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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th September 1872.*

No. 122. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Public Works Department, Irrigation, dated Simla, 1st August 1872, No. 648 :—

READ the following :—

Moota Valley Irrigation Project.

Extract from a Despatch from the Secretary of State for India, No. 63, dated 27th June 1872.

“ PARAGRAPH 8.— * * * Recent experience, with regard both to this and to other large irrigation schemes in various parts of India, shows plainly that the importance of the utmost care in the preparation of estimates for irrigation works is far from being justly appreciated by many officers of the Public Works Department. According to present arrangements, all such works, when of any magnitude, are to be paid for out of borrowed money, but their cost is permitted to be so charged only on the understanding that it will, within a moderate period, be reimbursed out of earnings ; and very serious financial embarrassment cannot fail to be frequently the result, if much more care than hitherto be not taken in collecting and examining data for the estimates on which such understanding must be based. And this additional care is required even more in respect to estimates of revenue than to those of expenditure. It is disheartening enough to find a work, which had been begun in the belief that its cost would be only 30 lakhs, costing more nearly 50 lakhs by the time it is finished ; but still more disappointing will it be to see the work, when completed, remaining for years unremunerative, because the cultivators, for whose benefit it has been designed, required to be gradually habituated, and as it were coaxed, to avail themselves of the water which they had been previously represented as most eager to use and quite willing to pay for.”

ORDER.—Ordered that the foregoing be communicated to the several Local Governments and Administrations for information, with a request that particular care may be enjoined on Irrigation Officers in the preparation of all estimates for irrigation works in future.

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

No. 123. ORDER THEREON, 9th September 1872, No. 2,142.

IRRIGATION, No. 7.

COMMUNICATED for the information and guidance of Superintending Engineers and Executive Officers.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To Superintending Engineers.
„ Major R. B. Kennedy.
To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exd. J. Wright.

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the Home for desiring greater
care to be observed in the pre-
paration of estimates for irri-
gation works, Comd of the
Officers concerned.

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