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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
31st July 1867.*

No. 725. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Irrigation,) to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, in the Public Works Department, dated Simla, 10th July 1867, No. 102 I:—

1. I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 1,855, dated 21st June 1867, relative to certain comments made by Mr. Ellis in a recent report to the Madras Government respecting the progress of irrigation in the Salem and North Arcot Districts.

2. The question between Mr. Ellis and the Public Works Department calls for no observations on the part of the Government of India. But with reference to the remarks contained in the latter part of your letter under reply, I am to say that it seems to the Governor General in Council very probable that even in the driest seasons a good deal of rain-water is now wasted which might be utilized for agriculture, and that it is by no means certain that very great advantage might not be obtained for the country by a more complete utilization of the rain-fall of ordinary years, even though suitable sites should not be found for the formation of reservoirs capable of containing two years' supply. Of course if a complete supply can be got, at a practicable cost, it will be the best thing; but it is hardly to be expected that such a supply will in fact ever be secured as to remove all difference between the crops in a good and a bad rainy season.

3. The Governor General in Council does not doubt that every effort will be made by the Madras Public Works Department to make the most of the existing facilities for irrigation, even though their result may not be to accomplish ideal perfection.

No. 726. ORDER THEREON, 31st July 1867, No. 2,302.

IRRIGATION, No. 34.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,

Under Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin

to the Governor General in Council very probable

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Government of India
Public Works Department.
Irrigation.

To
The Secretary to the Govt. of Fort St. George
in the Public Works Department.

Simla, 10th July 1867.

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Have the honor to be,

Your most ^{devoted} servant,

W. J. M. ^{Colonel R. S.}
Secretary to the Govt of India

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Pro. of South for India
No 2758

From

The Secy to the
Govt of India
No 1021

Dated 10th
Recd 23rd July 1867

Passing order on letter
No 1855 of 1867 regarding the
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Lahore and North West
Districts

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