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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
24th January 1868.*

No. 509. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Revenue Department:—

Communicating Proceedings of the Board of
Revenue giving cover to a letter from the Col-
lector of Trichinopoly reporting on the condi-
tion of the minor irrigation channels in that
district. } (Here enter 21st January 1868, No. 155.)

No. 510. ORDER THEREON, 24th January 1868, No. 264.

IRRIGATION, No. 28.

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 6th Division.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st January 1868.*

No. 307. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th January 1868, No. 123:—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Streerungam, 28th November 1867, No. 336:—

1. Adverting to the Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, dated 2nd May and 1st August 1867, communicated to me in the Board's Proceedings, respectively dated 27th May and 6th August last; I have the honor to inform the Board that the minor irrigation channels throughout this district are now in ~~very fair working order~~

2. Certainly they are not now in the condition in which Mr. Puckle, writing in May 1865, then represented them to be.

3. When addressing the Board upon this subject in June, I had reason, from information received from local officers, to doubt whether the condition of these channels was then as bad as described by Mr. Puckle; but as at that time I had not had much opportunity of judging from personal observation, I was unwilling to commit myself to any opinion. Since then I have visited the greater part of the irrigated tracts in the district, and I now feel myself to be in a position to furnish the Board with positive information.

4. I am an advocate for the passing of a legislative enactment to enforce customary labor. It would certainly be more satisfactory to Collectors to be able to feel that their action was sustained by an express law; but at the same time I am bound to say that I have met with no real difficulty in resuscitating the practice of customary labor, (Kudi Maramut,) which unfortunately had, in a great degree, been allowed to fall into disuse in this district. Indeed, the people are exceedingly tractable, and if they are aware that the Collector is taking a personal interest in any particular subject in which they are concerned, his orders do in fact constitute the law to them.

5. The Board may have observed from a Notice frequently published in my District Gazette, that I called upon the people to eradicate the prickly-pear which was literally over-running the country. They will be glad to learn that this call has been generally responded to in a degree far beyond my most sanguine expectations. Much remains still to be done in many parts towards its effectual eradication, but what had assumed the proportions of a gigantic nuisance has already received a blow which alone, even if all further exertion in the same direction were abandoned, would retard its extension for years to come.

6. The removal of prickly-pear is a laborious and somewhat costly operation. Nevertheless the people have undertaken the execution of the work with alacrity and good humour.

1. Submitted for the information of Government, with reference to the orders quoted by the Acting Collector.

2. The Board are glad to learn that the Acting Collector's efforts to promote the well-being of the people of his district, by inducing them themselves to undertake the works noticed by him, have met with so much success.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st January 1868.*

No. 308.

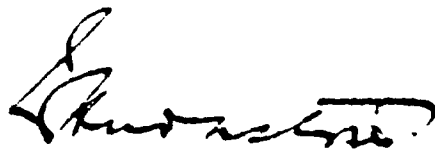
ORDER THEREON, 21st January 1868, No. 155.

Irrigation. No. 7.

1. Communicated to the Department
Public Works.

2. The Government are glad to learn
that the people so readily recognize their liability to perform the customary labor,
by which they themselves mainly benefit.

(True Extract.)



Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
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