Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22*nd July* 1867.

No. 437. Read the following letter from the Colonial Secretary, Colombo, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Colombo, 29th June 1867, No. 23 :—

1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1,580, of the 25th ultimo, transmitting certain printed reports on the subject of irrigation works, and to request that you will convey to the Right Honourable the Governor of Madras the thanks of this Government for those reports.

2. I am also to request that you will be good enough, with the permission of the Governor, to cause the information sought for in the annexed copy of a letter from the Chairman of the Irrigation Committee, to be furnished as early as practicable.

From the Chairman of the Irrigation Committee, to the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, dated Colombo, 21st June 1867.

1. I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 10th June, enclosing one from the Government of Madras, together with certain works in reference to irrigation in that Presidency, and whilst requesting that the thanks of this Committee may be conveyed for the works alluded to, I have to solicit some information from the said Government, which the Committee had hoped would have been found in the documents to which I allude.

2. The information desired is the amount of Government tax levied on irrigation lands per acre, also the amount of "water-rate" levied on the same land in addition to the land tax, and whether either or both of these vary according to locality or circumstances; also whether the people have in any case contributed to the construction or repair of works for irrigation, and if in such instances how water-rates are charged.

3. If there be any enactment bearing on the subject of the water-rate and land tax, the Committee request to be favoured with copies thereof.

No. 438. ORDER THEREON, 22nd July 1867, No. 1,665.

Miscellaneous.

The Board of Revenue will submit a Memorandum furnishing the information regarding the assessment of land tax and water-rate on irrigated land, &c., desired by the Government of Ceylon.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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