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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
23rd May 1866.*

No. 568. Read the following letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 11th May 1866, No. 153:—

1. With reference to G. O. of the 7th instant, No. 1,465, I beg very respectfully to suggest, for the consideration of Government, that when estimates are prepared by Officers or Subordinates of this Department for the repair of irrigation works, and it is alleged that a portion of the work will be executed by village or other labor, so as to reduce the amount of the estimate, the Collector before affixing his signature in approval of the execution of the work should call upon his Tahsildar to ascertain from the villagers concerned if they are prepared to perform the portion of the work allotted to them, and take written agreements from them provided they consent to undertake it.

2. This rule was always observed in Bellary, when I was District Engineer there, and I do not recollect that any loss was ever incurred by the Government, or that any very serious misunderstanding with the ryots occurred, as before this Department began the work at all the people were made to understand what was expected from them.

3. So anxious are the people of this country to have their irrigation works thoroughly repaired, and if possible improved, so as to secure a larger quantity of water or to diminish the chances of total loss by breaches occurring, they will promise any thing to an Officer coming to their villages to inspect or estimate for such works: and like all weak and ignorant people, as soon as it appears there is a chance of obtaining one great desire of their lives, they ignore as much as possible all obligations incurred under less promising circumstances: the Collectors of the Districts however, I submit, are the proper persons to secure the Government from loss in such cases; the members of our Department can only record for their information what has been said to them on the spot.

No. 569.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd May 1866, No. 1,647.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 79.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineers, in order to their attention being drawn to the necessity for *written* agreements being obtained from ryots in all cases in which they consent to defray a portion of the cost of a work.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineers.

„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

N^o 153.

Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts.
Madras 11th May 1866.

From, The Controller of Public Works Accounts.

To, The Secretary to Government. D. T. W.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

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I have the honor to be
Your most ^{truly} obed^t. servant.
Wm. Keith
Capt. in O.
Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Compd. E. M.

2. 16th May 1866

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Submitted for consideration
to the Commission will be
to effect our improvement in
the preparation of estimates
for disbursement works.

Dated 11th 3rd May 1866
Deco, 12th 3rd May 1866
No. 153.

To the
Madras Government
J. B. W.
J. B. W.
J. B. W.

I am not quite clear
as to the advisability
of getting through the
of the Collector & the
in all cases. Many of
may be then being
checked by an S. I. but
are not mentioned & it
would be better to
be sure of the, of the
by the well established
something - there can
be no objection, but
the reverse, to a number
being at once drawn
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sample manner.
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with the Department
of the Dept.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT
under date the 23rd May 1866
Read the following

From the Controller of
P. W. Accounts.

(Here enter No. 153 dated 11th May 1866)

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The Supt. Engineer
instructed to obtain written
agreements from Agents in all
Cases in which they consent
to defray a portion of the
Cost of Irrigation works.

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2. 16th May 1886.