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SUBJECT.

Communicating to the
Collector of Madras letter
from the Chief Engineer for Irriga-
tion removing the misconception
regarding the time from which
water can be supplied for Periyar
irrigation in the beginning of the
season and stating that the
Periyar Head sluice will be
completed before the middle of
May and that the excavation
of distributary channels is
being pushed on steadily.

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(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture),

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No. 1229 Miscellaneous

READ

The following letter from W. Hughes Esq., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, No 60 M dated 22^d February 1899:-

With reference to the Board's Proceedings No 25 dated 24th January 1899, I wish to remove a certain misconception regarding the time from which water can be supplied for irrigation in the beginning of the season.

2. In 1896 the lake remained at the same level up to the middle of June. In 1897 the tunnel was Closed

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May

Closed on 16th March; when the tunnel was reopened on 6th June, the water had risen only 4 ft and in the following 10 days fell over 2 feet. In 1898 the — tunnel was closed on 6th March, when opened on 29th May, the water had risen 2 feet and fell 2 ft in the following fortnight. It would therefore appear that the regular monsoon freshes in the Periyar do not begin until about the middle of June. The hot weather rains cannot be counted on to yield much and a supply even for seed beds — cannot be guaranteed on 15th May, unless some water is — reserved from the previous season in the reservoir and in the tanks in the low country.

How

How much can be so reserved will depend on the character and duration of the North-East Monsoon rains in any year. Another point to be remembered is that when the tunnel is opened we can scarcely refuse to allow at least enough water for seed beds to be taken off by the — Suruliyar channels and it may not be possible to control the supply to the two or three Zamindari channels in the Suruliyar Valley. On the other hand, there is the natural supply of the Vaigai — At the worst, the supply to the Periyar lands taken as a whole should be at least as good between the middle of May and middle of June as that to any other tract on the East Coast, where two crops are raised.

Some

some water can always be given from the middle of May but the ryots must take the chance of its being as much as they want. The quantity of water in the lake can, I suppose, be made known to them every week, if necessary and for the rest they must make their own calculations.

3. The Periyar Head Sluice will no doubt be completed before the middle of May unless something unforeseen occurs to prevent it. The excavation of distributary channels is being pushed on steadily.

Resolution

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The Collector of Maowra
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P. b. Smitwaxai
Secretary

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G.O., No. 1021

DATED 11th March

[Despatch Abstract.]

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letter from the Chief Engineer for Irrigation
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time from which water can be supplied
for Periyar Irrigation and stating that the
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