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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th January 1869.*

No. 188. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public
Works Department :—

Explaining the signification of the term "Irriga-
tion channels" as used in paragraph 12 of } (Here enter 8th January 1869, No. 54.)
G. O., No. 2,831, of 1868.

No. 189. ORDER THEREON, 14th January 1869, No. 90.

Irrigation, No. 9.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 54.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th January 1869.*

No. 107. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 5th December 1868, No. 956:—

1. With reference to paragraph 12 of Proceedings Madras Government, Revenue Department, No. 2,831, of 11th November 1868, I have the honor to request that I may be informed whether

by irrigation channels, in the extract given in the margin, artificial channels are adverted to, or all channels of irrigation, and whether it is intended that drainage channels shall be included under the term irrigation, as used in the extract.

2. If artificial channels only are meant, it will be but seldom that a moiety of the cost of a bridge will have to be contributed from Imperial Funds under irrigation in the delta of the Cauvery. If, on the other hand, natural streams, such as the main rivers and their branches, are to be regarded as irrigation channels, if the Local Funds in Tanjore are to be fully expended, as far the greater cost of the roads is due to masonry works, about 1½ lacs per annum will have to be provided from Imperial Funds under "Agricultural," to cover the moiety of the cost of masonry works on the roads to be formed from Local Funds.

3. To prevent constant references, some clear and precise definition of what is to be regarded as an irrigation channel should be given, if the term is not to be confined to artificial channels only.

4. As an illustration, I would ask whether a moiety of the cost of a bridge over the Arriyaur or the Nundiyaur would have to be provided for under "Agricultural," the former falls into the Wyacandan channel, and supplies a very small area directly. The latter has a dam across it, just above its junction with the Coloroon, and supplies lands through sluices placed immediately above the dam.

5. If the term "Irrigation channel" is to be confined to artificial channels, I would ask whether it is to embrace all minor channels which distribute water from the main rivers or their branches, or whether it is to be confined to artificial channels formed by the British Government, to the exclusion of all channels excavated by the Native Government previous to the occupation of the country by the British Government.

No. 108. ORDER THEREON, 8th January 1869, No. 54.

IRRIGATION, No. 7.

The Superintending Engineer of the 6th Division will be informed that the term "Irrigation channels," as used in paragraph 12 of the Proceedings of Government, No. 2,831, dated 11th November 1868, refers solely to artificial channels executed across previously existing established lines of communication.

(True Extract.)

*Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.*

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.
To the other Superintending Engineers.
To the Revenue Department.
Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Comm. to the
Revenue Board*

Revenue Office

No. 66.

Court of 1869, Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER.

Mr. District

Esq. Secy. &c.

Dated January, 8th.

Recd. 11th —————

G. O. No. 84, January 1869, Vol. 54.

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"Irrigation Channels."—The signification of the term "Irrigation Channels" as used in paragraph 12 of G. O., No. 2,831, of 1868, explained.

W. H. P. J. J. J.
With Order