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No. 309. Read the following letter from Captain R. F. OAKES, R. E., Acting
Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E.,
Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 5th
September 1865, No. 967 :—

12th June.

SIR,

With reference to the Order of Government, No. 1,282, I have the honor to inform you that I have requested Captain Hasted to undertake the experiment of ascertaining what water is required to bring an acre of paddy to maturity, as he has some paddy land in his compound which he has rented with a view of keeping Pullers and strangers out of his compound; the experiment will have some chance of being fairly tried in Captain Hasted's compound, but elsewhere there is no chance of the experiment having a fair trial: the Executive Officers who were requested to report if they could undertake the experiment with any chance of arriving at a correct result, have reported their inability to do so. The fact is that in a District in which the only manure the fields receive is that brought down in deposit by the rivers, and where, as much of this deposit as possible is secured by letting far more water than is absolutely required for the cultivation into the fields, and by draining off the clear water when the deposit has settled, it is not to be expected that Mirasidars could be induced to allow the experiment to have a fair trial.

No. 310. ORDER THEREON, 14th September 1865, No. 2,697.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 33.

Communicated to the Revenue Department,
and the Consulting Engineer for the Madras
Irrigation and Canal Company.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.

„ Consulting Engineer Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.
„ Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Supg Engineer's Office
San Jose 5th Sept^r 1865.

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Captain R. F. Oakes R. G.
Acting Supg Engineer 6th Div

Colonel C. A. Orr. R. G.
Secretary to Government P. W. D.

With reference to the Order of
Government No 1282, I have the
honor to inform you that I have
instructed Captain Hastid to
undertake the experiment of
ascertaining what water is re-
quired to bring an acre of Paddy
to maturity as he has some Paddy
in his Compound which
has planted with a view of
proving the best and strongest
of his Compound, the
experiment will have some
chance of being fairly tried in
Captain Hastid's Compound,
elsewhere there is no
chance of the experiment
being a fair trial: the
Executive Officers who were
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letting far more water than
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the experiment to have a
fair trial.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Yours most Obedt Servant

W. H. Baker Esq. R.E.
Asst. Supy. Engineer of D.C.

