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No. 441. Read the following letter from Captain J. FLINT, Assistant Engineer in charge of Kurnool Range, to Lieutenant-Colonel E. HEMERY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, dated Kurnool, 4th July 1864, No. 63:—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 783 of the 6th May 1864, and your instructions on the same, I have the honor to inform you that I proceeded to the village of Soonkasalah on the 1st instant, and after a careful inspection of what works would be required to protect the village from being destroyed by a heavy fresh coming down the river, have come to the conclusion that it would be the best and safest plan to build a new village on some high ground about 300 yards from the present village, a better site for which could not be found for the following reasons.

2. To protect the present village an embankment would be required a mile in length, at least 10 feet high, and the inner face of the bank would require to be revetted with stone to the height of 6 feet, the stone revetment alone would cost nearly as much as removing the village, as it could not be done under a Rupee per cubic yard. The bank would require a slope of 1 to 2 as the soil is not good. Under these circumstances it would be much cheaper building a new village.

3. The site of the present village is very low and close to the river, consequently there is a great deal of fever amongst the inhabitants when the river gets low, from the silt and vegetable matter brought down by the freshes being exposed to the sun.

4. The site that could be fixed on for a new village is on very high ground, and still would have the advantages of the present village of being near the land belonging to the present village and also near water.

5. The new village should be commenced as soon as possible, as there is no doubt if there is an unusually heavy fresh, the village will be submerged; last season when the Anicut was not completed the walls of the Pagoda and some of the houses were washed down by the water.

Forwarded with reference to Order of Government No. 1,375, dated 12th May 1864.
Camp Gooty, (Signed) E. HEMERY, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
15th July 1864. Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

Referred to the Revenue Department, with reference to the Orders in that Department,
No. 783, dated 6th May 1864.
Chepauk, (Signed) J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, Major, R. E.,
21st July 1864. Deputy Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

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Miscellaneous.

1. The Government await the reply of the Collector of Kurnool to the Order of Government, dated 6th May 1864, No. 783.
 2. This report should be submitted without delay, and should specify the assistance, which in Mr. Minchin's opinion the Government should afford.
- (True Extract.)

C. H. M. Shaw-Stewart
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Collector of Kurnool.
„ the Department Public Works.
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