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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

13th October 1877, No. 3,097.

Read the following paper:—

No. 100. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th September 1877, No. 4,407.

Read the following letter from J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 5th September 1877, No. 525:—

I HAVE the honor to submit the report called for in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Miscellaneous No. 6,951, dated 12th May 1877.

2. The Tahsildar of Royachoty was sent to inspect the Madathadoo Chinamanayana Cheruvu and hold inquiries on the spot. He states that it is, as the Public Works Department have cut away and enlarged the escape weir, utterly impossible to say whether there was in 1874 a ring-bund across it or not.

3. The village officers and ryots, one and all, and very naturally too, declare that there was no such thing.

4. Mr. Overseer Newman says that in 1875, when taking charge of the taluq, he saw the remains of the ring-bund, and that in 1876 he employed a certain Wudder to remove it. Serjeant Taylor, who was in charge of the Sub-Divisional Range from July 1875 to December 1876, apparently had seen or heard of it on good authority as he noted in the report attached to the estimate, "the ryots had constructed a ring-bund in part of escape which no doubt assisted the breaching of the tank considerably."

5. The tank is situated Palcondah Hills and fed by the water

bably to being provided with an escape weir, which was further natural blocked by boulders, could not stand the pressure put upon it. The ring-bund, which, I believe, must have existed next, which could not have been a formidable obstruction, very possibly hastened the catastrophe, but I doubt exceedingly whether, had it been absent, things would have turned out other than they did.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G.O., dated 4th May 1877, No. 2,536, Revenue Department.

2. No general instructions appear necessary, as Standing Order 53 imposes on village authorities the duty of hindering the ryots of their respective villages from doing anything which may tend to endanger an irrigation work, and provides for notice of danger being immediately given to the nearest Public Works Department subordinate. In the present instance this duty appears to have been neglected. As the Tahsildar is bound to report to the Collector all cases of neglect under Clause 9, it follows that a local inquiry should be held as to the cause of a breach whenever there is any ground for supposing that it was not due to natural causes.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 101. ORDER THEREON, 13th October 1877, No. 3,097.

Irrigation No. 4.

COMMUNICATED to the Public Works Department with reference to G.O. in that department, 16th April 1877, No. 1,283.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
,, the Board of Revenue.
Ed. F. B. Bantleman.

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3. The village officers and ryots, one and all, and very naturally too, declare that there was no such thing.

4. Mr. Overseer Newman says that in 1875, when taking charge of the taluq, he saw the remains of the ring bund, and that in 1876 he employed a certain Wudder to remove it. Serjeant Taylor, who was in charge of the Sub-Divisional Range from July 1875 to December 1876, apparently had seen or heard of it on good authority as he noted in the report attached to the estimate, "the ryots had constructed a ring bund in part of escape which no doubt assisted the breaching of the tank considerably."

5. The tank is situated near the Palcondah Hills and fed by the water-courses coming down from them. The fall of rain in 1874 was exceedingly heavy. The tank, owing certainly to receiving a sudden and inordinate supply, and probably to being provided with an insufficient escape weir, which was further naturally blocked by boulders, could not stand the pressure put upon it. The ring bund, which, I believe existed next, which could have been a formidable obstruction, doubtless had it been

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Acting Collector of Cuddapah.

Exd. T. D. Ryan.

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Dated October 18th.

Received

G.O. 13th October 1877. No. 3,007

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Nos. 100-101.

Madathadoo Chinna-manayana Cheruvu
in Cuddapah District.—Communicating to
Public Works Department Proceedings of
Board of Revenue submitting the report of
Collector on the result of the investigation
regard to the breaching of the —

Communicated to the Public Works
 Dept with reference to G.O. in that Dept
 16 April 1877 No 1282.

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PROCEEDINGS, 20TH SEPTEMBER 1877, No. 4,407

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SEPTEMBER.
 No. 4,407.

Maddur Chinnamangalam Chavara
 Tank — in Cuddalore District. — Submitting
 to Government letter from Collector reporting
 the result of the investigation in regard to the
 breaching of the —.

With Secy