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No. 325. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department:—

Communicating to the Board of Revenue letter from the Consulting Engineer, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, regarding the rate per acre to be levied for water supplied by the Company for garden cultivation. } (Here enter 5th January 1866, No. 31.)

No. 326. ORDER THEREON, 12th January 1866, No. 159.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 55.

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

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company.
,, Manager for do. do.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 61. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 13th December 1865, No. 126 :—

2 Letters in original from Agent Nos. 449 and 467, dated 1st and 12th December 1865.
1 Copy of a letter to Agent No. 286 of the 5th December 1865.
* No. 3,304, 2nd ultimo.
„ 3,672, 4th instant.
† From Agent No. 449, 1st instant.
To do. „ 286, 5th „
From do. „ 467, 12th „

1. With reference to the Orders of Government as per margin,* I have the honor to transmit the correspondence† which has passed between the Agent and Manager, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, and this Office, since the date of the former Order on the subject of rates for garden irrigation.

2. In his letter of the 1st instant, Mr. Henslowe pointed out that there was an objection to the exact arrangement suggested in my letter‡ of the 11th October last, in the fact that the supply of water by volume to gardens could not conveniently be managed.

‡ No. 101, paragraphs 6 and 7, Proceedings Madras Government No. 3,304, 2nd ultimo.

3. This being the case, I wrote to the Agent embodying, in a suggested addition to the rules already sanctioned by Government, provisions which would enable the rate per acre to be levied to be fixed, within a maximum, by the Company's Chief Engineer, after a consideration of the circumstances of each garden as regards distance from supplying channel, possibility of utilizing surplus, &c., and in reply to this communication, Mr. Henslowe states that, finding that other amendments of the rules will be required, he considers it advisable to wait until he can submit the whole together, and under these circumstances the subject will be again submitted to Government as soon as the Agent's proposals are received.

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4. I had not, as supposed by the Board of Revenue, lost sight of the point that the Company deals with the Government and not with the Ryots for the water supplied for irrigation generally, but this fact does not appear to me to prevent exceptional cases being dealt with otherwise than under the general rule, wherever both parties to the contract are agreed as to the advisability of a change. In saying that the Company "has no concern whatever with the crops raised by the Ryots," the Board would seem to have over-looked Rule VII., which provides that a sugar-cane crop shall be charged double the rate for ordinary wet cultivation. This forms one exception, and it is not improbable that others, besides the garden rates, may be found, as the Company's operations become extended.

Proceedings No. 531, 27th November.

5. I need only add here, that the maximum rate per acre entered by me in clause C. of the proposed Rule IX A, were based upon the supposition that an acre of garden land would probably require 6,000 cubic yards of water, and that this, at the maximum rate, 400 cubic yards per Rupee, fixed for exceptional supplies, would amount to 15 Rupees.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th January 1866.

Referred to the Revenue Department.

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

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
16th December 1865.

No. 62. ORDER THEREON, 5th January 1866, No. 31.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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