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No. 483. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Fort St. George, 26th March 1873, No. 93:—

From J. H. LATHAM, Esq., Chief Engineer of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R. E., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Kurnool, 19th March 1873, No. 13.

RETICULATION.

In the *Madras Times* of the 17th instant I notice a copy of the Government Order upon "Channels in the Kistna District," in which Government order that villagers shall be responsible for the reticulation of their villages, and shall find labour and land for that purpose.

2. I have the honour to say that I applied six weeks ago for the land for the reticulation of Karimadula and other villages, but though the Canal Company here are prepared to find the labour for the channels, and Government are willing to pay for the land, there is such unaccountable delay in granting permission to begin work, that I am informed only five or six chains' length had been recently commenced on a small portion of the 10-link channels, for which alone land was made over in one village. For that village I have a petition signed by the villagers stating a desire to cultivate rice extensively. I fear that I shall not be allowed to set to work thoroughly in one of the many villages requiring reticulation before the end of March. It is quite a farce to allow the canal as it were to lie idle, while weeks and months are wasted in questions of the purchase of strips of land for channels, most of which are only a yard broad.

3. No wonder villagers do not apply for water when they see that, while the application would ensure their having to pay water-rate, it is a doubtful question of months how soon the officers of the Canal Company would be permitted to open out a channel to supply them. In fact it is now *evident* that no ryot of ordinary understanding will apply for water until a channel has been made to his field, and that if he have a channel he is very likely to irrigate.

4. It is also more evident than ever that it would be beyond human power to prevent a famine should an absolute dearth occur.

5. I still receive from Overseers statements of the interference of villagers with channels, where it is proposed to make them, as they have been made, on *sufferance* through one man's land, in order to reach the standing crop of another ryot.

6. I am turning off fifty bankers at the end of this month from their legitimate work of perfecting the reticulation, and shall have to employ them on the special repairs as much as possible.

7. I hope that you will, when bringing before Government this momentous difficulty, which prevents my irrigating villages without a delay severally and consecutively of apparently two months for each village, spent in bargaining before I can enter on the land, support some action of Government for the removal of the evil.

8. I simply need permission to make field-channels before, instead of after, the bargain for the land. This is very much more convenient for the ryots who constantly come forward with suggestions for alterations of course while the channel is being made. The value of the land in any one man's field is so small

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Bhojanum ...	8	13	2	31	...	
Regadigudur ...	16	8	1	18	...	
Pessarai ...	24	12	5	57	4 6	
Billakal Gudur ...	9	49	0	31	...	
Korapalur ...	1	10	...	...	...	
Velapanur ...	25	44	1	76	...	
Wanalla ...	11	56	0	42	...	
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SUBMITTED for the consideration of Government.

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* G. O., No. 713, dated 5th March 1873. paragraph of this letter. It relates only to the up-keep and management of the existing distribution arrangements of individual villages.

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(Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

No. 484. ORDER THEREON, 29th April 1873, No. 1,218.

IRRIGATION, No. 29.

COMMUNICATED to the Revenue Department, with a view to its being considered whether arrangements cannot be made for facilitating the construction of field-channels, in connection with the

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. MULLINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Agent and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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M. Land & Co. Co.
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Fort St George

26th March 1873

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Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

To The Secretary to Government
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The Chief Engineer for
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To, The Secretary to Govern-
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Dated 26th March
Received 4th April. } 1873.

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Enclosure - one.

Submits for consideration
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To the Chief Eng for
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Madras S. K. G. O. Letter,
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