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No. 506. Read the following letter from the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, *Public Works Department (Irrigation)*, *to the Acting Joint* Secretary to the Government of Madras in the Public Works Department (Irrigation Branch), dated Simla, 30th July 1872, No. 625-I. :—

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1,634 of the 5th instant, submitting the progress report of "Extraordinary" Irrigation Works, Madras, for the year ending 31st March 1872.

2. In reply I am to state that the progress made on the works during the year, as shown in the report, cannot but be regarded as very unsatisfactory, the total expenditure amounting only to Rupees 5,40,386 against a grant of Rupees 11,17,800, or less than 50 per cent. of the latter. The great deficiency, it is observed, occurs in the Godavery and Kistna Districts, and is attributed by the local officers to the difficulty of procuring labour, "almost all that is available being required" it is said "for the maintenance of existing works."

3. The estimates which have been lately sanctioned for the Godavery Delta works amount to ... ... Rupees 23,84,640
and the expenditure on them to date to ... ... ,, 4,81,838
leaving an unexpended balance of ... ... ,, 19,02,802

The outlay on the works during the past year amounted to only Rupees 1,59,223 against a grant of Rupees 4,96,804, which is highly unsatisfactory, for at this rate of progress it will take twelve years to finish the works.

4. Similar remarks apply to the progress of works in the Kistna Delta also.

5. Probably, for the reasons stated, there may be difficulty in obtaining labour locally, but this difficulty must have been known to the local officers when they sent forward the estimates for the works. The Governor-General in Council being fully impressed with the necessity which exists for completing the scheme of works, which have been for so many years in course of prosecution, is of opinion, that the local officers should be urged to exert themselves and try and import labour from other localities, for it is of little use assigning funds annually if only one-half of the grant is to be worked up to.

6. The progress of works in Tanjore has been satisfactory.

No. 507. ORDER THEREON, 29th August 1872, No. 2,071.

IRRIGATION, No. 20.

Forwarded for the information of the Superintending Engineers.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council trusts that the Extraordinary works in the Kistna and Godavery Districts are progressing more satisfactorily this year than they did in 1871-72, and that arrangements have been made for the importation of labour from adjacent districts wherever the local labour is likely to prove inadequate to admit of the allotments for the Extraordinary works being fully expended. In cases in which expenditure on Extraordinary works falls short of the allotments, the plea

that local labour has failed will not in future alone suffice, but Superintending Engineers will explain fully what steps they have taken to obtain labour from neighbouring districts.

3. The Chief Engineer for Irrigation will scrutinize the Monthly Progress Reports of Extraordinary works, and if dissatisfied with progress made and prospective should not only report to Government on the subject but personally inquire into the causes of its insufficiency, and take, in concert with Superintending Engineers, such remedial measures as may be necessary.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To Superintending Engineers.
To the Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Revenue Department.

Lord. & C. Shunker.

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Govt. of India.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEERS,

&c. &c., &c.

Dated August 20th.

Read 7th September 1872.

G. O., 29th August 1872, No. 2,071.

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Nos. 606-607

Extraordinary Irrigation Works—Letter from the Government of India passing orders on the Progress Report of the Extraordinary Irrigation Works of the Madras Presidency for the year ended 31st March 1872, forwarded to the Superintending Engineers with remarks.

No. 41. Encl. to No. 2963.

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