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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 9th May 1867.

No. 131. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Noticing, with pleasure, the steps taken for conserving the Toongabuddra channels in Bellary, and awaiting receipt of plans and es for improving their condition. (Here enter 1st May 1867, No. 1,311.)

No. 132. ORDER THEREON, 9th May 1867, No. 1,047.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 1,311.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 38. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 18th April 1867, No. 177 :—

1. With reference to Memorandum No. 864, of the 20th ultimo, I have the honour to inform you that I carefully inspected all the Toongabuddra anicuts and channels in the Hospett talook in March 1865, with Mr. Assistant Engineer Porter, who had shortly before assumed charge of the Range, and would then have submitted a report on each of the anicuts and channels, but that I did not think a report, without correct plans and estimates, would be acceptable by Government.

2. The surveys and sections in my possession were so incomplete and inaccurate, that if I had attempted to frame any plans and estimates for improving the channels, and had submitted them to Government, I should most probably have had them returned with a severe reprimand.

3. I pointed out to Mr. Porter the improvements that I thought might be carried out, and deputed an Overseer to prepare the surveys and levels, and these are now almost completed. The next thing to do is the preparation of the plans and estimates, and these will take some time, as Mr. Porter has a good deal of other work on hand.

4. For the past year I have advocated* the placing the Town and Cantonment of Bellary under an Officer, and not requiring him ever to leave the station; I also begged that another Officer should be posted to this district; that the Hospett talook should have been added to the present Kudlighi Range and placed under this Officer. If Government had acceded to this request of mine, the plans and estimates for improving the Toongabuddra anicuts and channels would, most probably, have been ready for submission by this time.

5. As regards the state of the channels themselves, in comparison with what they were formerly, I do not think any one would say that their conservancy is not properly attended to, so far as it depends on the Public Works Department, they are now in better order, and are being improved each year, although the price of labour has risen and no increase has been made to the repair allowance.

6. Formerly the channels were cleared under no regular system; but now, with the aid of the Revenue authorities, an arrangement has been made with the ryots, so that the channel is completely closed for a short period while the clearance and repairs are being carried out.

* No. 243, dated 28th March 1866.
,, 372, ,, 7th June ,,
,, 1,106, ,, 20th July ,,
,, 1,387, ,, 14th August ,,

No. 39. ORDER THEREON, 1st May 1867, No. 1,311.

IRRIGATION, No. 5.

1. The Government are glad to observe that the conservancy of the Toongabuddra channels in Bellary is receiving the joint attention of the local Revenue and Public Works authorities, and they will await the receipt of the plans and estimates, which are now under preparation, for improving the condition of those channels.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
1*st May* 1867.

2. Major Moberly's last* letter regarding the re-distribution of the Ranges of the Bellary District has been disposed of in the order of the 30th ultimo No. 1,289.

* No. 88, dated 11th April 1867.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
" Revenue Department.

Fwl, S. T. Augustin.

25-5-67 Bill

Revenue 1867. Dept.
Pro: of Govt for May
No. 1150.

Proceeding in the
P. W. Departt.

Dated 1st
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No. 1311.

Noticing with pleasure the steps taken for conserving the Toongabbedra Channel in Bellary & awaiting receipt of plans and Estimates for improving their Condition.

No 1047 9th May

With Order

No. 1047.

Communicated to the
Revenue Board.

9th May/67.

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