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No. 35. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India (Revenue), to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 23rd March 1867, No. 8 :—

1. I have considered in Council the despatch from your Excellency in Council, dated the 26th October last (No. 10, Land), with which you forward to me the latest reports connected with the final settlement of the district of Trichinopoly.

2. The principles on which the re-settlement was to be conducted were largely discussed, and finally settled in Sir Charles Wood's Despatch of the 24th February (No. 7), 1864, and it appears to me that those principles have been fully and fairly carried into practical operation. By the introduction of a simplified mode of settlement, combined with moderation in the rates of assessment, the burden of taxation on the ryots has, so far as the extent of the lands actually under cultivation is concerned, been reduced to the extent of between three and four lacs annually; while, in the opinion of all those authorities to whom deference is due, the probable increase from the cultivation of land now waste, but fit for cultivation, will, in less than five years, bring up the revenue to the highest point which it had ever attained previous to the re-settlement, whilst a manifest and important relief has been afforded to the cultivators.

3. These results are most important and satisfactory, and I have much pleasure in recording my approval of your proceedings, and of the intelligence and exertions of Mr. Puckle in carrying out the settlement of this district to completion.

4. I desire to be specially informed of what has been accomplished towards clearing irrigation channels of silt, in consequence of your instructions to the Board of Revenue in the 9th paragraph of your Proceedings.

No. 36. ORDER THEREON, 2nd May 1867, No. 998.

Land Revenue.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue, the Director of Revenue Settlement, and Mr. R. K. Puckle, with reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 19th September 1866, No. 2,523.

2. The Board will report at an early date on the subject of paragraph 4 of this despatch.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Director of Revenue Settlement.
,, R. K. Puckle, Esq.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

India Office,
London, 28th March 1867.

Revenue,
No. 5

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Your Lordship's most obedient humble Servant,

Stafford H. Northcote

No 998.

Order to be communicated to the Bd of Revue, the Director of Revue Settlement and Mr R.K. Cuckle with reference to the Pro: of Govt dated 19th Septr 1866, No 2523.

2. The Bd will report at an early date, on the subject of paragraph 4 of this Despatch.

2d May 67.

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Pros: of Govt for Revenue,
Dated March 1867.

The Secretary of State for St Jeorge,
&c &c

Received on the
21st Apl 1867.
Via
Marseilles and
Bombay

Approving the proceedings of this Govt in connection with the final settlement of the Trichinopoly District, and desiring to be specially informed of the accomplishment towards clearing Irrigation Channels of silt.

No 998 2d May

With Order

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