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No. 118. Read the following Official Memorandum from W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 21st May 1864, No. 402 :—

The following Extract from the Administration Report of the Collector of Tanjore for 1863-64, is forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, for his information.

Extract from a letter from the Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 16th May 1864, No. 159.

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Out-turn of the produce.

Paragraph 4. As might be expected from the character of the season as above described the out-turn of the crops has generally been below the average, and in the more eastern section watered by the Kavéri and from causes irrespective of the season the produce has been very scanty.

5. The causes irrespective of the season to which I have alluded to are these : at the bifurcation of the Kavéri and the Arasalár, the latter draws off an unduly large proportion of water, and what is allowed to pass down the Kavéri scarcely finds its way eastward in consequence of the bed of the river being much filled up and choked up with sand, hence the cultivation dependent on the river eastward of Combaconum annually suffers severely from want of water, and my conviction (in which all who are acquainted with the District fully concur) is that in the Mayaveram Táluq which is most affected by this state of things, the out-turn is generally less than half of what it used to be. Indeed, it is the present high prices of grain alone which in some measure compensate the Mirasidars for the deficiency of the harvest and thus render the evil less palpable than it would otherwise be; I have not, however, a doubt that had it not been for this a considerable part of the cultivation would have been abandoned.

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(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

No. 119. ORDER THEREON, 6th June 1864, No. 1,646.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, with reference to paragraph 4 of G. O. No. 1,578, dated 31st May 1864.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.
" Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Extract of the letter.

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Board Office,
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21st May 1864.

To
Colonel C. A. Orr
Secretary to Government
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