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Chingleput Dist. Sub
Div. Collector's Office
Gaddapet 27th May 77.

No 164

From A. W. Jones Esq. Akam
Dep. Collector, General
Duties, Chingleput Dist.

To R. W. Barlow Esq.
Collector Chingleput Dist.

Sir I have the honor to report
to you the results of the late storm
as far as my Division is concern-
ed, and as far as I have been
informed.

2. This rain no doubt has come
very opportunely and is
for the utmost thankfulness
to all. The growing scarcity
of water and the absence of
pasturage.

pasturage and fodder for
cattle were beginning to
assume a very serious aspect
to men and cattle, and
to cause additional gloom-
-ness to those already weighed
down under the pressure of
famine and pestilence. This
rain has now come to supply

to give heart to all concerned
by the famine. But in reporting
these pleasant consequences,
I am sorry to have also
to report the mischief done by
these heavy rains.

Our roads have suffered
greatly by them. The road
from Nungumbakam to
Poonamallee

Poonamallee via Codambakam
is, I believe, interrupted by a
breach some 25 yards wide between
the Nylapore & Nungumbakam
tanks. A breach, interrupting
passage, is also reported on the
road from St. Thomas Mount
to Poonamallee a little beyond
Porrot. This breach is said to
have been caused by the rush
of water from the Porrot tank
through a cut in the bund,
made by some contractors for
the repair of a sluice in the
tank. The new road from
Saidapet to Piliyoor has been
greatly damaged by the rush
of water from breaches in low
places of the Mambalam tank
bund

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leaked. The whole of the tank
water run across the road
cutting it up in places just oppo-
-site the breach, and damaging
it generally in others for a dis-
-tance of about 300 yards and
flooded the Railway line, which
I believe about here, was for a
time, rendered unsafe for use.

The damages, in other parts
of the road where it runs east
of the Railway line, are
comparatively unimportant
and can be easily remedied.

The Subsildar reports that nei-
-ther the Zemindar nor any
of his people came to the tank
either before or after the breach,
and altogether showed no
concern.

Concern about its condition.
I am of opinion that the
zemindar should be made
responsible for the damages
done to the Road and that he
should be called upon to pay
the cost of the repair for which
I shall furnish an estimate. I
have had no report yet as to
the condition, after the storm
of the new Road from Pallikarnai
to Crumbuliyot. I have
called for information.

4. Now in regard to the tanks.

The Red Hills & Chinnbrambakam
Tanks are said to have received
each, in addition, a 6 months
supply of water. All the ponds
and tanks throughout the Taluk
have been filled to overflowing,
and, in some cases, as I shall
detail

below, with disastrous results.

The Tahildar reports that

(1) The Thalakanaury tank breached and the villagers are making temporary dams to secure the water.

(2) The Velachery tank breached at the 2 sluices, and it is difficult to stop the breach & secure the water.

(3) The Poor tank had its bund cut by the Contractor for the repair of the sluice, but no precaution having been taken in the construction of a ring bund, all the water escaped through this breach, which the wind and rain made it impossible for the ryots to stop, and this rush caused the breach of the Road to Poornamallee.

(4) The Perumbakam tank is breached and the water all lost, roof.

(5) The Kanagam and

(6) The Viriambakam tanks

5. Everywhere now, the cry is of the loss of water - the precious element, and the ryots clamour loudly over the insecure & inefficient condition of their tanks, and demand the immediate repair of those breached, to be secured thereby against rain from the loss of water, which they must suffer throughout the rains of the coming season. I think they have every reason to look with apprehension at this state of things, after what they have just gone through, and

and I feel that I can not
write too strongly in support
of their prayer to have their
tanks repaired as emergent
works with the least possible
delay, and I would beg to bring
this prominently to your notice
for the needful action.

6. I consider that there will
be no occasion now for the
to increase the water supply of
villages, and I have therefore
directed the Tahsildar and Dy.
Tahsildar to stop all Relief work
of this kind, and report how
much of this money has been
spent and how much remains
on hand.

7. I believe there has been
considerable

Note
X The necessary
action must
be taken
(sg) R. W. Barlow

considerable loss throughout.
the Talug, of sheep & cattle, as
the consequence of this storm. I
have not yet received reliable
information on this head from
my subordinates with whom
I am now in correspondence;
I shall address you again on
the subject.

I have &c
sg. A. M. Jones
Dy. Collyer

(True copy)

(sg) R. W. Barlow
Collector

(True copy)

W. W. Jones
Secretary

sent

No 165.

Chingleput District
Offg. Temp. Dy. Colbr.
Office Trivellore 18th May 77.

From The Offg. Temp. Dy. Colbr.
Chingleput District.

To The collector of Chingleput District.

Sir.
I have the honor to report
that heavy rain fell at Trivellore
and the neighbouring villages
on the 16th and 17th instants; the total
quantity registered at the busba
being 4 ozs on the former and 23
on the latter date. I hear the fall
has been general throughout
the Taluk, though the regular
official reports from the villages
are not in yet. At Trivellore
itself it has been raining very
steadily since the night of the 16th
and

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Resd. Secy. Secy.
to Secy.

Secretary

and even now, as I write, it is pouring in, accompanied with strong wind and slight peals of thunder. The scenery about Trinellore and the neighbouring villages is but one large sheet of water and the ryots are already rejoicing and beginning to think that their trials are nearly over.

I think myself that the present rains which are reasonable for Punjab crops such as Gingelly, Cumber &c, are forebodings of a good season and a bumper harvest in prospect.

No 361

The Baller's Office
Chicago Sept. 21st
May 1877.

From the Ag. Sub-collector
Chingleput-

To The collector
Chinglaput.

4.
We

I have the honor to inform you that as you will already have perceived from Telegrams which I sent, there was a good downfall of rain all through the sub division. It lasted from the afternoon of the 16th to the night of the 18th or morning of the 19th instant. The following is the rain-fall at the different stations as far as I have received information.

as Thaw...

Conjuvaram Schingiput Madrantatum Wam...

on the 16 th	1 1/2 oz	3 oz	4 oz	} 4 inches
17 th	20 oz	61 oz	41 oz	
18 th	20 oz	26 oz	20 1/2 oz	2 1/2
Total	41 1/2 oz	90 oz	65 1/2 oz	6 inches

2. All the ~~revenue~~ ^{revenue} except that from
Utramallur have been given to
me in what are called ounces.
Ten ounces go to an inch.

3. So far as I have already
heard, all the tanks and ponds
have received a good supply
of water. The Tahsildar of Chin-
-gapat informed me that
the large tank here has received
3 months supply. The tank at
Thripurumbadoor has received
4 months supply. I have not
as yet received further parti-
-culars, but I shall commu-
-nicate them to you as soon as
possible.

4. I now propose to carry on
the tamping, turfing and
rolling.

Rolling of the narrow roads which
have been formed in this Division
which work, I have hitherto
been prevented from doing
owing to want of water.

I have &c
(sg) J. T. McCarthy
sg. Sub Collector Dist

P. S. I hear the rain was
much heavier in the Tripurur
Division and that some tank
lands have burst.

(sg) J. T. McCarthy
(True copy)
(sg) R. W. Barlow
Collector

(True copy)

W. D. M.
Secretary

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 6th June 1877.

Read the following

No 397

FROM

R. W. Barlow Esquire
Collector of the Chingleput District

TO

H. E. Stokes Esquire
Secretary to the Board of
Revenue, Madras.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward
for the information of the Board,
copies of letters, as per margin, from
my Divisional Officers, regarding
the effect of the late rain. Particulars
as to the actual rainfall gauged have
been already furnished.

2. Rain fell throughout the District,
but heaviest near head-quarters
& north. — to the south and east
the

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From Sub. Collyer No 261, D/21 May 77
" — " Sub. Collyer No 14, " " "
" — " Sub. Collyer No 15, " " "

the fall was lighter. I noticed this particularly when going west by train, as far as, say Arady, the fall had been tremendous, so to Timanore, less but very heavy, from Timanore towards Trivellore the lesser fall was most observable; and so on to Arcorum in N. Arcot. I hear that at Arcot and Vellore there was but little rain.

3. Auple rain has however fallen in all talooks, to make anxiety about drinking water a thing of the past, and pasturage is secured for the cattle. Lands are being ploughed and planted with Camlu and gingely to a considerable extent. Nandai fields,

fields are being prepared, and should the South West Monsoon not fail next month, Vadam, Lamba and Manam will be cultivated largely and prospects permanently brighten.

Chingleput District
Collector's Office Saidapet
29th May 1877

I have &c
[sg] R. W. Pearson
Collector

Immediate measures should be taken to repair the breaches in the tank bunds.
2. Proceedings should be taken against the Contractor through whose negligence the Poroor tank was breached if proof is available. If the case is as stated he would seem to be liable under the P. L.

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(Truecopy)
To the Collr of Chingleput
To the Secy to Govt. R. D.
with copies of file
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SUBJECT.

Receiving instructions
in letter from the Comptroller
of Customs, reporting
on the effect of the new
law of 1876 in the
District of Columbia.

Approved by the Board
16 June 1877
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