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No. 203. Read the following Circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account-General,) dated Fort William, 8th January 1875, No. 3 —

The Governments of Madras, and Bombay, in the Public Works Department, General, Irrigation and Railway Branches
The Governments of Bengal, North Eastern Provinces and Punjab, in the Public Works Department, General and Irrigation Branches
The Chief Commissioners of Oudh, Central Provinces, British Burmah, Mysore, and Coorg and Assam
The Resident at Hyderabad
The Agents to the Governor General for Central India and Rajpootana.
The Superintendent of Port Blair and Chief Commissioner, Andaman and Nicobar Islands
The Director General of Telegraphs
The Inspector General of Military Works
The Director of State Railways
The Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Guaranteed Railways, Calcutta, Lahore and Lucknow

The following correspondence is circulated for information to the Local Governments Administrations, and Officers noted in the margin.

By order,
(Signed) C H DICKENS, Colonel, R A,
Secretary to the Government of India.

From A O HUMPHREY, Esq, C B, Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce, to the Local Governments and Administrations, dated 30th July 1874, Nos $\frac{1}{62334}$

SEVERAL cases have recently come to His Excellency's notice in which exorbitant compensation has had to be given for land taken up for railways and other public purposes.

2 When a public work is first designed and estimated for, the owners would consider themselves liberally dealt with if their land were paid for at the rate (say) of 10 rupees an acre, but after it becomes known that Government has sanctioned the work, and that it must therefore proceed at any cost, and when perhaps the demand for labor and supplies consequent on the initiation of the work has raised prices, nothing less than 30 or 40 rupees an acre suffices to satisfy the proprietors.

3 His Excellency believes that if greater promptitude were exhibited in settling for lands required for public purposes, before the normal position of the local market becomes disturbed by the commencement of the work, large sums might be saved to the State; and it has been suggested that District Officers, as soon as the general line of a work is fixed and before ground is broken, should be authorized in rural districts to settle then and there with the proprietors of all villages whose lands will be traversed by the work, the rate of compensation per acre, both cash and remission of revenue, to be paid for each locally well established class of soil, for any lands that may, when the work is taken in hand, be appropriated for its purposes. Special compensation for trees, wells, or houses would still remain for careful adjustment subsequently, but even in that case the greatest promptitude should be exercised in settling all claims before the people acquire an exaggerated notion of the value of their property.

4 To enable District Officers to deal at once with the compensation for land, it may be possible for the Local Government to lay down some rules, enabling them to settle the matter satisfactorily and at once without further reference to higher authority, at any rate, steps should be taken to facilitate the speedy settlement of claims, and to secure Government against the heavy charges for compensation which have sometimes to be met even without resort to the provisions of the Act.

From the Secretary of State for India, to the Government of India, (Legislative,) dated 17th September 1874, No. 32.

My attention has been drawn to a note dated the 17th March 1873, written by Colonel Rundall, Inspector of Irrigation Works, in which that officer remarks that one of the causes of the great excess of the detailed estimates for the projected works on the Western Jumna Canal over the rough estimates for those works is "the heavy cost of land, consequent, most probably, on the enhanced value conferred on it by the irrigation on which it has been receiving for so many years."

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

ACCOUNT
General.

THE GOVERNMENTS OF MADRAS, AND BOMBAY,
IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
GENERAL, IRRIGATION AND RAILWAY
BRANCHES

THE GOVERNMENTS OF BENGAL, NORTH WEST-
ERN PROVINCES AND PUNJAB, IN THE
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, GENERAL
AND IRRIGATION BRANCHES

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONERS OF OUDH, CENTRAL
PROVINCES, BRITISH BURMAH, MYSORE
AND COORG, AND ASSAM

THE RESIDENT AT HYDERABAD

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CENTRAL INDIA AND RAJPOOTANA

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PORT BLAIR AND
CHIEF COMMISSIONER, ANDAMAN AND
NICOBAR ISLANDS

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MENT OF INDIA FOR GUARANTEED RAIL-
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Dated January 8, 1875

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*Forwards for information correspondence on
the subject of the acquisition of land for public
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Copy, with copy of the Despatch referred to, forwarded to the Public Works Department for information, in continuation of the memorandum from this Department, No. 703, dated 19th Augus. last

No. 203

ORDER THEREON, 8th February 1875, No 337.

ACCOUNT, No. 13.

COMMUNICATED to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation and Consulting Engineer for Railways

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R E.

Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

.. Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd S T. Austin.

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