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Permanent settlement of the land revenue of lands affected by canal irrigation.

Read the following papers:—

From the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, to the Secretary to the Government of the North-Western Provinces, dated 22nd July 1867, No. 2,604.

1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 562 A, dated the 25th ultimo, replying to this Department letter No. 830, dated the 31st May, regarding the permanent settlement of the land revenue of the lands affected by canal irrigation.

2. Paragraph 19 of the letter, to which yours is a reply, ruled that the engagement taken from proprietors should be indefinite, as to time wherever a Settlement Officer might propose an assessment in perpetuity. In regard to this ruling, the Lieutenant Governor remarks that the people "might possibly misapprehend the object of such an arrangement, and might suppose that Government desire to retain the option of raising the assessments whenever it might appear expedient," adding that, "it is of importance that no opening should be left for misinterpretation on the part of the most suspicious;" and requesting that in such cases the engagement should be allowed to run as follows:—"For 30 years from date, and for such further period, or for ever, as the Government may finally determine."

3. In reply, I am directed to intimate that on re-consideration, the Governor General in Council is willing that the engagement in the cases in question should run as follows:—"For 30 years from date, or for ever, if the Government so determine."

No. 2,605.

Endorsed by Home Department.

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Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, the North-Western Provinces, and the Punjab.
Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces.

(Signed) W. McCLEERY, C. E.,
Offg. Asst. Secy. for Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department, (Irrigation Branch.)

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 29th August 1867.

No. 654. ORDER THEREON, 29th August 1867, No. 2,634.

IRRIGATION, No. 12. Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 108 I.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

IRRIGATION.

SIMLA, JULY 29, 1867.

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To The Secretary to the Govt of Madras
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