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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 25th April 1867.

No. 356. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th April 1867, No. 2,331.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Bellary, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Camp at Bellahoonsy, Talook Huvinhudgaly, 8th March 1867, No. 48 :—

1. Referring to the Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department, dated 19th January 1867, No. 182,* I have the honour to state that Veera Vencutramraz, the Annagoondy Rajah, having been called on to pay his quota of the estimate for repairing the Coragul anicut, has sent evasive answers, to the effect that he was sick, &c. As he resides in the Nizam's territory, and is a subject of that Government, though a pensionary of ours, I have addressed the Resident with the view of obtaining the payment of so just a demand.

* Board Procs., dated 29th Jan. 1866, No. 622.

2. I visited the anicut this morning. It is a continuation of the Wallavapur anicut, being the dam on the north-western side of the island in the centre of the river. There are two large breaches in central places; ring-dams had been made, and the work was in progress. I am given to understand that the cause of the breach last year was the late date of the repair, and the want of iron clamps to the stones; about 150 workmen are employed, but from fever and accidents not all are always present. On the native Overseer informing me that he could get on faster if he had more workmen, I have sent orders to the adjoining talooks to send, without delay, every available Wudder; as it is of vital importance that the work be made safe, before any freshes come into the river. I have every hope that the work will be completed in time; at least no exertion on the part of the Revenue Department will be spared.

3. At the rear of the old anicut, which spans the British portion of the river, is the new dam (built 1847-49). It is a wall of an average height of 12 feet, a breadth on top of 6 feet, and at base 24. The top is cut-stone, and the stones are joined with dove-tail clamps; the wall is stone, faced with brick; some petty repairs in plastering the front of this dam are in progress. I have no pretension to engineering knowledge, but it impressed my mind forcibly, that were it not for the old dam in front of the new work, the latter would not be able to resist the pressure of such a body of water and current. I admit that the old native rough stone work is not water-tight like the new wall, but the displacement of a stone in the old work would not lead to the same results as the occurrence of a crevice in the new. I would replace a few stones which have been removed from the old dam, so soon as the repairs on the other side no longer require the head of water to be lowered. No doubt, the new wall contributes, by its dead water, in some degree to preserve the old dam, and that both assist each other.

4. It seems to me, as a general remark, to be a pity that the working year should close so abruptly in March. I think the Calendar, or the Fusly year, would be more suitable for the seasons in this district. April and May are good working months, not for beginning, but for finishing off work. The crops are then all cut, and a work in progress in February, could well be completed in May; but

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April is not so good a month for beginning a work; the rains in the end of May, and in June, might impede the commencement of a work, and from July to November cultivation in general is more or less in progress.

1. Submitted to Government, with reference to their Order dated 25th January 1867, No. 244.

2. The Collector will report the result of his further endeavours to induce the Annagoondy Rajah to contribute his quota towards the expenditure incurred for the repair of the Coragul anicut.

3. If these efforts fail, the Board submit, for the consideration of Government, that the Rajah's moiety had better be realized by the stoppage of his pension.

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Miscellaneous.

ORDER THEREON, 25th April 1867, No. 930.

1. The Government will await the Board's further report, before taking any steps to compel payment by the Annagoondy Rajah of his share of the cost of the repairs.

2. The Collector's remarks as to the unnecessarily early date for closing the working season in the Bellary District will be considered in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.

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Submitting letter from Collector of Bellary reporting refusal of Rajah of Annagoondy to pay his quota of the estimate for repairing Coragul Anicut requesting Collector to report result of his further endeavours for realizing payment of the contribution, and suggesting that moiety of Rajah's pension be stopped for payment of his share due for work.

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