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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th September 1865.*

No. 232. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Public Works Department:—

Communicating, with instructions, to
the Consulting Engineer for the Irriga-
tion and Canal Company, Despatch
from the Home Government passing
certain observations with reference to
the affairs of that Company. (Here enter 6th Sept. 1865, No. 2,596.)

No. 233. ORDER THEREON, 9th September 1865, No. 2,172.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 2,596.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
6th September 1865.*

No. 103. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India (Public Works), to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 24th July 1865, No. 17 :—

SIR,

1. I have to acknowledge receipt of the Despatches of the numbers and dates

No.	2, dated	10th Jan. 1865.	No. 17, dated	28th Feb. 1865.	noted in the margin,
" 4,	"	10th "	" 21,	" 22nd March "	relating to the affairs
" 5,	"	10th "	" 22,	" 10th April "	of the Madras Irri-
" 6,	"	24th "	" 23,	" 10th "	gation and Canal Com-
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" 8,	"	24th "	" 25,	" 11th "	following observations
" 10,	"	25th "	" 28,	" 29th "	on such of them as
" 11,	"	25th "	" 29,	" 10th May "	appear to call for re-
" 13,	"	11th Feb. "	" 14,	(Revenue) dated 11th	mark.
" 14,	"	11th "		March 1865.	

2. With respect to the Reservoir Survey Establishment, the only thing certain appears to be, that its operations have hitherto been without useful results. Merely for the sake of those works, however, which the Company's guaranteed capital will suffice to complete, the construction of reservoirs is represented by their Chief Engineer to be unadvisable. Questions connected with them, therefore, will possess little interest, unless the Company are prepared to raise additional capital, without a guarantee for the extension of their canal into districts in which it will require larger supplies of water than can be obtained from the rivers of the neighbourhood.

3. The confusion observable in the Company's accounts, and the unsatisfactory manner in which their operations have been conducted, have, I perceive, frequently of late incurred your severe and merited animadversion. The same subjects have also engaged the serious attention of the Directors in this country, who have, in consequence, felt it their duty to make material changes in their engineering staff in India, and to lay down rules for the conduct of their affairs which, it is to be hoped, will ensure, for the future, a better application of the Company's resources.

4. In several of the Despatches under acknowledgment you bring to my notice the great excess of expenditure beyond the original estimate, in one instance amounting to 210 per cent., and it is now placed beyond doubt that the guaranteed capital, which was expected to suffice for the construction of a canal from Soonkasala to the sea, will be found insufficient to complete the works even to the Ghât.

5. The Directors, as I am informed, have instructed their Agent to suspend all work for the present beyond the ~~14th mile~~ ^{point} up to which point they anticipate being able to complete the works with the funds already at their command, together with the balance of the subscribed capital, which they have determined to call up as fast as the terms of their Act will permit.

6. As, however, the last printed statement showed that the actual and estimated expenditure of this Company, up to 30th June, amounted to 842,730*l.*, it seems probable that the anticipations of the Directors will be disappointed, and that it will become necessary to restrict the works within narrower limits than those above mentioned. It is desirable that the attention of your Consulting Engineer should

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be directed to this subject, and that the greatest care should be taken in order that the Government be not committed to the sanction of any expenditure in excess of the guaranteed capital.

7. The steps taken by you, with respect to the proposed scheme for supplying the town of Kurnool with water, are in accordance with the views expressed in my Despatch, No. 6, of 28th February last.

8. Since writing the above, I have received your Despatches, No. 31 and 33, dated May 23rd, 1865. I perceive, from the former Despatch, that you have suggested that all expenditure should cease, except upon the works between Soonkasala and Pennar, so that the resources of the Company may be concentrated on the portion of the undertaking to which it is proposed to confine their operations. This appears to be in accordance with the views expressed above.

No. 104.

ORDER THEREON, 6th September 1865, No. 2,596.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 16.

1. Communicated to the Consulting Engineer for the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.

2. Captain 'Mullins' particular attention will be directed to the remarks contained in paragraph 6, and he will be careful not to pass drafts for the payment of any money in excess of the guaranteed capital without reference to Government, or till notice of further unguaranteed capital being raised by the Company is received.

(True Extract.)



Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for the Irrigation and Canal Company.

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