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No. 128. Read the following letter from A. O. HUME, Esq., C.B., Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, (Land-revenue and Settlements,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated Calcutta, 30th July 1874, No. 1/623:—

SEVERAL cases have recently come to His Excellency's notice in which exorbitant compensation has had to be given for land taken up for railways and other public purposes.

2. When a public work is first designed and estimated for, the owners would consider themselves liberally dealt with if their land were paid for at the rate (say) of 10 Rs. an acre; but after it becomes known that Government has sanctioned the work, and that it must, therefore, proceed at any cost, and when perhaps the demand for labor and supplies consequent on the initiation of the work has raised prices, nothing less than 30 or 40 Rs. an acre suffices to satisfy the proprietors.

3. His Excellency believes that if greater promptitude were exhibited in settling for lands required for public purposes before the normal position of the local market becomes disturbed by the commencement of the work, large sums might be saved to the State; and it has been suggested that district officers, as soon as the general line of a work is fixed and before ground is broken, should be authorized in rural districts to settle then and there with the proprietors of all villages whose lands will be traversed by the work, the rate of compensation per acre, both cash and remission of revenue, to be paid for each locally well-established class of soil, for any lands that may, when the work is taken in hand, be appropriated for its purposes. Special compensation for trees, wells, or houses, would still remain for careful adjustment subsequently, but even in that case the greatest promptitude should be exercised in settling all claims before the people acquire an exaggerated notion of the value of their property.

4. To enable district officers to deal at once with the compensation for land, it may be possible for the local Government to lay down some rules, enabling them to settle the matter satisfactorily and at once, without further reference to higher authority; at any rate, steps should be taken to facilitate the speedy settlement of claims and to secure Government against the heavy charges for compensation which have sometimes to be met even without resort to the provisions of the Act.

No. 129. ORDER THEREON, 14th August 1874, No. 1,024.

Land-revenue, No. 5.

FORWARDED to the Board of Revenue for their observations, with reference to G. O., 9th May 1873, No. 471, Public Department.

(True Extract.)

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Major, R.E.,

for Under Secretary, P.W.D.,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Public Department.
Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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G. O., 14th August 1874, No. 1,024.

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