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No. 390. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Camp at Coimbatore, 22nd May 1873, No. 14A:—
From J. H. LATHAM, Esq., Chief Engineer and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Kurnool, 19th May 1873, No. 14.

System for current distribution.
REFERRING to my No. 10 of 8th June, which I asked what rules should guide the settlement of the last season, have the honour to point out how the difficulty has been met for the next settlement, t, and I hope removed for the

2. The difficulty lay in the want of knowledge or ignorance of the authorities by the aid of canal water last season. The Collector of Kurnool considered that the ryots throughout the district were acquainted with those rules, and this left the Company's Officers no alternative but to settle according to them. Yet, in my opinion, the ryots were not sufficiently acquainted with the rules, and I feared that a settlement based upon them would be hard on the ryots, and prejudicial to the revenue of the canal.

3. Mr. Chase's letter of the 3rd March, to the Secretary of the Board of Revenue, printed with G. O., No. 378, of 1st April, has now, I think, received a sufficient answer in the memorandum, a copy of which I enclose. Judging probably from the Ramaleotta Taluq, which was under his immediate observation, Mr. Chase had not made sufficient allowance for the general ignorance of the rules in taluqs which had not been so long years accustomed to the working of the canal. I will briefly state how the memorandum originated.

4. Premising that I have no knowledge of any rules which the Deputy Collector, A. Ramachandra Row, may be preparing for submission to Government, and that he had no knowledge of modifications I was contemplating in my rules, I need only say that I met that officer at Nundikotkur on the 12th instant to settle the adjusted claims for irrigation in the Nundikotkur Taluq, and so much of the Nundial Taluq as is under the 6th Section of canal. On my proposing to begin by settling any disputed points in the authorized rules, he stated that he thought modifications of those rules should be made to guide our settlement, since the ryots had cultivated under mistaken impressions regarding the rules in force. I then assented to accept any modification of the rules he desired, provided his reasons for them were generally supported by the evidence to be taken during the settlement; and the result was the memorandum in question. The rules are drafted on his dictation of the substance or sense he desired, the reasons justifying them are such of the most prominent ones as came before me, evidence, briefly drafted by myself. The whole I sent to the Deputy Collector for the settlement, and he after a few corrections signed it with me.

5. Referring to the last clause of the memorandum, I now pass from the difficulties surmounted to the means for preventing a similar difficulty in the future. On these, I think, there is unanimous agreement amongst the local officers of the Board of Revenue and of the Company. Mr. Mullins, in a letter to me, dated 9th and 11th inst., alludes to the refusal of the Curum of Chennoor

7. The time in which to a operations is so very short if they are to be completed in time to do any good, that I have incurred an expenditure for another purpose, which I thought indispensable if all the usual, and indeed requisite, means are to be taken to secure the efficiency of the subordinate staff upon whom more responsibility will now fall, and to render the canal officers easy to find, besides other obvious advantages. I have engaged weavers to furnish the staff of bankers and sluice-keepers with a simple but distinguishing uniform, which will cost Rupees 2-8-0 a man. I recommend that the Government sanction an expenditure of Rupees 2-8-0 a man for the bank engaged during the irrigating season; viz., for an undercloth such as Mahomed wear, but without the red stripe, Rupees 1, and for a turband of light blue Rupee -8-0, sluice-keepers and tappal men to have white turbands; and an additional rupee for another undercloth for the men retained during the dry season, who I propose should be one man a mile permanently retained. This will cost, including sluice-keepers—

Failing the sanction, I will recover the present expenditure from their pay. I am sure the prospect of a cloth would tend to make the men desirous to do well in order to be permanently retained, and the exposed situation of the huts so many of them have to live in throughout the monsoon in charge of banks and sluices, obliges them to incur expense in cumblies and warm clothing beyond what ordinary labourers need to do. () subject I will remind you that the ryots having been for two years assaged lax principles, after being puzzled by rumours of all kinds of rules, *we* *do not* *believe* *that* *a* *new* *and* *strict* *system* *is* *in* *force unless they have some ocular in-* *of increased order and precision.*

8. I lose no time in informing you of the measures being taken, though they are not sufficiently complete to enable me to inform you certainly of the details of the expense. I trust they will have the assent of Government, or rather it has been my impression that Government never desired the canal officers to stand aloof during the irrigation that such measures as these have their approval already.

1. In several large villages (as I Curnum.
2. In two or three cases of outlying hamlets at a considerable distance from one hamlet. The effect of the illiterate condition of ryots, the uncertainty of the Curnum being for the ryot would labour if he found I
3. If a shower of rain renders the plough some pairs of bullocks released at eating in idleness, and it is the Curnum be absent on Jui
4. The Draft Rules Nos. 1 to 5 have of the ryot, whether they be for a large proportion of the
5. As to cultivating beyond the exvarain, (closest to Kurnool,) an after application to cultivate as much land in it as they chose for a and there was no documentary evidence to the contrary. Some ryots consent to cultivate as much of their *holdings*

rules adopted for settling the adjusted
 ed for cultivation by the Irrigation
 ted a strict adherence to the existing rules
 rs of the Company.

en made by the ryot verbally either to his
single water-rate shall be charged.

the ryots were not on good terms with the

of his dry land easy, a ryot finds that he has
in his wet cultivation. He cannot keep them
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on judicial business, or be sick.

the Carnums (as at Pasupula Rudra-
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ld, they were at liberty to cultivate as

or second crop, without further application, in the possession of the village authorities and that such an application authorized them as they chose of however many fields.

The 'Chilly Circular,' made public through the Washington Post, states that chilly, if irrigated, will pay for itself. The application, if made, was approved by the Overseer.

prevented an application being registered
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Company's Officers was required by
cultivating a patch of above 70 acres

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of land divided it into beds of from one-
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that water was used without stint.

VI.—If land for which application
reason be shown, and if the applicati
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application for the waste portion be withu

In two cases discovered the Curnum h
of his enemy and another man's field into t
nor supplied, nor channels dug. There were
abandonment of cultivation, and some of im

VII.—That land irrigated from time
use of the Company's water.

VIII.—That the water-rate per acre

For ordinary irrigation, per

For flooding, per

For baled irrigation, one-th

Failure of crop on account

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acre per month shall there

For water carried to cultiva

th of an acre each upwards with rice, chillies, and
thinking it was ordinary irrigation. At the settle-
f applications for flooding one patch here and one
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f the ordinary water-rate; yet it is unquestionable

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not caused expense of money or water to the
available, still it shall be permitted that the

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or defect of canal water, full remission.

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made to them by the ryots, and als
applications made to them to the loc
the existing rules should be made kno
cultivators, and in order to secure the po

(Signed) J. LATHAM,

Chief Engineer and Manager,

Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.

(Signed) A. MACHANDRA RAO,

of Kurnool.

NUNDIKOTKUR,
16th May 1873.

1 Letter with one enclosure.

* G. O., No. 415, dated 7th Feb
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LINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

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IRRIGATION, No. 34.

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2. The estimate, Rupees 875, o
Irrigation and Canal Company, of the cost o
distribution establishments with clothing,
servants of the Company, is sanctioned as

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Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

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.. Chief Engineer and Manager, Madras Irr

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THE CHIEF ENGINEER FOR

IRRIGATION

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Department; estimate for clothing for con-
servancy staff, sanctioned.

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