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IRRIGATION, No. 10.

THE question of transferring the charge of minor irrigation repairs to the Revenue Authorities having come under the consideration of Government in connection with the Report of the Public Works Commission, the Governor in Council has definitively adopted the opinion that such a change would be inexpedient, and that it is preferable that the duty of effecting all such repairs should be vested in the present professional agency.

2. ~~This rule will not preclude Superintending Engineers from obtaining the assistance of Collectors in the execution of any repair works which, for special reasons, they may wish to leave to the Revenue Department, and which that department may be willing to undertake.~~ The Government ~~are~~, however, ~~favourably inclined to~~ the suggestion of the Commission, that when the funds assigned to a district for the repairs of a year have been allotted it should be open to the officers of the Revenue and Public Works Departments, acting in concert with each other, to entrust the execution of ordinary repairs to villagers who may be willing to undertake them on the estimates of the Public Works Officers in preference to Contractors. Before passing final orders on the subject of customary labour, the Government resolve to request Collectors and Superintending Engineers to report after careful enquiry the exact nature of the works that have hitherto or in former years been carried out by enforced customary labour in each district, and whether any objections exist to the continuance of the practice or its re-institution, and the expediency of enforcing the same by legislative enactment. The reports of the Collectors will be submitted through the Board of Revenue who will lay them before Government with such remarks as they may have to offer, and the reports of the Superintending Engineers will be made to the Chief Engineer and Secretary in this department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. F. OAKES, Captain, R.E.,
Offg Joint Secretary to Government.

To Superintending Engineers.
To the Revenue Department.
„ Board of Revenue.
„ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

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No. 2603.

The question of transferring the charge of Minor irrigation repairs to the Revenue Authorities having come under the consideration of Govt. in connection with the Report of the Public Works Commission, His Excellency the Governor in Council has definitively adopted the opinion that such a change would be necessary, and that it is

preferable that the duty of effecting all such repairs should be vested in the present professional Agency—

The Govt. are however favorably inclined to the suggestion of the Commissioners that when the funds appropriated by a District for the repairs of a year have been allotted, it should be open to the Officers of the Revenue and Public Works Depts. acting in concert with each other to entrust the execution of ordinary repairs to Villages who may be willing to

undertake them in the estimates of the Public Works Officers in preference to Contractors. Before passing final orders on the subject of customary labor, the Government resolve to request Collectors and Superintendents to report after careful enquiry after careful enquiry the exact nature of the works that have hitherto been carried out by customary labor in each District, and whether any objections exist to the continuance of the practice or its re-establishment, and the expediency of enforcing the same by legislative enactment. The reports

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and calling for a report from the
Collectors and Civil Engineers as to
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