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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 15th February 1862.

No. 342. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th December 1861, No. 6,814:—

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3. The present season having been favorable, and the price of Cotton having risen from Rupees 2-11-0 per maund in May last to Rupees 3-3-0 per maund, its present rate, there can be little question that the cultivation will this year reach, if it does not exceed its ordinary amount.

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6. The road over this tract of country is under construction, and I consider that its early metalling is of importance in every point of view.

7. The Irrigation and Canal Company will in the course of time construct their canal along this line, and when completed to the coast there can be no doubt that so bulky an article as Cotton will be forwarded by no other channel to Madras.

8. I fear, however, that the channel will not be open to the coast for from five to seven years at earliest, and would, therefore, earnestly press on the metalling of the road for use during the interval.

Ordered that copy of the above letter be submitted for the information of Government and communicated to the Chief Engineer, with reference to the Acting Collector's remarks on the necessity of metalling the road from Nandial for a distance of some forty miles towards the south.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 343. ORDER THEREON, 15th February 1862, No. 333.

Communicated to the Department of Public Works, with reference to paragraphs 5 to 8 of the Acting Collector's letter to the Board of Revenue.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

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To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. Horsley, Chief Engineer, D. P. W.
„ to J. I. Minchin, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool.

Exd. J. Wright.

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to Paras 5 & 8
of the Rev Cons
letter of the
16th inst

From Lt George
15th July 1862
Ch'n to the Rev Cons

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