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No. 60. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 21st November 1866, No. 3718.

Passing orders in regard to improving the } (Vide Proceedings, Public Works Dept.,
Irrigation works of the Ganjam Dis- } dated 21st November 1866, Nos. 472
trict. } & 473).

No. 61. ORDER THEREON, 17th December 1866, No. 1278.

To be recorded.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
21st November 1866.*

No. 472. Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Waltair, 24th October 1866, No. 163 :—

1. In reply to G. O. No. 3,226 of the 10th instant, I have the honor to observe that I cannot undertake any examination of the Ganjam District

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with the Establishment under me ; but that I have every reason to believe that very much might be done towards improving the irrigation.

2. The Chicacole, Calingapatam, and Ganjam rivers flow through valleys of considerable extent, which are well irrigated in years of moderate fall, but on which there are no works that I know of, by which the level of a small fresh can be raised or any water stored.

3. The country is, in my opinion, more favorably situated for irrigation than are the lands under the Tambrapoorney in Tinnevely, or the Ambravatty in Coimbatore, on which several anicuts raise and distribute the smallest rain-fall from the south-west monsoon.

* To be returned.

4. I send by banghy a Survey and Sections* of one branch of the Ganjam river, the only one there are any sections or levels of. I took these during a short stay in the district in 1857. They were taken above Aska, and afford a very good idea of the general lay of the valley between that place and Russelconda.

5. Below Aska there is a very fine strip of irrigation from the small stream flowing into the Mahanaddy near Injilly, which will also enable us to form some idea of the benefit that may be obtained by works properly constructed.

6. I believe that the salary of an Officer with two Overseers, two Draughtsmen, one Writer, and an establishment of Lascars would be well laid out in examining the valleys of these three rivers.

No. 473. ORDER THEREON, 21st November 1866, No. 3,718.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 98.

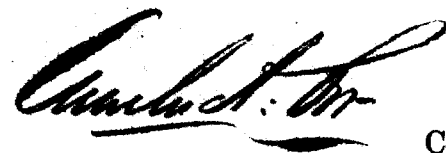
1. This report is too general and vague to convey any information to Government, and the Survey which accompanies it will be returned to the Officiating Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division as it may be of use, so far as it goes, to any one who may be employed to examine the river Mahanaddy with a view to utilizing its waters for irrigation. Colonel Moberly's attention is again directed to the orders conveyed in G. O. No. 3,226, dated 10th October 1866, and, as he is of opinion that many, and peculiar facilities exist for extending and improving the means of irrigation from rivers in Ganjam, he will at once select one or more well defined project and take immediate measures for the preparation of the necessary Plans, Estimates, and Specifications, which should be laid before Government with a detailed and clear description of the nature and objects of the works and of the returns to be expected from them.

2. Colonel Moberly will observe from G. O. No. 3,402, dated 24th October 1866, that application has been made to the Government of India for an establish-

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ment to thoroughly investigate the question of extending irrigation in the 1st Division, and if he is prepared to employ that establishment without further delay, the Government will authorize its immediate entertainment in anticipation of the sanction of the Government of India.

(True Extract.)



Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, with one Survey.

„ Public Department, with reference to G. O. in that Department,

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