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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
31st March 1862.*

No. 587. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India:—

Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India (Public), to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 2nd August 1861, No. 39.

MY LORD,

1. You are well aware of the interest with which the proposed establishment of a continuous line of navigation on portions of the Godavery and its chief affluents, has for some time past been regarded by Her Majesty's Government. I have myself never entertained any doubt of the great advantage which would accrue from the execution of the scheme, but financial difficulties have hitherto prevented me from issuing positive instructions for the adoption of any decisive course of action. I find now, however, from your latest advices, that the cash balances in the Treasury are so much larger than had been anticipated, as to allow of a sufficient assignment being made for the vigorous prosecution of the Godavery works.

2. That the expenditure for these works will ultimately be advantageous, we have, I think good reason to believe, and even were there less assurance of their proving directly remunerative, the indirect effect which they cannot fail to have in contributing most materially to the supply of the English Cotton Market, would render it incumbent on Government, more especially with the present prospects of the supply of Cotton from the United States, to undertake them at the earliest possible period.

3. It is my desire, therefore, that the Madras Government should be authorized to proceed vigorously with the works for opening the Godavery and its tributaries, from Dowlaishwaram upwards to the southern part of the Nagpoor Cotton Field, and should be supplied with funds for carrying on the various works necessary for this purpose, as fast as the needful labour may be procurable, and as may at the same time be consistent with their careful execution.

4. In treating of the Enchampilly and Dewalamurri Barriers, Captain Haig has suggested two modes of overcoming the obstacles occurring there, viz., either by means of one or more Anicuts, or by Canals led off from the right bank of the stream. He himself seems disposed to prefer the former plan, and, unless on further examination Canals should be found to offer very peculiar advantages, it would seem to be better to confine operations to the bed of the river, so as to avoid all necessity for interfering with land belonging to the Nizam or his subjects.

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To the Right Honorable Sir CHARLES WOOD, Bart., G.C.B., Secretary of State for India, (Public Works Department), dated Fort William, 19th September 1861, No. 64.

SIR,

We have the honor to acknowledge your Despatch No. 39 of 2nd August last and in reply beg to refer you to the correspondence which has already passed with the Government of Madras on the subject of the steady prosecution of the Godavery Works, copies of which were forwarded with our Despatches marginally noted.

No. 44, dated 5th July 1861.
No. 53, dated 6th August 1861.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient and humble Servants,

CANNING.

H. B. E. FRERE.

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31st March 1862.*

No. 3,424.

Public Works Department, No. 2,407, dated 5th
July 1861.
Do. do. No. 2,820, dated 6th August 1861.

Public Works Department,
the 23rd September 1861.

Copy of the foregoing Despatches forwarded to the
Government of Madras for information, with reference to
the communications marginally noted.

(Signed) H. YULE, Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 588.

ORDER THEREON, 31st March 1862, No. 626.

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(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

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C. WOOD.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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No. 64 of 1861.

Communications.
River Improvements.

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H. B. E. Frere *Lieut^t Col^l*
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