the following endorsement of the District Engineer, Nellore, dated 5th March 1877, No. 201 :—

From Lieutenant C. C. RAWSON, R.E., Assistant Engineer in charge, Kottapatam Division, to J. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Esq., District Engineer, Nellore, dated Camp at Kanuparthi, 23rd February 1877.

In continuation of my report of last month, I have the honor to submit the following statement of the progress of the East Coast Canal in this division up to the present date.

The earthwork of the 4th section of the canal was commenced on the 22nd ultimo at the north bank of the Mannair; it has been in steady progress ever since, although the number of coolies on the work has not been large owing to the presence of cholera amongst them. This work is now under the charge of Serjeant Price, R.E., Overseer Rajaram Row having commenced a new piece of earthwork near Resupalem (a little north of Pakala) a few days ago.

2. The whole of the No. 3 section of the canal, from the Moosie to the Kottapatam road, has been lined out. The earthwork has commenced from the zeminukuld section.

dary boundary at Rajupalem working north and from the Kottapatam road working south. The coolies working at Rajupalem are entirely christians brought by the Rev. McClough, who is in camp at Rajupalem, and who is building a cooly camp at Government expense there for his people on the same general plan as our own cooly camp. Corporal Tizzard, R.E., is supervising this portion of the work. The earthwork south of the Kottapatam road is in progress by some of the coolies, who were flooded out of their pits at Beeramguntah by the late heavy rain. The work is supervised by Corporal Rawlings, R.E.; Major Chambers has kindly consented to take the charge of these portions of the 3rd section of the canal until an officer is appointed for that section.

3. The earthwork of No. 2 section is in progress in these places, viz., north of the Kottapatam road commencing at the Kottapatam section. road, at the Beeramguntah crossing working south, their pits have been stopped since the late heavy rain as they are under water. At Gundayapalam on the south bank of the Gundlacumma working south, the pits at Gundayapalam are under the charge of Mr. Moonisse; the other pits near the road and at Beeramguntah are under Corporal Rawlings.

4. In No. 1 section earthwork is going on at Kanuparthi, coming from the backwater and working south; the pits are going on very slowly, as they are Kanuparthi section.

being dug by Cumbum coolies and by a few locals on daily pay; they are under Corporal Knights. From the Chinna Ganjam creek pits have been opened nearly up to the village of Kakerlavaripalem. They are nearly all six feet deep and are now being dug to the full width and depth; some of the pits have been flooded by recent rains; as soon as they are pumped dry they will be completed. This work is under Corporal Terry, R.E.

5. The only Overseer at present unemployed is Corporal Curtis, R.E., who is sick at Kottapatam, eventually he will be employed in No. 3 section; but, as soon

as he gets well, he will as a temporary measure be employed at Mootoomala in No. 2 section.

6. Cooly camps are being constructed at the following places:—

In No. 1 section at Kanuparthi, camp nearly completed; camp will also be made at Kakerlavaripalem and on the north bank of the Gundlacumma. In No. 2 section at Kottapatam completed, at Mootoomala nearly completed, and at Patapad in progress. In the No. 3 section a camp for the christian coolies under Rev. McClough is being built by him at Rajupalem. The other camps cannot be commenced until the permission of the Venkataghirry Rajah has been obtained.

Permission has been obtained.

In the No. 4 section camp is built south of Kottapatam and another one is being commenced near Kesupalem.

7. The hospitals at Kanuparthi and Kottapatam are completed; the small subsidiary buildings in connection with these hospitals are in course of construction. The hospital at Pakala will be commenced as soon as the site is fixed, and the one at Etamukkala as soon as the site is fixed and leave obtained from the Rajah for its construction.

8. There is one Hospital Assistant at Kanuparthi, one at Kottapatam, one at Kesupalem, and the one in charge of the than at other sections. The services of this Hospital Assistant will be utilized elsewhere. Sappers at Kottapatam. One of these two last-named will have to go to Etamukkala, and one to Pakala for the hospitals there.

9. Eight thousand and four hundred bags of rice have been received at Kottapatam and are stored in godowns there. Four thousand and two hundred bags are stored in godowns at Pakala, and a few hundred bags have been taken over from the Sub-Collector at Kanuparthi, and will be stored with rice sheds in a day or two.

10. Daily coolies are only employed at Kanuparthi up to yesterday; they have had Government rice issued to them with the batta as ordered. I have now given orders that they are to be paid in money, as rice can be bought in the bazaar.

11. Police has been sent for duty on the canal to Kanuparthi and Kottapatam, and I hope have now also arrived at Pakala.

12. The Sappers are scattered over the work being at Pedda Ganjam, Kanuparthi, Patapad, Kottapatam, Rajupalem and Vullapalem; they will be sent to the other camps as they are completed.

13. The general health of the coolies has been good; cholera has been felt at Vullapalem, but it is now I believe subsiding.

14. The surveying work has been pushed forward as much as possible during the month. The levels north of the Kottapatam road are completed and have been checked, with the exception of about three-quarters of a mile near Beeramguntah which would have been completed some days ago, but was delayed by the rain filling the swamp and putting the B. M. stones under water. The line down the swamp from the road to the Moosie has been spit locked, and the levels brought up from the Mannair

to Etamukkala are checked. They will, if all be well, be joined up to the bridge by the 28th instant.

B. M. stones have been fixed at furlong distance throughout. The two Surveyor are employed in doing the cross sections at each furlong.

These levels would have been completed long before this, if it had not been that both Mr. Burlton and Mr. Smith have been ill; both these officers have worked very hard indeed to complete the levelling, and I cannot help thinking that in the case of both officers, their sickness has been brought on by exposure to the sun from levelling too late in the morning and too early in the afternoon. I hope that the District Engineer will appreciate their exertions.

15. All the European subordinates have been working well and cheerfully, and the same may be said of the Jemadar who is doing overseers work and the Native Overseer Rajaram Row.

16. The number of coolies has been steadily increasing, but still local labor does not come in as quickly as could be wished. The Cumbum coolies at Kanuparthi are still on daily wages and have done literally nothing. However one gang has settled down to task-work at Kottapatam (having left Kanuparthi for the purpose) and are doing very good work indeed.

I presume that their reason for going to Kottapatam for task-work was that the price of rice is less than that at Kanuparthi.

True copy forwarded for the Chief Engineer's information.

A good report of good work and the District Engineer has great pleasure in bringing it to the favorable notice of the Chief Engineer.

(Signed) J. O'SHAUGHNESSY,
District Engineer, Nellore.

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THE Governor in Council has perused Lieutenant Rawson's able report with interest.

2. The Government desire that the Cumbum coolies be allowed to take up piece-work if they wish.

3. The District Engineer should keep a vigilant watch upon the prices of rice along the line of the canal, and whenever he observes a persistent high rate prevailing at any place, institute an inquiry into the causes and report to Government the result of his investigations.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,
Acting Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Buildings and Roads Branch.

To the District Engineer, Nellore.
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