

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES,
10, Whitehall Place,
S.W.1.

31st August, 1922.

Dear Mr. Bain,

I return herewith the typescript you left with me on Monday containing considerations concerning the Heathcote Tunnel, Counter drain and Vernatts drain.

I have read the document with interest and shown it to Mr. Ward and I think we both see the theory more clearly as regards its physical aspect. As regards any legal significance which may be attachable to the conditions, I think I would rather not venture to offer an opinion but it seems to me that Deeping Fen would not be in a position to object to a division of the volume of water coming from the Bourne and Thurlby District supposing it were arranged that not more than a given volume in a given time were sent through the tunnel and the balance discharged into the Glen.

I think you pointed out that any water due to any other area than the pastures must get away either by the Car Dyke through Bourne into Bourne Eau or into the Bourne direct, and if so, a direct discharge from the Bourne and Thurlby pump into the Glen would merely be short circuiting the course. As regards the overflow weir from the Bourne into the Black Sluice area, this would be likely to take some of the water by whichever route it reached the main Glen channel, whether by Car Dyke and Bourne Eau or by Glen, i.e. except when the doors in the Bourne Eau were closed by Glen water. It is true that the discharge into the Glen above Tongue End might have the effect of producing a greater pressure on the north bank below Tongue End and to that extent the Black Sluice might have some reason for objection. But if, as I understand, you agree that the way out for Bourne and Thurlby is over the Glen Bank rather than through the tunnel, we should have to rely upon you in any contest with the Black Sluice to support our suggestions in that direction.

I did not find the opportunity when you were with me the other day to offer my congratulations on the successful passage of the Welland Order - allow me to do so now and to express the hope that you may find the occasion one of personal advantage to yourself.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely
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