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READ—the following letter from C. ROBINSON, Esq., Secretary to the Royal Commission, Conservation of Water, Sydney, to the Under Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Madras, dated Sydney, 27th June 1884, No. 15:—

I am desired by the Commissioners to request that you will be so good as to bring under the notice of the Honorable the Secretary for Public Works the enclosed copies of letters patent appointing them to inquire into the best means of conserving the rainfall of New South Wales.

The Honorable the Minister will doubtless be aware that Australia is exposed to severe droughts, recurring at more or less frequent intervals, which very seriously check the permanent and profitable occupation, for the purposes of pastoral, agricultural, and mining industry, of the districts so parched. The beneficial results which have flowed from the enterprise of private individuals who have constructed dams and obtained water by boring have been so great as to justify the expectation on the part of the Government that important advantages would be obtained for the Colony by organised and systematic efforts to conserve the rainfall; and it is the desire of the Commissioners to devise and recommend schemes which may be capable of general application. These must doubtless be chiefly determined by considerations of the amount of the rainfall in particular districts, and of the natural configuration and geological formation of particular localities.

But the Commissioners feel that they would be greatly assisted in their investigation by a correct knowledge of the action which has been taken by the Government of Madras in the storing and distributing of water in the Presidency, and they have therefore desired me to request that you will be so good as to invite the Honorable the Minister for Public Works to cause them to be supplied with any information which it may be in his power to communicate in furtherance of the objects of their inquiry.

The Commissioners would be glad if you would invite the Honorable the Minister to obtain the recommendations of A. S. Russell, Esq., Under Secretary of the Department of Irrigation, Madras, in the selection of such maps and reports as may be likely to be most useful, as they feel that that gentleman's visit to Australia, and the intercourse he has had with some of the members of the Commission, will enable him to perform this service more readily than it is in their power to do.

ORDER—dated 8th August 1884, No. 1929 W., Public Works.

The Commissioners for Conservation of Water in the Colony of New South Wales will be supplied with such information as may be available on the records of

Government. The duty of collecting the requisite papers, adverted to in the last two paragraphs of the Secretary's letter, will be entrusted to Mr. A. S. Russell, Under Secretary to Government in the Irrigation Branch of the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Joint Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department, Irrigation Branch.

Exd. A. F. Aaron
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Dated August, 8th.

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G.O., 8th Aug. 1884, No. 1929 W.

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**Water Conservancy Commission
of New South Wales.**

Mr. A. S. Russell deputed to the collection of papers and information for the—

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ROYAL COMMISSION—CONSERVATION OF WATER.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and so forth.

To Our Trusty and Well-beloved

WILLIAM JOHN LYNE, Esquire, M.P.; RUSSELL BARTON, Esquire, J.P., M.P.; JOHN BOYD DONKIN, Esquire, J.P.; FREDERICK AUGUSTUS FRANKLIN, Esquire, C.E., J.P.; FREDERICK BOWDLER GIPPS, Esquire, C.E.; DAVID McMORDIE, Esquire, B.E., C.E.; RICHARD LENNON MURRAY, Esquire, J.P., M.P.; GEORGE WILLIAM TOWNSEND, Esquire; and RICHARD RANDOLPH MACHATTIE, Esquire, M.P.—

GREETING :—

KNOW YE, That We, reposing great trust and confidence in your ability, zeal, industry, discretion, and integrity, do, by these Presents, authorize and appoint you, or any five of you, as hereinafter mentioned, to make a diligent and full inquiry into the best method of conserving the rainfall, and of searching for and developing the underground reservoirs of water supposed to exist in the interior of this Colony, and also into the practicability, by a general system of water conservation and distribution, of averting the disastrous consequences of the periodical droughts to which the Colony is from time to time subject: AND We do by these Presents give and grant to you, or any five of you, at any meeting or meetings to which all of you shall have been duly summoned, full power and authority to call before you all such persons as you may judge necessary, by whom you may be better informed of the truth in the premises, and to require the production of all such books, papers, writings, and all other documents as you may deem expedient, and to visit and inspect the same at the offices or places where the same or any of them may be deposited, and to inquire of the premises by all lawful ways and means: AND Our further will and pleasure is that you, or any five of you, after due examination of the premises, do and shall, within the space of twelve months after the date of this Our Commission, or sooner if the same can reasonably be, certify to Us, in the Office of Our Secretary for Mines, under your, or any five of your Hands and Seals, what you shall find touching the premises: AND We hereby command all Government Officers and other persons whomsoever within Our said Colony, that they be assistant to you, and each of you, in the execution of these Presents: AND We appoint you, the said WILLIAM JOHN LYNE, Esquire, to be President of this Our Commission, and do give you power at your discretion to procure such clerical and other assistance as you may deem necessary for enabling you duly to execute this Our Commission.

In Testimony Whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our Colony to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Councillor SIR AUGUSTUS WILLIAM FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS (commonly called LORD AUGUSTUS LOFTUS), Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Our said Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, at Government House, Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this tenth day of May, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, and in the forty-seventh year of Our reign.

(Signed) AUGUSTUS LOFTUS.

By His Excellency's Command,
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With reference to our comm-
-ication regarding the letter

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30th June 1884

My dear Mr. Russell

I have yours of the
5th inst. from King George's
Sound, and the substance
of it was placed before
the water commission
at last sitting.

A letter is going by
the mail addressed to your
department asking for
information and I intend to
move at an early date, that

Yours

Secretary of the Royal Com-
-mission (who was expected

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Your services may be applied
for - I hope you have
enjoyed your return trip &
feel well braced up for
another struggle. Mr. Lamm
desires to be remembered to
you.

Yours sincerely
G. H. Lamm

May come here as mail comes
in an hour, and saw me to my
needs preparing a speech for Bangor
on my farm tonight.

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may be sent forward
with the letter which
you anticipated in Saturday.

C.H.
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munication regarding the letter
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Commission, asking for the col-
lection of papers about Tim-
jatin by myself, the follow-
ing will throw some light
on the subject.

When in N.S. Wales recently,
I was asked by the Govt.
officials for information re-
garding Timjatin, and was
led to understand that my
services would be applied
for in connection with the
Royal Commission which
was, at that time, being
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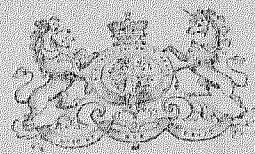
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to which I refer in its
Subjective Works, but did not
visit Madras) is in reply
to a paper has giving
information regarding Madras
Situation. From it you will
see that it is probable that
the next mail (10th August)
will bring a letter from
the Royal Commission ask-
ing for my services.

Should this be so, and should
the Madras Govt. permit me
to go to N.S. Wales in duty,
the papers now asked for
could be taken by me, to-
gether with other informa-
-tion which I shall re-
-turn to proceed from
the Forest Dept.

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18.7.84



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Sydney, 17th June

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The Under Secretary,

Public Works Department,

Madras, India.

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I have the Honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Chas. Robinson,
Secretary.

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 Under date the 8th August 1929
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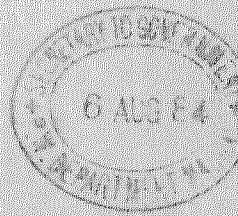
Russell, Under Secretary
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