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No. 64. Read the following Memorandum from Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Caroor, 3rd September 1873, No. 585-A. :—

THE following observations on the part of the Unanswered Reference List of the District Engineer, North Arcot, relating to Irrigation are submitted with reference to G. O., 21st August last, 1869.

2. Nothing appears to have been done in the way of investigating the possibilities of the Irall River since the order of this order, and further action had better be postponed until some competent to investigate the project is available.

3. *Moolkar Tank.*—The District Engineer should have stated whether the revenue information had been obtained; if not, the Collector should be asked for it. Probably the District Engineer could make a sufficiently comprehensive report to enable a decision to be arrived at if he goes over the ground carefully the first time he is in the neighbourhood.

4. The District Engineer should prepare and submit an accurate return of the quantity of water passing the Poiney Anicut each ten days throughout the year. The water registers will enable this to be done, and it will then be seen whether any considerable extension of irrigation will be feasible.

5. The Poonganur River Projects are neither of them very hopeful; they had better be postponed until the District Engineer has establishment available for their investigation. Possibly the smaller scheme referred to in paragraph 11 of the Superintending Engineer's letter may, if judiciously worked out, be of some use.

6. The restoration of the Melwani Tank is a work which may probably be investigated without much difficulty under the District Engineer's directions, when he has had an opportunity of going over the ground, and the temporary establishment required can be given on a temporary basis.

7. The information called for in paragraph 10 of the order should have been given years ago. Mr. O'Shaughnessy should be depended upon by Captain Pennycuik, to carry it out. No investigation is necessary in this case.

8. This part of the order may be carried out from future lists, as it has been deferred by a later order.

9. Only the first out of the three mentioned remains to be disposed of, the idea of restoring the other two was abandoned in G. O., No. 2,093, 31st August 1869.

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10. In February last the District Engineer was called upon to report what further information had been obtained bearing on the Mambaukum Project, with reference to the instructions contained in these Proceedings. To this reference no reply has as yet been received and it is necessary that the subject should not be lost sight of; but on the contrary the District Engineer should give it very full consideration as there is much in the instructions given which is of importance, independently of the question of the advisability of constructing another anicut across the Cheyaur.

No. 65. ORDER THEREON, October 1873, No. 2,436.

IRRIGATION, No. 5.

COMMUNICATED to the District Engineer, North Arcot, who will be authorized to substitute this order in future

Unanswered Reference Returns for the undermentioned requisitions:—

G. O., No. 2,643 of 11th August 1869.

„ „ 3,855 of 8th Dec. „

(True Extract.)

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Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, North Arcot.

„ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

„ Revenue Department. ✓

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