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Irrigation.

Read the following papers:—

No. 45. From Colonel A. S. MOBERLY, R.E., District Engineer, Cuddapah, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Camp at Madanapully, 26th June 1877, No. 751.

IN G.O. No. 1,995 of 4th August 1876, orders were given to pay Rupees 51-3-10 to the Kottapally Agraharamdars as the Government share of the cost of repairs executed by them. I now learn that the tank was again breached in the month of May by the heavy rains which fell in the Pullampett Taluq, and I beg to forward a copy of the Pullampett Taluq Overseer's report showing the manner in which the repairs are being carried out, as I do not think that Government should be called upon to pay for unnecessary and improperly done work.

2. In submitting this report Mr. Supervisor Schoury says: "I think, if Government have to pay a share of the repairs on this tank, that Government should also have a say as to what repairs are to be carried out. I would suggest, if any claim is made to Government for a portion of the expenses incurred in closing the breaches in this tank, that such share should not be paid until proper and sufficient weirs are constructed." I agree with these remarks of the Sidhout Range Officer and consider that it would be advisable to have a proper estimate prepared by this department, and that the Agraharamdars be then allowed to carry out the work under our supervision.

3. A copy of this letter with its enclosure has been communicated to the Collector.

Extract of a Docket from the Overseer in charge of Pullampett Taluq, to the Supervisor in charge of Sidhout Range, dated 6th June 1877, No. 53.

IN the Kottapally Shotriem tank there are altogether six breaches, three of these are very large, and the other three at the very end of the bank, and two of these latter are opened yearly when the tank fills and act as escapes. The first breach is 21 yards in length, 6 yards in depth, and a few yards from this is the second breach 10 yards in length and 6 yards in depth. The third breach is at the north end 21 yards in length and 5 yards in depth. The first and second breaches had been closed, and the third was in progress on the morning of inspection. The Shotriemdars informed the undersigned that the Tahsildar ordered them to go on with the work, and that one-third of the cost would eventually be defrayed by Government. The general width of the bank of the tank is one yard at top, but in closing the breaches an unnecessary and useless amount of earth has been thrown up. At the first breach the bank has been made 8 yards wide at top and at the second breach 6 yards, and in both cases the bank has been raised about 2 yards above the general level of the bund, and at these two breaches a large quantity of earthwork has been thrown on the bank for a length of 165 yards. In this case and the closing of the two breaches the earth has been thrown in anyhow without the least signs of having been rammed and with no attempt at trimming. In the work at the third breach a few rammers were in use, but little water. No revetment has been done, but stones were being collected for building it.

(Signed) A. S. MOBERLY, Colonel, R.E.,
District Engineer, Cuddapah.

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Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

If the Government are to continue to contribute to the cost of repairing the Kottapally Agraharam tank, it appears to be desirable that the work essential to its safety should be determined by the Public Works Officers. The Agraharamdars have been making the bund unnecessarily thick at the site of the breaches which occurred in May last, but this work will not secure the safety of the tank if adequate means of disposing of surplus are not provided, and with such means a bund 6 or 8 yards wide at top is not wanted and involves a great waste of money.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
3rd July 1877.

(Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

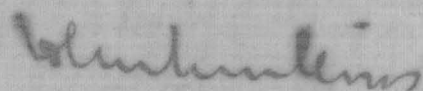
To the Joint Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Irrigation Branch.

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THE papers will be referred to the Collector, through the Revenue Department, for report.

(True Extract.)



Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Irrigation Branch.

To the Revenue Department.

" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" District Engineer, Cuddapah.

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