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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 28th February 1867.

No. 402. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Communicating Superintending Engineer's report regarding the breach in the Patakachervoo Tank, in Bellary District. } (Here enter 21st February 1867, No. 538.)

No. 403. ORDER THEREON, 28th February 1867, No. 486.

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. 538.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 22nd February 1867.

No. 443. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp Gooty, Bellary District, 13th February 1867, No. 3,162 :—

1. In forwarding the accompanying copy of a letter from the Assistant Engineer, Anantapoor Range, with reference to G. O. No. 185 of 19th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that, previous to the receipt of the Government Order, I had myself inspected the tank, and agree with what Mr. George has stated in the latter part. I had observed that the bank had been breached in, as I considered, three other places; but as I did not know Mr. Wedderburn had reported the circumstances, I did not consider it necessary to make any particular inquiries.

2. On my inspection of the breach, I am of opinion that no person can state now what was the cause, and think that Mr. Wilson, who saw the tank before it breached, is much more likely to be correct in his judgment.

From the Assistant Engineer, Anantapoor Range, to the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, dated Camp, Patakachervoo, 28th January 1867, No. 154.

1. With reference to your Endorsement No. 2,974 of 24th instant, to G. O. No. 185 of 19th instant, I have the honor to report that, from enquiries I have made of the Reddy and Curnum of this village, it appears that the Patakachervoo tank has certainly breached four times, but not, as far as I can understand, at the site of the present breach.

2. Prior to 1840 the tank was breached, but neither the Reddy nor the Curnum can tell me at what part of the bank.

3. In the year 1845, the tank was breached near the large ruined sluice at north end of bank.

4. In 1847 the sluice, which has lately been destroyed, was built.

5. In 1867 the tank was partially breached, about 100 yards to north of present breach, and a large gap was made in the rear of the bank by a leak, at the site of the present breach. The Curnum tells me that these were not really breaches, but formidable leaks, which burst out and carried away large portions of the *rear* of the bank.

6. In October 1866 the tank was breached.

7. I have also learnt that, for some years past, when the tank is full, leaks have appeared at different parts of the bank, and that some of them have been very difficult to stop. From a personal examination of the bank, and of the soil in the neighbourhood, I am of opinion that a very large quantity of "Subar mutto," or salt, earth has been used in the construction of the bank, and such being the case, it will be almost impossible to prevent leakage, for we can never be sure at what point a leak may suddenly appear.

No. 444. ORDER THEREON, 21st February 1867, No. 538.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 66.

Communicated to the Revenue Department with reference to the Orders in that Department, No. 124, dated 15th January 1867.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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In reply to the Govt. Resolution No. 502 Dated 25th