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No. 297. Read the following letter from the Joint Secretary to the Government of the North-Western Provinces, Irrigation Branch, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Ursinah, 2nd January 1871, No. 8-I. C.—

I AM directed by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, North-Western Provinces, to request that this Government may be favoured with such information as may be available on the results of irrigation of black cotton soil in the Madras Presidency.

No. 298. ORDER THEREON, 13th February 1871, No. 442.

IRRIGATION, No. 12.

ORDERED that the following letter be sent:—

(Here enter No. 443, dated 13th February 1871.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Govt. of {1871} Madras.

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FORT ST. GEORGE, 13*th February* 1871.

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To

THE JOINT SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT,
NORTH WESTERN PROVINCES

IRRIGATION, No. 13.

SIR,—In reply to your letter, No. 8 I. C, of the 2nd instant, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to state that in the Kistna Delta about 100,000 acres of black cotton soil have been irrigated for a considerable period; in Bellary the greater part of the irrigated lands are composed of that soil; and in other districts there is a considerable extent of similar soil under tanks and channels. On the whole the irrigation gives favourable results · some of the richest cultivation in the Presidency is on such soil, and generally the crops are good; while, as regards the quantity of water required, black cotton soil compares favourably with almost every other description of land. In the Kistna, and to some extent elsewhere, the saline efflorescence, which, it is understood, has led to difficulties in the North Western Provinces, has made its appearance, but it is believed that the salt thus brought to the surface can be washed out when the water-supply is abundant and the drainage good, and in that case the lands would continue to be quite fit for cultivation.

2. I am to state that your letter does not indicate the particular results on which information is required, but should this letter not be sufficiently explicit, any further information which may be available will be supplied, if you will specify the details which His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor would desire to have furnished.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R. E,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

No 8 J C.

From

The Secretary to Govt.

H. to P.

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P. W. Department. N. W. Provinces
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The Secrt. Govt: to Govt. N.W.P.

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The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras
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