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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th November 1868.*

No. 168. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, (Irrigation,) dated Simla, 14th October 1868, No. 292 I:—

Copy of the following forwarded to the Government of Madras for information.

By Order,

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, Colonel, R. A.,
Secretary to the Government of India.

From the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Secretaries to the Governments of the North-Western Provinces and the Punjab, Public Works Department, Irrigation Branch, dated 14th October 1868, No. 290/91 I.

1. I am directed to enquire whether any special rules have been laid down for the duties of Superintending Engineers of Irrigation Works in regard to the supervision of the water-supply in canals, and of the distribution of the water to the districts to which it can be made available. Also whether regular annual Inspection Reports are made by these Officers, and whether any special instructions have been given as to the preparation of these reports.

2. I am also to enquire whether any rules have been drawn up to guide the Executive Engineers of Canal Divisions in respect both to their general duties and the particular requirements of their special charges.

3. If such rules have not yet been framed, it seems to the Governor General in Council that steps should be taken now to do it. The administration of Irrigation Works is too important to admit of the duties to be performed being left to be carried on without active supervision by the most experienced Officers in the department, under instructions carefully framed with the approval of the Local Government. It must often happen that both Superintending and Executive Engineers are for some time, when first appointed to their Circles or Divisions, necessarily ignorant of the details of the system of distribution in force and the special requirements of the works. It is important that the advantage of former experience shall be secured as much as possible, by keeping up an accurate record of the established system, as from time to time administered by the responsible Executive Officers of the Irrigation Department, on every canal, &c., so that, on a change taking place among those Officers, as little as possible shall be lost by the removal of an experienced person. In the case of Divisional Officers, it does not appear expedient to leave too great a discretion in their hands.

4. It is suggested that the inspection reports of the Superintending Engineers may in future be usefully and conveniently annexed to the annual Revenue Reports of the Canals.

No. 169. ORDER THEREON, 12th November 1868, No. 3,513.

IRRIGATION, No. 11.

Communicated to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

(True Extract.)

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