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3rd August 1867.*

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Irrigation	1,501	13	0	752	15	2	...	...	...	718	13	10
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Buildings	29,582	10	6	31,924	12	5	2,342	1	11	...	...	...
Total	70,803	4	2	82,807	0	0	12,752	9	8	748	13	10
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Buildings	5,963	0	1	8,946	0	3	2,983	0	2	...	...	...
Total ...	51,732	1	10	55,578	5	11	3,846	4	1	...	...	...
Grand Total ...	1,22,535	6	0	1,38,385	5	11	16,598	13	9	748	13	10
Net ...	..						15,849	15	11	...	...	...

3. *NEW WORKS—Irrigation.*—The outlay in the past year is very small indeed, amounting to only Rupees 753. •This sum, it will be seen, was spent in the construction of a calingulah and a few small sluices.

4. In the current year, our prospects are however, better, as the Government have sanctioned some 40,000 Rupees for petty construction and repair in the two Government talooks in this district, the whole of which sum it is intended to spend in repairing the old as well as erecting new works, wherever necessary, so as to restore the talooks to a state of efficient irrigation.

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ORDER THEREON, 3rd August 1867, No. 2,355.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 7.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
" Board of Revenue, with three Enclosures.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Department of Public Works,
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Copy to the Acting Collector of Vizagapatam.

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