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No. 240. Read the following Despatch from the Most Honorable the Secretary of State for India :—

INDIA OFFICE, LONDON,
6th July 1876.

Public Works,
No. 23.

MY LORD DUKE,—In your Grace's letters, Nos. 13 and 25, of 28th February and 29th April last, attention is drawn to the disproportion between the Establishment charges of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company and the returns from Irrigation, the latter having, in 1874-75, been only Rupees 55,000, while the former amounted to Rupees 1,09,700 (excluding the cost of daily labor), so that the cost of irrigation was very nearly twice as much as the gross earnings.

2. Mr. Latham, the Chief Engineer and Manager of the Company, having, in consequence of this state of things, been desired, in February last, to "state what immediate retrenchment could be made, and to communicate with the Board of Directors, with a view to diminishing the number of Engineers employed, and making a revision, suitable to the circumstances of the works, in the pay of those who might be retained," reported that a saving of Rupees 23,112 had already taken place, owing to the occurrence of two vacancies among the first-class Engineers, which it was not intended to fill up. Your Government, however, pronounced this reduction insufficient to meet the requirements of the case, and, desiring that a new scale of establishments should be submitted for approval, added that no scale would be approved which did not provide for a considerable reduction of the salary of the Chief Engineer and Manager.

3. In the second of the letters under acknowledgment, a hope is expressed that the views taken by your Government in regard to this matter will receive the support of the Secretary of State in Council, and if that letter had reached me some weeks earlier, I might probably have urged upon the Board of Directors the necessity of taking some effective steps in the direction indicated. The relations between the Government and the Company have, however, as explained in my Despatch, No. 12, of 12th April last, been of late materially modified by the decision that, after 30th September next, no contribution shall be made by the State in aid of working expenses. It will thenceforward, therefore, be left to the Directors to provide funds for those expenses, and for the State to appear to interfere with the Board's discretion as to the application of those funds might be to assume a very undesirable and inconvenient share of the Board's responsibility.

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His Excellency the Right Honorable
The Governor in Council, Fort St. George.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
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No. 211.

ORDER THEREON, 11th August 1876, No. 2,071.

IRRIGATION, No. 23.

Account.

RECORDED in continuation of G.O.,
No. 1,296, of 23rd May 1876.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,

Offg. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

India Office,
London, 6th July 1876.

Public Works,

No. 23.

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I have the honour to be,

My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's most obedient, humble Servant,

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Salisbury

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No. 25 May 1876 No. 1296
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Regarding the dis-
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Establishment charges of
the M.I.C. Co. and the ter-
rains from irrigation

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Charges for bridge ✓
Charges & manager in St. Off. ✓

W. H. M. L.

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The Chief Engineer for
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Madras Irrigation and
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Despatch from Secy
of State remarking on
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24th Sept