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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th April 1871.*

No. 273. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, (Public Works,) to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 9th March 1871, No. 6 :—

I HAVE had before me in Council your Excellency's Despatch No. 29, of 14th November last, wherein, referring to the desire of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company to construct an irrigating and navigable canal from the river Pennair at Soomaishwaram on its right bank, and to a scheme which your Government have had under consideration for irrigating a large tract of land on the left bank of the same river, you request that, in drawing up any fresh agreement with the Company, care be taken distinctly to assert the right of Government to the full natural supply from the Pennair and its affluents, leaving to the Company the privilege of utilizing such surplus as may not be required by Government, in addition to all such other water as they may be able to make available by their works on the Toombuddra or by the construction of reservoirs.

2. Your Excellency need be under no apprehension of any fresh agreement being entered into with the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company without previous communication both with your Government and with that of India on all points involved. Meanwhile, I may observe that unless in the improbable event of the Irrigation Company succeeding in raising additional capital without a guarantee, I consider that no extension of their works beyond Cuddapah need be sanctioned. In any case your Government would seem to be at liberty to utilize a portion of the water of the Pennair below Cuddapah for the irrigation of land on the north bank of the river.

No. 274. ORDER THEREON, 20th April 1871, No. 1,106.

IRRIGATION, No. 17.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

Public Works.
No. 1

India Office
London 9th March 1871

My Lord,

I have had before me
in Council Your Excellency's
Despatch No. 29, of 14th Novem^r
last wherein, referring to the
desire of the Madras Irrigation
and Canal Company to
construct an irrigating and
navigable Canal from the
River Pennar at
Soomaishivaram on its right
bank, and to a scheme which
your Government have had
under consideration for
irrigating a large tract of
land on the left bank of
the same river, you request
that in drawing up any
fresh agreement with the

Company

His Excellency
The Right Honorable
The Governor in Council
Fort St George

Company, care be taken
distinctly to assert the right
of Government to the full
natural supply from the
Pennair and its affluents,
leaving to the Company, the
privilege of utilizing such
surplus as may not be required
by Government in addition
to all such other water as they
may be able to make available
by their works on the Coombudra
or by the construction of
Reservoirs

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and with that of India
on all points involved.

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capital without a guarantee,
I consider that no extension
of their works beyond
Cuddapah need be sanctioned.
In any case your Government
would seem to be at liberty
to utilize a portion of the
water of the Pennair below
Cuddapah for the Irrigation
of land on the north bank
of the river.

I have the honor to be
My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient
humble servant,

[Signature]

Public Works 1871 Appendix
No 5.

Public Works
9th March 1871

Revised April

The
Letter to Fort St George
No 6.

To the Secretary of State for India
at 29 of 10th July

Added to the records.

Intimating
that care will be taken
to assert the right of
Govt to the supply of
water from the Reservoir
in the event of a fresh
agreement being drawn
up with the Madras
Irrigation and Canal
Company -

No 1106-20 April 71

With an order

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BoH of 1871 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

20th April 1106

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My dear Sir,
I have the pleasure to inform you
that the same has been done
and the right of the Government
always been from the time
when the same was first
introduced, being the same
as the same of the same
Government.