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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
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No. 245. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Sanctioning the entertainment of the new Establishment represented to be required for the distribution of water from the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company's Works. } (Here enter 10th September 1868, No. 2,883.)

No. 246. ORDER THEREON, 18th September 1868, No. 2,410.

Irrigation, No. 13. Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. SEWELL,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 2,883.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Dpeartment, 10*th September* 1868.

No. 187. Read the following Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Kurnool, 19th August 1868, No. 55 :—

Read the following letter from the Agent and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Consulting Engineer for the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Kurnool, 19th August 1868.

1. The canal having now been successfully filled to a considerable length, it is obvious that arrangements must be made in earnest for the supply of water to the ryots.

2. It is equally obvious that although the aid of the Engineers will always be required in connection with the channels and irrigation works, yet they ought to be relieved of the commercial and administrative supervision of the supply of water.

3. I have, therefore, the honor to propose that the small establishment, hitherto attached to the Engineering staff, under the head of "Superintendent of Irrigation," be cancelled, and that in lieu thereof there be attached to the Agent's staff the following Irrigation Establishment :—

1 Water Bailiff, salary...	Rupees	160
Allowance	,,	50
1 Writer	,,	50
6 Peons, at Rupees 8	,,	48

4. The duties of the Water Bailiff would be to make himself thoroughly acquainted with all the lands capable of being irrigated under the canal ; to watch the supply so as, on the one hand, to protect the Company's interests and prevent fraud, and, on the other hand, to protect the ryots from improper interference and coercion by promptly reporting any facts of an exceptional character to the Executive Engineer. It would also be his duty to give the earliest information to the Engineers of any accidents or damage to channels, &c., and, in short, to use every exertion to maintain and encourage the supply of water to the ryots.

5. It is scarcely necessary, nor indeed practicable, that I should here go further into the detail of his duty. The salary I have named I consider fair ; and I have also been led to fix that particular rate, because I happen to know of an old servant of the Company, now in the receipt of that rate of pay and allowance, who, I believe, is well adapted to the office of Water Bailiff, and whose services during the dry season would be available to the Executive Engineer either as a Surveyor or Overseer of works. I would further recommend that power should be given me to grant, in addition to the salary, (if it should eventually appear to be desirable,) a small per-centage, say 1 per-cent., on the revenue actually collected from the sale of the water.

6. In the first instance, I have no doubt that 20 or 30 Rupees would be sufficient pay for a Writer, and Peons would of course only be employed as necessity arose.

7. I find that the area for which water has been applied for up to the end of June amounted to no more than 424 acres, and I have reason to believe that ryots have been induced to abstain from irrigation this season by the neglect and mischievous proceedings of the late Superintendent, as well as by other causes which might easily be averted and rendered inoperative by care and judgment on the part of a Water Bailiff. I am convinced, therefore, that no time should be lost in arranging the small establishment I now propose.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 10th September 1868.

1. Submitted for the consideration of Government, with a recommendation that the Agent be authorized to entertain the Irrigation Establishment proposed by him, in lieu of that as per margin, which he considers to be no longer necessary.

	Rs.
1 Superintendent	110
2 Overseers	24
6 Lascars	36
	170

2. The proposed establishment, the estimated cost of which is Rupees 308 a month, will be debitable to Revenue, as is the cost of that which it is intended to supersede.

(Signed) J. MULLINS, Captain, R. E.,
Consulting Engr., I. and C. Company.

No. 188. ORDER THEREON, 10th September 1868, No. 2,883.

IRRIGATION, No. 11.

The Government sanction the entertainment of the new establishment* represented to be required for the distribution of water from the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company's works, the charge being debited to Revenue as recommended by the Consulting Engineer.

* At a monthly cost of Rupees 308.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for the Irrigation and Canal Company.
,, Manager for do. do.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Revenue Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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