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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th December 1865.*

No. 371. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department:—

Directing the Consulting Engineer Irrigation and Canal Company to confer with the Agent and Manager on the subject of paragraph 3 of Despatch No. 51 of 1865, from the Secretary of State, intimating that the Company may be fairly called on to supply "Sowd" lands with the water required to bring them into a fertile condition, without charge, &c. (Here enter 14th December 1865, No. 3,029.)

No. 372. ORDER THEREON, 20th December 1865, No. 3,815.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 56.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th December 1865.*

No. 98. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India (Revenue), to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 25th October 1865, No. 51 :—

1. I have had under my consideration in Council the Despatch in the Revenue (Land) Department from your Excellency in Council, dated the 11th July last, (No. 10), in which you bring to my notice your recent proceedings, regarding the grant of remission of assessment and of water-rate, in case of failure of the crop, on land watered by the Irrigation and Canal Company.

2. I am of opinion that you have placed the question on its proper basis, by declaring that "the Ryots have no direct concern whatever with the Irrigation Company," and that "the fact that the water is derived from the Company's works instead of from a Government tank or channel is no reason whatever for withholding from the Ryots the benefit of the rules ordinarily applicable to "Nunjah cultivation."

3. The further question which arises as to the proportions in which the loss occasioned by the remission of the water-rate should be borne by the Government and the Company, is one on which you should lose no time in coming to an understanding. It appears to me that, in the case of the so-called "Sowd" lands (apparently similar to the "Reh" lands of Upper India), the Irrigation Company might, with a view to their own prospective advantage, be fairly called on to supply them without charge with the water required to bring them into a fertile condition. This point, however, which is of little financial importance, may well be settled between the local Officers of the Government and the Company.

No. 99. ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1865, No. 3,029.

Land Revenue.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue, and to the Consulting Engineer, who will confer with the Agent and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company on the subject of paragraph 3, and report the result to Government.

(True Extract.)

H. H. H.

Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ the Consulting Engineer Irrigation and Canal Company.
„ the Department Public Works.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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