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No. 42. Read the following Circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Irrigation,) dated Fort William, 4th April 1870, No. 19:—

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2. On the 4th March the Government of the Punjab informed the Government of India that no funds would be required beyond the amount (19 lacs) allotted, thus leaving it to be inferred that this sum would be required; yet on the 13th instant, in reply to a telegram from this department, it is stated that the much smaller sum of Rupees 11,85,000 will be sufficient to meet the whole of the outlay on State Railways in the Punjab during the current year.

3. The Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab will doubtless agree with the Governor-General in Council, that such unreliable estimates can be of no use to the financial advisers of the State, who have to provide the ways and means for carrying on the several Railways about to be undertaken throughout the country. These Railways are now in their infancy, and the expenditure on them is at present moderate, but as they progress, the outlay will assume large dimensions, and extreme financial embarrassment must result if the estimates be not prepared with proper attention to care and accuracy. The Officers, both executive and administrative, who have to prepare and submit these estimates, must be led to feel the responsibility that is upon them, not merely for demanding an adequate provision of funds for carrying out the works they are interested in, but for laying before the Government a demand that may be accepted without question, so long as the objects to which the funds are to be appropriated are approved. Too frequently it happens that a safe estimate only is thought of, and the result is a very excessive, and consequently an utterly untrustworthy estimate. The

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ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Government of Punjab, for information and guidance.

Also that a copy be forwarded to the Accountant-General in this department, and to the Financial Department, for information.

Also to the Governments of Bombay, Bengal, and North-Western Provinces, to the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces, and the Resident at Hyderabad.

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(By order.)

(Signed) A. B. SAMPSON,
For Offg. Depy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 43.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd May 1870, No. 1169.

RAILWAY, No. 7.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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IRRIGATION.

FORT WILLIAM, APRIL 4, 1870.

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The Secretary to the Govt of Madras.
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