No. 255. Read the following Endorsement of the Acting Under-Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 23rd October 1869 :—

Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—Irrigation,) dated Simla, 11th October 1869, No. 216-A-I.

COPY of the following forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, for information and guidance, in continuation of this department No. 128-A.-I., dated 28th August 1869.

(By Order,)

(Signed) G. CHESNEY,
Depy.-Secy. to the Govt. of India.

From the Secretary of State for India, to the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated 25th August 1869, No. 76, P.W.

WITH reference to your despatches, Nos. 129 of 27th August last and 74 of 15th June last, relative to a question raised as to the liability of the State to bear the cost of collecting water-rates for the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, I forward herewith copy of a letter, dated 11th August 1869, from the Secretary to the Company, from which it will be seen that the Company "assent to a deduc-" tion being made from the amounts which shall be payable by the Secretary of " State to the Company, under the contract, of all special or extra expenses incurred " by the Government of Madras in relation to the supply of water and collection " of water-rates, subject, however, to an arrangement being made, whereby particu-" lars of the expenses so to be deducted shall be previously submitted to and " approved by the Company or its representative."

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Secretary to the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, London, to the Under-Secretary of State for India, dated 11th August 1869, No. 1.

WITH reference to the suggestion contained in your letter of the 6th November last, that all charges incurred by the Government in relation to the supply of water, and collection of water-rates, shall be debited against the Company's Revenue Account, the Directors have now desired me to state in reply that although, as they are advised, the contract between the Secretary of State in Council and the Company does not authorize any deduction from the price to be paid by the Secretary of State in Council for water supplied by the Company, and although the Government of Madras, in the month of April 1864,* so interpreted that same contract, and in accordance therewith caused to be prepared and sanctioned Rules for the regulation of all transactions between themselves and the Company, the 11th of which Rules was in these words, viz., "In adjusting the claim of the Company on Government " in charge shall be made for expenses of collection from the ryots, they (the Directors) do not desire " either to insist upon the strict letter and meaning of their contract in this respect, or to hold the " Government to the Rule above quoted, and therefore, viewing the suggestion made as fair, they " assent to a deduction being made from the amounts which shall be payable by the Secretary of " State to the Company, under that contract, of all special or extra expenses incurred by the Govern-

* See Proceedings of the Madras Government of April 1864.

Govt. of {1869} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated December, 17th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 17th December 1869, *No.* 3,204.

Sent to Bd of Revenue
4/25 August 1870 Ch. 2703.

DECEMBER.

Nos. 255-256.

Water-supply and collection of water-rates for Irrigation Company.—Board of Revenue to report, in communication with the officers concerned, what charge should be made against the Company in connection with it.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 17th December 1869.

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REFERRED to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) H. TUCH, Captain, R.E.,
Acting Under-Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

No. 256. ORDER THEREON, 17th December 1869, No. 3,204.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue who will report, after communicating with the Collector of Kurnool and the Consulting Engineer for the Irrigation Company, what charge should be made against the Company for special or extra expenses incurred in relation to the supply of water and collection of water-rates.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Public Works Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Department

No. 3204

Proceedings of the Madras Govt.

Under date the 11th Novr. 1869.

Read the following Extract of the Public Works Department -

Referring Memo from Govt. of India forwarding a copy of papers regarding the proposal to debit to "Revenue" all charges incurred by Govt. on account of the water supply & collection of water rates for the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company. -

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Geo. W. Hall
Clerk