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No. 467. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 8th September 1871, No. 2,103:—

1 Petition.
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In reference to endorsement of the 18th December 1868, No. 2,817, on the accompanying petition from Pakianada Oopadasi and others of Moothaloor in the Tenkarai Talook, Tinnevelly District, praying that the ruined tank which lies on the eastern side of their church may be repaired, I have the honour to report that the so-called tank is not, properly speaking, a *tank*; it is a mere pond 3 to 4 yards deep and about 60 yards square, unprovided with any bund.

2. The channel supplying the tank is not more than half a yard wide at bottom; the banks are most irregular, and the channel has been considerably filled up in consequence of the villagers lowering their fields and depositing on the channel banks the earth, part of which falls into the channel.

3. As there is no bund to the tank there is no cultivation by direct flow, but a little by baling; the villagers urge the repair of its supply channel, on the ground that in a dry season it is the only tank for some distance round where water remains during the whole season available for man and beast. This, I believe, must be due to their being a spring in the bed of the "tank."

4. The accompanying estimate of Rupees 1,600 for repairing the tank and its supplying channel is only approximate; I believe it will suffice to do the work wanted but the tank being, as I have already said, a mere pond, there will be no direct return for the expenditure.

5. I am informed that the Rev. Devasikaiam, the Native Minister at this village, has stated that the villagers are prepared to contribute one-third of whatever money may be wanted for the purpose in question. Should the Government, therefore, be willing to grant assistance to the villagers, to the extent of half or two-thirds of the cost of restoring the channel, a complete estimate, with plans and specification reports, will be prepared and submitted.

6. I may mention, in conclusion, that Moothaloor is situated in the centre of the sandy tract on the south of the Tenkarai Talook, where water is scarce and most valuable.

No. 468. ORDER THEREON, 27th September 1871, No. 2,468.

IRRIGATION, No. 28.

UNDER the circumstances explained in the letter above quoted, the Government approve of the execution of the repairs necessary to the tank or pond referred to by the inhabitants of Moothaloor village in the Tinnevelly District, on the condition that the villagers contribute one-third of the cost of restoration which will be charged to Minor New Works Agricultural.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R.E.,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
Exd. E. C. Shunker.

No. 2103 Superintending Engrs. Office &c.
Madura 8th September 1871.

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From

Lieutt Col R. A. Roberts, R.E.
Superintg. Engineer 8th Div.

To

Colonel J. Carpendale R.E.
Secretary to Government
P.W. Deptt.

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Your most Obedient Servt
Rich. H. Norris Lieut Col R.E.
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