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Letter No. 611 I., 6th November 1913.

Periyar water.

Furnishing the Hon'ble Mr. K. Rama Ayyangar information in connection with supply of
— to Sivaganga Zamin lands.

No. 611 I., 6TH NOVEMBER 1913.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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Irrigation.

READ—the following papers :—

I

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. K. RAMA AYYANGAR, Madura.*To*—the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Irrigation Branch.*Dated*—the 4th July 1913.*No.*—66.

Kindly let me know what the level of the Periyar lake was at the time it was closed last March. Kindly let me know also what the level has been each day from the 1st March last up to the closure. Is it a fact that Periyar water was stored in some tanks in the Sivaganga zamindari, the water having been let down to them for storing; if water was so let down, for how many tanks and how much volume of water and for what value was water so let down. Who authorised the sale of water, if any, like that? What was the level of the lake since the closure of the lake up to its re-opening in June on the 15th of each month.

II

Letter—from F. E. MORGAN, Esq., Under Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Irrigation Branch.*To*—the Hon'ble Mr. K. RAMA AYYANGAR, Madura.*Dated*—Ootacamund, the 16th July 1913.*No.*—845 I./13-1.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 66, dated 4th July 1913, and to state that the information asked for therein regarding the level of the Periyar lake and the supply of water therefrom to zamindari tanks will be furnished to you in due course.

III

Official Memorandum No. 845 I./13-2, dated 16th July 1913.

The Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, is requested to report at an early date the number of tanks in the Sivaganga zamindari to which water was supplied from the Periyar lake from 1st March 1913 and the volume of water so supplied.

(By Order.)

F. E. MORGAN,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Irrigation Branch.

To the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.

IV

Official Memorandum No. 1449 B./13-J, Revenue, dated 25th July 1913.

The attention of the Collector of Ramanad is drawn to the correspondence ending with his letter R.O.C. No. 616 B. & G., dated 12th May 1913, and especially to letter No. 568 R.M., dated 8th May 1913, addressed to him by the Executive Engineer, Madura division, stating that "(Periyar) water is only supplied to Sivaganga tanks when it is available."

2. In his letter No. 66, dated 4th July 1913 (copy enclosed), the Hon'ble Mr. K. Rama Ayyangar enquires whether, if water was let down to zamindari tanks, how much volume of water was so let down and for what value? The Collector of Rāmnād is requested to report how water-rate was charged for the water supplied to tanks and in case it was charged on the total area irrigated from these tanks, whether the extent, already reported by him in the correspondence referred to, represents that area and, if so, what amount of water-cess was realized in each year since-fasli 1319.

L. M. WYNCH,
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Rāmnād.

V

Letter—from S. B. MURRAY, Esq., Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.
To—the Joint Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Irrigation Branch.

Dated—Trichinopoly, the 28th July 1913.
No.—1109-C.E.

With reference to your Official Memorandum No. 845 I./13-2, dated 16th July 1913, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of letter No. 625-R.M., dated 22nd July 1913, which I have received from the Executive Engineer, Madura division, and which supplies the information which you ask for, so far as it can be given.

ENCLOSURE.

Letter—from M. O'BRIEN, Esq., Executive Engineer, Madura Division.
To—the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, Trichinopoly.
Dated—the 22nd July 1913.
No.—625-R.M.

With reference to your No. 6063, dated 18th July 1913, I have the honour to report as follows:—

(1) Water was supplied last year to about 66 tanks in Sivaganga zamin. Supply was given to a few in September, October, November and December, but most were supplied in January, February and March.

(2) These zamin tanks were supplied from three main sources, the tail end of XII branch channel, tail end of 9th distributary, tail end of 11th distributary. Supply through these sources was maintained till the lake closed, *i.e.*, till about March 25th. It is impossible to say to which of the tanks the supply went after March 1st. The ryots concerned and the Sivaganga lessees arranged the distribution of supply amongst the tanks, and this department cannot say to which tanks supply went on particular dates. It probably flowed to all in turn by means of the leading channels dug by the zamin ryots.

(3) I cannot give even approximately the volume of water supplied, as supply was given through open cuts and no records were maintained of the depths of water passing through them.

VI

Letter—from A. R. LOFTUS-TOTTENHAM, Esq., M.A., I.C.S., Collector of Rāmnād.
To—the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Dated—Madura, the 20th September 1913.
No.—R.O.C. 1080/B & G.

In reply to the Government Memorandum No. 1449-B./13-1, dated 25th July 1913, I have the honour to report that water-rate was charged on the area irrigated.

Fasli.	Area irrigated. ACS.	Water-cess realised.		
		RS.	A.	P.
1320 ...	44-12 ...	176	8	0
1321 ...	304-96 ...	1,217	0	5
1322 ...	1,772-92 first crop) and 122-15 second crop.	7,458	2	1

2. The area irrigated and the amount of water-cess realized in fasli 1320, 1321 and 1322 are given in the margin. I shall furnish figures for fasli 1319 as soon as I get a reply from the Collector of Madura, whom I have addressed on the subject.

VII

Official Memorandum No. 1449-B/13-2, Revenue, dated 30th September 1913

With reference to his letter No. R.O.C. 1080 B. & G., dated 20th September 1913, the Collector of Rāmnād is informed that the figures showing acreage quoted in the letter do not tally with those reported in his letter No. R.O.C. 616 B & G., dated 12th May 1913. He is requested to explain the discrepancy.

(By Order.)

H. A. WATSON,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Rāmnād.

VIII

Letter—from A. R. LOFTUS-TOTTENHAM, Esq., M.A., I.C.S., Collector of Rāmnād.
To—the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Dated—Madura, the 7th October 1913.
No.—R.O.C. 1080/B. & G.

In reply to the Government Memorandum No. 1449 B/13-2, dated 30th September 1913, I have the honour to report that the variations in the figures for fasli 1320 and 1321 are due to the fact that the extent irrigated in Pappanvalasai village (44.12 acres in fasli 1320 and 40.77 acres in fasli 1321) was not included in the figures that I furnished in my R.O.C. No. 616/B. & G., dated 12th May 1913, as the Divisional Officer, Devakōttai, only furnished figures for this village in June 1913 after the Legislative Council meeting was over.

2. The original figures for fasli 1322 represented the area irrigated up to the date of my report (12th May 1913) according to the European lessees' accounts, while the figures in my R.O.C. No. 1080/B & G., dated 20th September 1913, represent the extent irrigated up to the end of fasli 1322 according to the Divisional Officer's report.

Letter—from the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Irrigation Branch.

To—the Hon'ble Mr. K. Rama Ayyangar.

Dated—the 6th November 1913.

No.—611 I.,

I am directed to address you with reference to your letter No. 66, dated 4th July 1913.

2. The level of the Periyār lake at the time it was closed on the 21st March 1913 was + 122.30. It was reopened on the 26th June 1913 when its level was + 127.90. The annexed statement shows the levels of the lake from 1st to 21st March 1913 and on the 15th of each of the months of April, May and June 1913.

3. Periyār water was supplied to about 66 tanks in the Sivaganga zamindari from the tail ends of channels and the water would have gone to waste if it had not been sent to the above tanks. The supply was mostly given in January, February and March. The quantity of water so supplied is not known as the supply was given through open cuts and no records were kept of the depths of water passing through them. The extent so irrigated in fasli 1322 was 1,773 acres of first crop and 122 acres of second crop, from which a water-cess of Rs. 7,458 was realised.

Copy to Legislative for information.
,, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Annexure to Letter No. 611 I, dated 6th November 1913.

STATEMENT showing the levels of Periyār lake.

Year, month and date.	Lake level.
1st March 1913	+ 130·95
2nd „ „	+ 130·50
3rd „ „	+ 130·05
4th „ „	+ 129·55
5th „ „	+ 129·15
6th „ „	+ 128·75
7th „ „	+ 128·40
8th „ „	+ 128·00
9th „ „	+ 127·55
10th „ „	+ 127·10
11th „ „	+ 126·60
12th „ „	+ 126·20
13th „ „	+ 125·70
14th „ „	+ 125·20
15th „ „	+ 124·80
16th „ „	+ 124·30
17th „ „	+ 123·80
18th „ „	+ 123·30
19th „ „	+ 122·90
20th „ „	+ 122·40
21st „ „	+ 122·30
15th April „	+ 122·38
15th May „	+ 123·30
15th June „	+ 127·00

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
(IRRIGATION BRANCH).

NOTES CONNECTED WITH LETTER No. 611 I., DATED
6TH NOVEMBER 1913.

[SUBJECT.—Supply of Periyar water to Sivaganga zamin lands.]

From the Hon'ble Mr. K. Rama Ayyangar, No. 66, dated 4th July 1913.

Under Secretary—

The Additional Member enquires :—

- (a) whether Periyar water was let down and stored in some tanks in Sivaganga zamindari ;
(b) if so, for how many tanks and how much volume of water was so let down ;
(c) for what value it was let down ; and
(d) who authorized its sale.

He also requests information as to the level of water in the Periyar lake.

2. At the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 16th May 1913, he put in a question on the same subject. He was informed that no lands in the Sivaganga zamindari are directly supplied with Periyar water, but that when there is water to spare and when it could be supplied without detriment to the lands in the Periyar ayakat, water was given to some small zamindari tanks.

3. No information is available in the office as to the particulars referred to in (b) above. A reference will have to be made to the Superintending Engineer. Point (c) will have to be answered by Revenue.

As regards (d) it will be seen from the Executive Engineer's letter No. 568 R.M., dated 5th May 1913, that generally Periyar water is supplied to Sivaganga zamindari tanks which are small and depend upon the north-east monsoon.

G.V.—11-7-13.

P.K.S.—12-7-13.

I cannot find the lake levels from 1st March to closure day by day in file; send slip to S.C. asking for them.

F.E.M.—15-7-13.

The tunnel was closed on the 21st March 1913 on which date the lake level was + 122.30.

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Lake level on the 15th April 1913	+ 122.36
Do. 15th May 1913	+ 123.30
Do. 15th June 1913	+ 127.00

The tunnel was opened on the 26th June 1913 when the lake level was + 127.90.

N.L.R.—14-7-13.

P.R.—14-7-13.

Has receipt of this letter been acknowledged?

F. E. MORGAN—15-7-13.

Joint Secretary—

The receipt of the letter has not been acknowledged. It does not seem necessary to acknowledge it now if a reply is to be sent shortly.

A.V.S.—16-7-13.

Acknowledge receipt of letter. Ask Superintending Engineer for information as regards (b); Revenue for information as regards (c).

H. E. CLERK—16-7-13.

Under Secretary—

A draft letter to the Additional Member and a draft official memorandum to the Superintending Engineer are submitted for approval and orders to issue.

2. After the letter and the official memorandum are despatched, the file (A) will be sent to Revenue for information as regards point (c).

T.S.R.—16-7-13.

A.V.S.—16-7-13.

F.E.M.—16-7-13.

[Issued as Nos. 845 I./ 13-1 & 2, dated 16th July 1913.]

Under Secretary—

The file may now be sent to Revenue as suggested at A above.

T.S.R.—16-7-13.

A.V.S.—16-7-13.

F.E.M.—17-7-13.

To the Revenue Department u.o.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Under Secretary—

A draft official memorandum is submitted for approval.

T.S.R.—22-7-13.

R.S.—23-7-13.

Issue.

L. M. WYNCH—24-7-13.

To the Public Works Department Irrigation u.o.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

(IRRIGATION BRANCH).

From the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, dated 28th July 1913, No. 1109-C.E.

Joint Secretary—

The Superintending Engineer forwards a copy of a letter from the Executive Engineer, Madura Division, furnishing the number of tanks in the Sivaganga zamin-dari supplied last year with Periyar water. The Executive Engineer's letter shows that the lessees of the zamin and the ryots concerned arranged the distribution of supply and that the volume of water supplied cannot be given. A reference on the subject was made by Revenue to the Collector whose reply may be awaited. The file may be sent to Revenue, as the Collector's reply will be sent to that department.

A.V.S.—5-8-13.

It may be noted that water was supplied from the tail end of channels and would therefore have gone to waste if not sent to the Sivaganga tanks.

H.E.C.—5-8-13.

To the Revenue Department u.o.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Under Secretary—

The Collector's report may, if submitted, be awaited.

T.S.R.—6-8-13.

H. A. WATSON—6-8-13.

From the Collector of Rāmnād, No. 1080 B. & G., dated 20th September 1913.

Under Secretary—

The Collector's figures do not tally with those given in his letter, dated 12th May 1913. Please see page 11 of current file in the Chief Engineer's Dis. file No. 1339, dated 21st June 1913. A draft official memorandum is submitted for approval.

T.S.R.—26-9-13.

R.S.—26-9-13.

Issue.

H.A.W.—30-9-13.

[Issued as Official Memorandum No. 1449-B/13-2, dated 30th September 1913.]

From the Collector of Rāmnād, R.O.C. No. 1080/B. & G., dated 7th October 1913.

Under Secretary—

The Collector has now explained the discrepancy. The information asked for by the Public Works Department (Irrigation), is contained in the Collector's report R.O.C. No. 1080 B. & G. of 13, dated 20th September 1913 at page 8, current file. The file may, if submitted, be returned to the Public Works Department (Irrigation)

B.M.R.—20-10-13.

R.S.—21-10-13.

H.A.W.—22-10-13.

To the Public Works Department (Irrigation) u.o.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
(IRRIGATION BRANCH).

Under Secretary—

A draft letter furnishing the information asked for by the Additional Member is put up.

The same Additional Member has given notice of a resolution about the Periyar irrigation system (Resolution No. XXXIV). But it does not seem necessary to withhold the information in this file.

P.K.S.—31-10-13.

Secretary—

This information has no bearing on the resolution and might be furnished to the Additional Member.

(Through Technical section who will please have the statement mentioned in paragraph 2 of the draft put up.)

F.E.M.—31-10-13.

LETTER No. 611 I., 6TH NOVEMBER 1913.

The statement referred to is put up.

N.L.R.—31-10-13.

P.R.—31-10-13.

F.E.M.—31-10-13.

Honourable Member—

The information may be afforded as proposed, but Honourable Member should see before issue.

H.E.C.—1-11-13.

H. A. S[UART]—3-11-13.

Under Secretary—

The draft letter may now issue.

G.V.—4-11-13.

P.K.S.—4-11-13.

F.E.M.—4-11-13.

[Issued as Letter No. 611 I., dated 6th November 1913.]

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Statement Showing the Levels of Perrygo Lake

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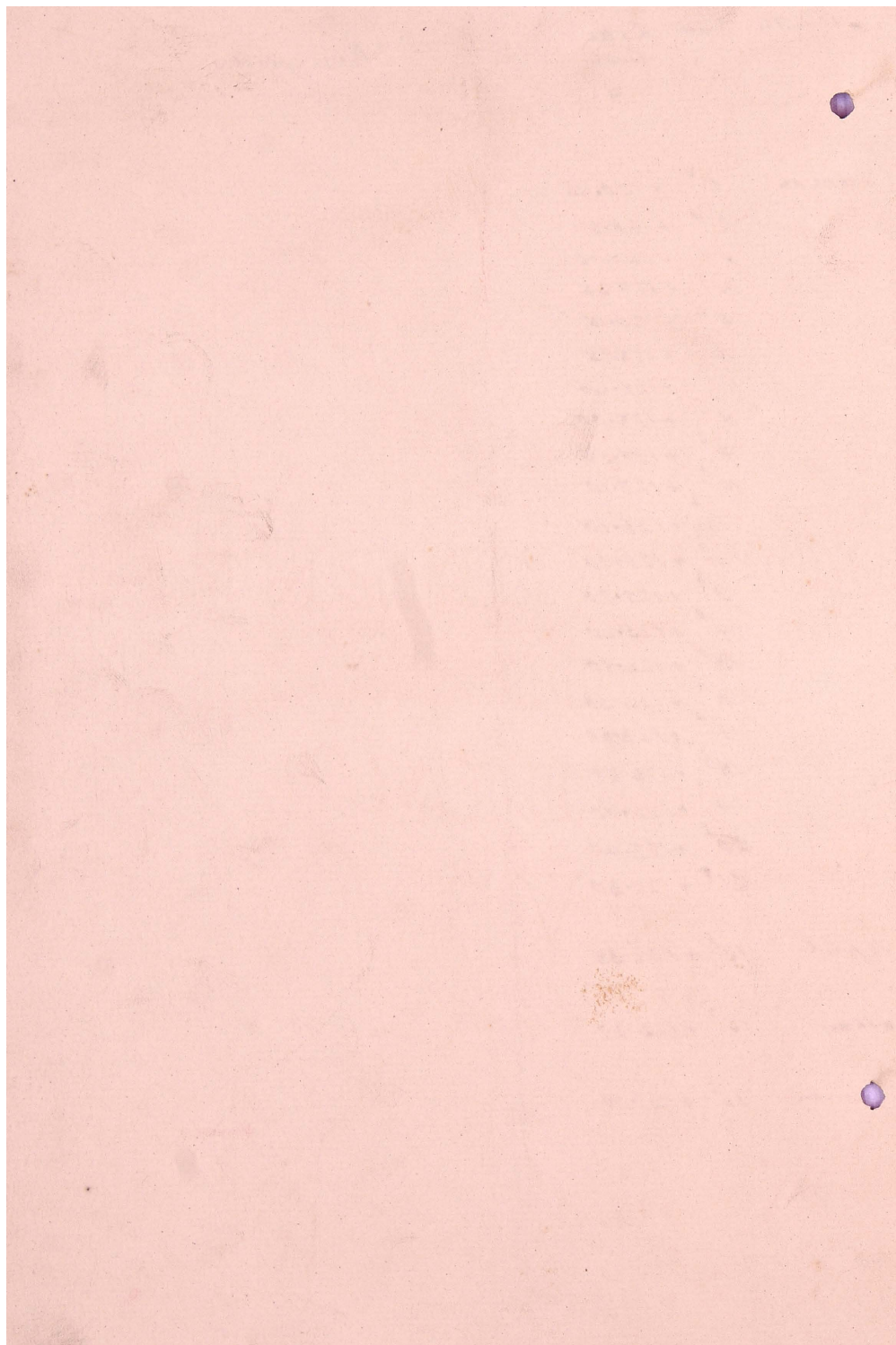
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1913	March	1 st	+130.95	
		2 nd	+130.50	
		3 rd	+130.05	
		4 th	+129.55	
		5 th	+129.15	
		6 th	+128.75	
		7 th	+128.40	
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		19 th	+122.90	
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