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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
29th March 1871.*

No. 695. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Irrigation,) dated Fort William, 7th March 1871, No. 83-I. :—

Regulating works on branches of the Vennaur river, Madras.

Read the following :—

From the Secretary of State for India, to the Government of India, dated 31st January 1871, No. 10.

I HAVE had before me in Council the papers transmitted with your Excellency's despatch, No. 155, of 29th September last, relative to the construction of regulating works on the several branches of the river Vennaur, itself the principal branch of the river Cauvery.

2. The object of the works is to distribute the waters of the Vennaur among its five channels more nearly in the proportion of the areas severally irrigated by them. Hitherto, according to Colonel Orr, although "an abundance of water enters the Tanjore Delta for the irrigation of every acre of land commanded by the rivers, some lands classed and assessed as irrigated are unable to obtain a supply, while the water which they require runs to waste," or still worse injures other lands by flooding them. All possible pains seem to have been taken in designing the new regulators to ensure a fair division of the waters, and the result is, with apparently good reason, expected to be a diminution of the average annual remissions of land revenue, equivalent to a profit of 13 per cent. on the expense of the regulating works. That expense, exclusive of a portion to be provided for from Local Funds, is estimated at Rupees 1,97,240, for charging which to "Extraordinary Loan Funds" there would seem to have been abundant warrant in the calculations and explanations placed before you by the Government of Madras.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this despatch be forwarded to the Government of Madras in the Public Works Department, for information, in continuation of Public Works Department letter, No. 325-I., dated 9th August 1870.

(Signed) W. H. RUNDALL, Colonel, R. E.,
Offg. Dy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 696. ORDER THEREON, 29th March 1871, No. 938.

IRRIGATION, No. 58.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer of the 6th Division in continuation of G. O., No. 2,072, dated 29th August 1870.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.
,, Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
IRRIGATION.

To
THE SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF MADRAS,
IN THE P. W. DEPT.

No. 83 I.

Dated March 7, 1871.

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To Mr. Secy to Govt
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and confirmation of H. & Co 20/2 of 29 August/71.

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From the Govt of India forwarding
Copy of Despatch from the
Secy of State relative to the
Construction of Regulating works
on the several branches of
the Vennar River in the
Tanjore District.