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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th January 1869*

No. 107. Read the following letter from the Superintendent Engineer, 6th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 5th December 1868, No. 956 —

1. With reference to paragraph 12 of Proceedings Madras Government, Revenue Department, No 2,831, of 11th November 1868, I have the honor to request that I may be informed whether by irrigation channels, in the extract given in the margin, artificial channels are adverted to, or all channels of irrigation, and whether it is intended that drainage channels shall be included under the term irrigation, as used in the extract.

2. If artificial channels only are meant, it will be but seldom that a moiety of the cost of a bridge will have to be contributed from Imperial Funds under irrigation in the delta of the Cauvery. If, on the other hand, natural streams, such as the main rivers and their branches, are to be regarded as irrigation channels, if the Local Funds in Tanjore are to be fully expended, as far the greater cost of the roads is due to masonry works, about 1½ lacs per annum will have to be provided from Imperial Funds under "Agricultural," to cover the moiety of the cost of masonry works on the roads to be formed from Local Funds.

3. To prevent constant references, some clear and precise definition of what is to be regarded as an irrigation channel should be given, if the term is not to be confined to artificial channels only.

4. As an illustration, I would ask whether a moiety of the cost of a bridge over the Arriyaur or the Nundiyaaur would have to be provided for under "Agricultural," the former falls into the Wyacondan channel, and supplies a very small area directly. The latter has a dam across it, just above its junction with the Coleeroon, and supplies lands through sluices placed immediately above the dam.

5. If the term "Irrigation channel" is to be confined to artificial channels, I would ask whether it is to embrace all minor channels which distribute water from the main rivers or their branches, or whether it is to be confined to artificial channels formed by the British Government, to the exclusion of all channels excavated by the Native Government previous to the occupation of the country by the British Government.

No. 108. ORDER THEREON, 8th January 1869, No. 54.

IRRIGATION, No. 7.

The Superintendent Engineer of the 6th Division will be informed that the term "Irrigation channels," as used in paragraph 12 of the Proceedings of Government, No. 2,831, dated 11th November 1868, refers solely to artificial channels executed across previously existing established lines of communication.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent Engineer, 6th Division.
To all other Superintending Engineers.
To the Revenue Department.
Exd S T. Augustin.

*as Irrigation channels, of the Local funds in
Tanjore*

Govt. of {1869} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

G. Division

&c, &c &c

Dated January 8th

Recd

G. O., 8th January 1869, No 51

JANUARY.

No. 107-103

"Irrigation Channels"—The significance of the term "Irrigation channels" as used in paragraph 12 of G. O., No 2,831, of 1868, explained

Sup. Engr. Office 6th Divn
Panjore 5 December 1868

No. 956

From

Captain A. J. Oakes R.E.

Superintending Engineer
6th Division

To

Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.

Secretary to Government

Public Works Department

Sir,

With reference to para 12 of Proceedings

C. P. W. D.

3711.

27th October 1868

Madras Government Revenue Department No 2831

of 11th November 1868 I have the honor to request that I may be informed whether by irrigation channels in the extract given in the margin Artificial channels are adjoined to or all

The Board's order in special order, that half of the cost of Bridges over drainage channels on District roads should be contributed by the Imperial Government and the other half by the Local funds. The change will be made in the Budgets for Drainage works.

channels of irrigation and whether it is intended that drainage channels shall be included

under the term Irrigation as used in the extract.

If Artificial channels only are meant it will be but seldom that a moiety of the cost of a Bridge will have to be contributed from Imperial funds under Irrigation in the Delta of the Cavery. On the other hand natural streams such as the main Rivers and their branches are to be regarded as Irrigation channels, if the Local funds in Panjore

Expenses are to be fully expended, as for the greater cost of the Roads is due to Masonry works, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ Lacs per Annum will have to be provided from Imperial funds under 'Agricultural' to cover the moiety of the cost of Masonry works on the Roads to be formed from Local funds.

To prevent constant references some clear and precise definition of what is to be regarded as an Irrigation channel should be given, if the term is not to be confined to 'Artificial Channels only'.

As an illustration I would ask whether a moiety of the cost of a Bridge over the Arayan or the Kundayan, would have to be provided for under "Agricultural" the former falls into the Myacandan channel and supplies a very small area directly. The latter has a Dam across it just above its junction with the Coleroon and supplies lands through sluices placed immediately above the Dam.

If the term 'Irrigation channel' is to be confined to Artificial Channels I would ask whether it is to embrace all minor channels which distribute water from the Main Rivers or their branches or whether it is to be confined to Artificial Channels formed by the British Government, to the exclusion of all channels excavated by the Native Government previous to the occupation of the country by the British Government.

I have the honor to be

Yours most obed^t Servant

H. F. Stokes

No 544

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 8th January 1869
Read the following

From The Super Engineer B. S. N. 956 dated 5th December 1868

The Superintending Engineer of the 6th Div will be informed that the term "Irrigation channels", as used in para 12 of the Proceedings of Government No. 2831 dated 11th November 1868, refers solely to artificial channels executed across previously existing established lines of communication.

[Signature]

S. Eng. 6th Div
All other S. Eng.
1869

From the 1868
15th of last for
the Super Engineer

To
The Secy to Govt.
P. W. D.

Dated 5th
Read 8th Decr 1868.

No 956.

Requesting that the term "Irrigation channels" in para 12 of G.O. No. 2831 of the 11th November 1868, may be precisely defined.

No 54. 8th January 1869.

11th Nov 1868 - 18th

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To the Superintending Engr^r,
to the Division

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G O, S. 1868, No. 54.

No. 107-108

Irrigation channels. The
signification of the term
"Irrigation channels" as used
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explained.

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