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2nd October 1872.*

No. 26. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 4th September 1872, No. 2,479 —

IN reply to G. O. No. 2,051 of 28th August, I have the honour to observe in my own justification that I took charge of the division immediately after the cyclone, which had caused very extensive damage to the irrigation works in both the districts under my charge. I found that the system which prevailed was as follows. Estimates were prepared for every irrigation work that any body complained was out of repair from the Collector to the ryot, wholly without regard to the amount of allotment, or the possibility of getting so much work done.

2. These estimates were forwarded to the Collector without any entries of ayacut, etc., etc., and that Officer was expected to select from the mass of papers the works which he considered it most advisable to repair. On his returning the estimates thus selected and countersigned, they were checked in my office and allotments made.

3. In ordinary seasons to reform all this in May would have occupied some time and caused much delay and inconvenience to public works. I flatter myself that I have done a good deal towards setting matters right, and procuring the means of control which had been practically abandoned by the Superintending Engineers; I had not only to bring Range Officers to a proper understanding of the rules of the department, but to do it in a very limited period of time, and under the pressure of an extraordinary amount of work, which was necessary for the preservation of the revenue.

4. All the points noted by the Chief Engineer and by Government have been remarked by me during my inspections, and in my letters over and over again.

5. I will reply to the inquiries hereafter, but beg to be excused for setting forth thus much, as the Government Order appears to me to be a censure and very discouraging after my endeavours to get the irrigation works in order with as much regard as I could to departmental rules, etc.

No. 27. ORDER THEREON, 2nd October 1872, No. 2,316.

IRRIGATION, No. 2

ORDERED to be recorded,

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

~~Accepted by the Board of Directors~~

Affording explanation on Estimates
repaireing damages
caused to Tanks.
the North Arcot D
by the late cyclone
I am, Sir,
With, one orcl

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Govt. of {1872} Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS. ✓

To
The Superintending Eng^r
1st Division

Dated

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Nos. 26 & 27

Tanks in the North Arch

The estimates for a
pair of tanks damaged
by the recent cyclone,
Recorded.

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Eng^r. Mr. H. S. offering
explanation with reference
to certain remarks con-
tained in L. O. No.
2057 of 1872 regarding

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