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READ—the following papers:—

From the Collector of Anantapur, dated	3rd June 1897,	Dis. No. 2927.
" " of Arcot, North "	18th " "	" " 1264-Eng.
" " of Arcot, South "	10th " "	No. 1178-Ver.
" " of Bellary "	4th July "	Dis. No. 4019.
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" " of Ganjam "	27th May "	" " 1009-Ver.
" " of Godavari "	7th Aug. "	" " 2627-Ver.
" " of Kistna "	16th June "	Ref. on P.C. No. 60-Ver.
" " of Kurnool "	25th " "	Dis. No. 1809-G1
" " of Madras "	31st May "	No. 92.
" " of Madura "	15th June "	Ref. on C. No. 132-Pl.
" " of Nellore "	18th " "	No. 1806-Ver.
" " of Salem "	29th May "	" 2851.
" " of Tanjore "	6th June "	Ref. Per. Regr. No. 334-Rev.
" " of Tinnevely "	25th May "	Dis. No. 987.
" " of Trichinopoly "	1st June "	" " 1001-Rev. (thro'
		the Chief Engineer for Irrigation).
" " of " "	9th July 1897,	Ref. on Cur. No. 2159-Rev.
" " of Vizagapatam "	14th June "	Dis. No. 2134.

RESOLUTION—No. 595, dated 28th August 1897.

The Board herewith submits to Government, with reference to G.O., No. 271 Revenue, dated 23rd January 1894, a statement showing the condition during 1896-97 of all Private tanks and Government tanks in charge of the Revenue Department which affect existing railway lines. The delay in the submission of this statement is due to late receipt of reports from most of the Collectors. The return from the Collector of Godavari was received only on the 14th instant.

2. The number of such tanks reported for the year agrees with that reported for the previous year under both the heads, "Government" and "Private", in only five districts—Nellore, Madras, Tanjore, Madura and Salem; under the head "Government" alone in Vizagapatam; and under "Private" alone in Bellary, Kurnool, South Arcot and Trichinopoly. The Collectors of Ganjam, Vizagapatam, Cuddapah, North Arcot, South Arcot and Trichinopoly have revised their figures with reference to information furnished by the Public Works Department. In Cuddapah, the difference of one tank between the Revenue and the Public Works Department figures, is stated to be due to the inclusion, by the Public Works Department of Kurmoyi kunta of Madanapalle taluk, an abandoned tank. In Trichinopoly, the number of tanks reported by the Executive Engineer to the Collector differs from that reported by the Superintending Engineer to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation. In most other districts no attempts appear to have been made to secure agreement with the Public Works Department as to the works to be included in the list of tanks affecting railways.

3. According to the statements received from Collectors, there are altogether 3,368 tanks so situated as to be a possible source of damage to railways, of which tanks, 1,486 are Government and the rest Private. Of these, 1,762 were in good order at the beginning of the year and 270 were repaired during the year under report, and 1,331 were in need of repair. Of the 1,331 tanks, 422 were Government and 909 Private. The steps reported to have been taken for putting in good order the tanks in need of repair are noted in the last column of the statement.

4. The Collector of Salem has not reported the measures taken to repair one Government tank reported to be in need of repair in Uttankarai taluk, and the Collector of Coimbatore has not explained the increase of two tanks as compared with the number returned by him for the previous year. The Collector of Godavari has not reported the steps taken to repair 17 Government and 11 Private tanks in the Tanuku taluk, 3 Private tanks in each of the taluks of Poddapuram and Rajahmundry and 105 Private tanks in the Ellore taluk.

5. In the return received from the Trichinopoly district, it is stated, against Government tank Kachelian kulam of Alandur, Trichinopoly taluk, that "the owner has promised to carry out the repairs proposed." This remark is not understood. If the tank is a private one, it should have been entered in the column provided for such tanks.

(True Extract.)

P. V. Srinivasan
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collectors of all districts, except Malabar, South Canara and the Nilgiris.

APPENDIX.

Districts.	Minor tanks under Revenue Department.				Private, zamindari, &c., tanks.				Total.	
	In good order.		In need of repair.		In good order.		In need of repair.		In good order.	In need of repair.
	Repaired up to the year.	Repaired in the year.	Repaired up to the year.	Repaired in the year.	Repaired up to the year.	Repaired in the year.	Repaired up to the year.	Repaired in the year.	Government.	Private.
1. Ganjam ..	16	6	10	30	7	80	13	90	32	117
2. Vizagapatnam ..	4	1	..	73	31	29	55	29	5	136
3. Gollavari ..	32	62	116	132	30	163	82	284	200	580
4. Kistna ..	28	1	15	73	19	119	101	134	44	255
5. Nellore ..	18	8	1	19	..	41	37	42	27	60
6. Cuddapah ..	40	13	99	49	1	170	89	209	152	372

G. denotes "Government."

P. denotes "Private."

Remarks fully explaining the condition of tanks in need of repairs, and why they have not been taken up for repair.

G. Ten tanks, estimates sanctioned and work is in progress. P. Twelve tanks, estimates prepared and the works will be taken up by the Public Works Department. Sixty-eight tanks, owners have been called upon to do necessary repairs, and they have agreed to do so.

P. Twenty-nine tanks require slight repairs and the owners have been called on to execute them at an early date.

G. Two, will be repaired this year; fifteen, included in the budget of 1897-98; fifteen will be repaired next year; seven, require slight repairs; twenty-five, require repairs to hands and they are from seven to ten miles from the railway line; seventeen, steps taken and reported; one, made over to private repairs at the special rate; two, proposed to be repaired; two, the subject of repair, is under correspondence; thirty, estimates prepared. P. One hundred and twenty-two, steps taken not reported; one, belongs to the Tank Board, Cocanada, and the President promised to get repairs executed this year; six, belong to Pittapur Estate and the Estate authorities have been requested to put them in complete repair; one, owner requests Government to repair and the matter is under correspondence; thirty-one, owners requested to repair the current year, belong to the Local Fund Board and repairs will be executed during the current year. G. Fifteen tanks, estimates awaited from the Deputy Collector in charge of General Duty. P. One hundred and nineteen tanks are either agharam or zamindari tanks, and the question of enforcing Madras Act IV of 1888 is in abeyance, pending decision of a test case—*sic* G.O. No. 501-W, dated 10th February 1896.

G. One, made over to the Public Works Department for execution. P. Sixteen tanks; estimates and plans prepared by the Tank Restoration Party and approved by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation and sent for execution to the Rajah of Venkatagiri to whom the works belong and he has promised to execute the works as soon as the water in the tank diminishes; two, under investigation by the Tank Restoration Party; eighteen, estimates submitted to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation; one in Darsi Division was not completely repaired last year; four, steps taken not reported.

G. One tank, estimate prepared and sent to the Executive Engineer; fifty-four, estimates under preparation; five, since repaired; six, estimates ready; four, works are in progress; eighteen, ordered to be breached as they are small tanks with no registered ayakats. P. One, repair undertaken by the Public Works Department; one, work in progress; one, renewed notice issued to owners; two, notices issued to owners, but the period allowed has not yet expired; eight, owners consented to execute the repairs; fifty-five, Executive Engineer addressed to prepare estimates, but he reported that the work could not be done till famine was over; ten, some of the owners declined to execute repairs and some others agreed to execute repairs but limited the amount of estimate to a sum fixed by themselves; cases of this kind allowed to be over till a typical case is disposed of; the remaining cases are under correspondence.

Districts.	Minor tanks under Revenue Department.				Private, zamindari, &c., tanks.				Total.		
	In good order.		In need of repair.		In good order.		In need of repair.		Total.		
	Repaired up to the year.	Repaired in the year.	Repaired up to the year.	Repaired in the year.	Repaired up to the year.	Repaired in the year.	Repaired up to the year.	Repaired in the year.	Government.	Private.	
											In good order.
7. Anantapur ..	41	7	32	9	..	7	60	7	80	16	96
8. Bellary ..	6	..	1	4	..	..	10	..	7	4	11
9. Kurnool ..	38	4	6	1	..	4	39	4	48	5	53
10. Madras ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
11. Chingleput ..	19	5	9	29	..	32	48	4	28	66	93
12. North Arcot ..	165	21	29	93	10	65	259	31	94	168	324
13. South Arcot ..	141	8	10	9	..	..	160	3	10	154	163
14. Tanjore ..	109	..	7	..	..	1	109	..	8	116	117
15. Trichinopoly..	53	23	22	172	9	37	225	32	59	218	316
16. Madurai ..	103	3	48	30	4	58	133	7	106	154	246

Remarks fully explaining the condition of tanks in need of repairs, and why they have not been taken up for repair.

G. Three, will be repaired in 1897-98; seven, estimates ready and included in famine relief programme; twenty-two, estimates ordered to be prepared. F. Seven, estimates awaited from the Public Works Department.

G. One tank, estimate received from the Executive Engineer, and the work proposed to be taken up as a famine relief work.

G. Two, estimates prepared by the Tank Restoration Scheme Party; two, under investigation by the Tank Restoration Scheme Party; two, estimates submitted for sanction.

P. Two, notices issued to dasaradamudars to do the necessary repairs within three months on pain of resumption of the inams, if they fail to do so; one, estimate submitted for sanction; one, will be inspected shortly and arrangements will be made for any repairs that may be necessary.

G. Nine, estimates will be prepared. F. Five, repairs are in progress; four, surveys being taken to have the repairs executed; one, notice served on the President of the Hindu Darashtaman Committee under section 6 of Act IV of 1866; twenty-two, notices served on owners.

G. Nineteen, will be repaired next year; one, under repair during current year; four, situated in Gadiyatam Minor Basin being investigated by the Tank Restoration Scheme Party; five, Public Works Department addressed for the preparation of estimates. F. Four, under repair by owners; one, to be abandoned by the owner; fifty-four, Superintendent Engineer addressed for the preparation of estimates; six, notices given to owners to repair them.

G. Ten, not taken up this year, as repair is not urgent and will be included in the next year's budget.

G. Two, estimates sanctioned and works in progress; five, will be repaired next year. F. One, the owner will be requested to repair it at an early date.

One, the owner will be carried out in 1897-98; two, estimates will be sanctioned as soon as they are received from Minor Irrigation Overseer; one, estimate for repairs, as suggested by the Public Works Department, sanctioned and the repairs will be carried out; one, owner promised to carry out the proposed repairs. F. Two, owners promised to carry out repairs; one, arrangements will be made with the owner to repair the tank; thirty-four, belong to the Pedakkhal Estate and have been partly repaired. The Dewan will be addressed to carry out the repairs to the remaining works in the current and next official years.

G. Four, estimates prepared; twenty-seven, under investigation by the Sub-Divisional Officers; six, explanation called for and will be submitted; eleven, repairs will be shortly attended to. P. Sixteen, estimates prepared by Public Works Department and the owners called on to state if they will execute the repairs themselves; forty-two, Public Works Department addressed for the preparation of estimates.

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G. One tank, estimate received from the Executive Engineer, and the work proposed to be taken up as a famine relief work.

G. Two, estimates prepared by the Tank Restoration Scheme Party; two, under investigation by the Tank Restoration Scheme Party; two, estimates submitted for sanction. P. Two, notices issued to disbanders to do the necessary repairs within three months on pain of resumption of the name, if they fail to do so; one, estimate submitted for sanction; one, will be inspected shortly and arrangements will be made for any repairs that may be necessary.

G. Nine, repairs are in progress; four, steps are being taken to have the repairs executed; one, notice served on the President of the Hindu Derasharam Committee under section 6 of Act IV of 1886; twenty-two, notices served on owners.

G. Nineteen, will be repaired next year; one, under repair during current year; four, taken to have the repairs executed; one, notice served on the President of the Hindu Derasharam Committee under section 6 of Act IV of 1886; twenty-two, notices served on owners.

G. Ten, not taken up this year, as repair is not urgent and will be included in the next year's budget. G. Two, estimates sanctioned and works in progress; five, will be repaired next year. P. One, the owner will be requested to repair it at an early date.

G. Eighteen, repairs will be carried out in 1897-98; two, estimates will be sanctioned as soon as they are received from Minor Irrigation, sanctioned and the repairs will be carried out; one, owner promised to carry out the proposed repairs. P. Two, owners promised to carry out repairs; one, arrangements will be made with the owner to repair the tank; thirty-four, belong to the Padakkal Estate and have been partly repaired. The Dewan will be addressed to carry out the repairs to the remaining works in the current and next official years.

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17. Tinnevely	45	4	13	34	26	79	4	39	62	60	122	a. One, will be included in the list of works for 1898-99; one, will be investigated by the Tank Restoration Scheme Party; three, will be repaired in 1897-98; eight, Divisional Officers will be requested to see to their repairs. P. One, estimate sent to the Executive Engineer for approval, not yet received; four, Divisional Officers have been requested to submit estimates in view of notices being issued to the owners to repair them; four, further time allowed to execute repairs, not yet expired; four, estimates just received and notices will be issued to the owners; one, the owner agreed to repair in 1897-98; one, Sub-Collector says, does not affect the South Indian Railway and the Executive Engineer will be addressed on the matter; two, notices issued to owners; and the result has not yet been reported by the Subsidar; nine, notices will be issued to owners on receipt of estimates called for.
18. Coimbatore	9	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	9	115	9	c. One, has been taken up by the Tank Restoration Party for repair; two, will be repaired in the current year out of the Minor Irrigation grant. P. A list of private tanks, the owners of which have agreed to execute repairs in accordance with the estimates that may be furnished by the Public Works Department, has been forwarded to the Executive Engineer, as directed in G.O., No. 925-J, dated 2nd November 1896.
19. Salem	45	..	4	42	72	87	1	75	49	164	164	
Total	913	151	422	849	119	1,762	270	1,331	1,486	1,877	3,363	P. 42nd-98 "Private."

F denotes "Private."

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G. One, will be included in the list of works for 1898-99; one, will be investigated by the Tank Restoration Scheme Party; three, will be repaired in 1897-98; eight, Divisional Officers will be requested to see to their repairs. F. One, estimate sent to the Executive Engineer for approval, not yet received; four, Divisional Officers have been requested to submit estimates in view of notices being issued to the owners to repair them; four, further time allowed to execute repairs, not yet expired; four, estimates to be received, and notices will be issued to the owners; one, the owner agreed to repair in 1897-98; one, Sub-Collector says, does not affect the South Indian Railway and the Executive Engineer will be addressed on the matter; two, notices issued to owners; and the result has not yet been reported by the Tahsildar; nine, notices will be issued to owners on receipt of estimates called for.

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