

countered, in keeping the various parties supplied with provisions, clothing, &c., throughout the whole of this extensive district, can neither be appreciated nor conceived unless by one who, like myself, has been over the ground.

It is a matter for sincere congratulation that no serious disaster has occurred in carrying out the work, with the exception (already referred to) of the unfortunate loss by fire of seven men.

That such has been the case is, to a large extent, due to the untiring energy and perseverance displayed (with few exceptions) by the Engineers, Staff and Commissariat, who have endured very great hardships in carrying out the work entrusted to them.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedt. servt.,

JAMES H. ROWAN.