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No. 401. 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 St. George, dated India Office, London, 13th July 1871, No. 13:—

I HAVE received your Excellency's despatch, No. 9, of 22nd May last, replying to mine on the subject of a claim of the Directors of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company to re-imbursement of a sum of about £32,000, expended by them under directions from your Government, and subsequently to the date of their supplementary contract, on operations extra to those contemplated by the contract. These operations were of two kinds: 1st, search for, and investigation of, sites for reservoirs; 2nd, construction of a number of additional bridges; and so far as regards the second item the fact urged by your Consulting Engineer that the works to be completed under the contract were to be completed in accordance "with the plans submitted or approved, or *to be* submitted or approved," seems to be conclusive against the claim of the Directors.

2. With respect, however, to the sum of £17,955, expended in reservoir explorations, I do not perceive the force of the argument that this sum may have been drawn, not from the loan of £600,000, made to the Company expressly for the purposes of their supplementary contract, but from the balance of their previously guaranteed capital. The Company, when pledging themselves to execute certain works with the aid of the loan, naturally regarded whatever remained to them from their guaranteed capital as equally at their disposal for the same purpose, and it will not, in my opinion, be reasonable to hold them responsible, if, by reason of your having caused the diversion of part of those funds to a different purpose, they are found to have been unable to fulfil their pledge.

No. 402. ORDER THEREON, 30th August 1871, No. 2,214.

IRRIGATION, No. 28. ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) A. deC. SCOTT, Captain, R.E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Public Works
No: 13.

India Office
London 13th July 1871.

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Public Works
13. July 1871
Received 25th August 1871

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Letter to Fort St. George
No. 15.

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No. 2214.

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Expressing opinion
on the application of the Board
of Directors of the S. I. & C. Company
to have reimbursed to them the
amount they have expended
since the date of their supple-
mentary Contract upon works
not provided therein.

With an Order
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PUBLIC WORKS.

To

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G. O. 30 Augt. No. 2214.

To

Nos. 401 & 402

Madras Irrigation and Canal Company's works. Despatch from the Secretary of State expressing approval of the appointment of the Board of Directors thereof and of the amended terms agreed upon between the Company and the Secretary of State for India in Council.