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11th April 1865.*

No. 206. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India (Public Works), to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 28th February 1865, No. 6:—

Sir,

1. I have to acknowledge receipt of the Despatches of the numbers and dates noted in the

* No. 35, dated	22d June 1864.
" 38, "	9th July "
" 39, "	9th "
" 45, "	22d Aug. "
" 47, "	22d "
" 50, "	9th Sept. "
" 53, "	13th "
" 54, "	13th "
" 55, "	22d "
" 56, "	22d "
" 59, "	30th "
" 60, "	30th "
" 62, "	10th Oct. "
" 63, "	10th "
" 64, "	10th "
" 66, "	10th "
" 67, "	25th "
" 69, "	25th "
" 70, "	27th "
" 71, "	27th "
" 72, "	10th Nov. "
" 73, "	10th "
" 74, "	10th "
" 77, "	23d "
" 78, "	23d "
" 79, "	23d "
" 80, "	23d "
" 82, "	23d "
" 84, "	7th Dec. "
" 87, "	14th "
" 89, "	22d "
" 91, "	22d "
" 40, (Revenue) dated	14th Nov. 1864.

margin,* relating to the affairs of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.

2. Most of them, though containing particulars of interest, call for no special remark, beyond recognition of the ability, firmness, and temper with which Captain Mullins, your present Consulting Engineer, appears to perform the duties of his office.

3. Your remarks in Nos. 54 and 67, on the continued delay on the part of the Company's officers in submitting periodical progress reports, and on their persistence in incurring expenditure without authority, were communicated to the Directors, who have, in consequence, addressed their Agent on the subject, insisting on the observance of punctuality and regularity in future.

4. No. 60, respecting your refusal to sanction estimates for the Nellore section of the Company's works, was answered by

anticipation in my Despatch, No. 32, of 2nd December last. On its receipt, however, the Directors were furnished with an extract of the passage in Captain Mullins's Report, No. 69, of 12th August 1864, which questions the sufficiency of the supply of water at present available for the Nellore Canal, and were invited to make any observations they might have to offer on the subject. In reply, the Directors state that, though they believe the rivers Toombuddra and Penair capable, with the aid of reservoirs, of yielding an ample supply of water, they have, nevertheless, lately issued peremptory orders to their Manager and Chief Engineer not "to enter, for the purpose of execution, on any portion of the works intended to be constructed below the Pennair river in the districts of Cuddapah and Nellore," until plans and estimates for the whole line of main canal and subsidiary channels from the Pennair to the east have been submitted to and approved by themselves. They have also desired that, pending their issue of further orders, not only no new plans or estimates for any portion of the works in question be submitted for the approval of Government, but that the plans and estimates already before Government for certain portions of the works be withdrawn. The Directors add that it is their intention, before submitting or re-submitting any of these plans for your approval, to place before you the best obtainable information as to the extent of the available water supply.

5. These arrangements of the Directors are calculated to set at rest any practical question arising out of your recent orders for the stoppage of the Nellore section of their undertaking.

6. On the question discussed in No. 82, as to the right of Government to decide on the time, manner, and order of executing the Company's works, I have addressed you separately in a Despatch of this day's date.

7. In reply to the Agent's proposals (reported in No. 87) for the supersession of the present forms of accounts by a more simple system, you very properly intimated that you would be prepared to consider any modifications which, without detracting from the intelligibility and usefulness of the accounts rendered to the Consulting Engineer, would reduce the labour of their preparation

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and meet the convenience of the Company, but that it was indispensable that the accounts furnished should enable you to exercise that degree of control over the expenditure of the guaranteed million sterling which is prescribed in the contract.

8. The interpretation placed by your Consulting Engineer on the clauses of the contract referred to in No. 40 (Revenue) appears to me to be correct.

9. With respect to the proposed enactment, imposing a compulsory water-rate on house property in the town of Kurnool, the contract provides for nothing of the sort. A Municipal Act to that effect might of course be introduced with the consent of the majority of the householders, but apparently not otherwise.

No 207. ORDER THEREON, 11th April 1865, No. 993.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 38.

1. Communicated to the Consulting Engineer Madras Irrigation and Canal Company for information.

2. Paragraphs 8 and 9 will be communicated to the Revenue Department, with reference to the letter in that

Department to the Home Government, dated 14th November 1864, No. 40.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company.

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Exd. S. T. Augustin

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From the Right Honorable
the Secretary of State for
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Offering observations on cer
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affairs of the Madras Irriga
tion and Canal Company.

H. 28th February/65
No. 6.

Communicated to the
Consulting Engineer Mr. I. C. Company
for information.

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of 14th Nov. 64, No. 40.

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To
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