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- No. 12. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 26th May 1875, No. 814.

ABSTRACT.—*Irrigation Project near Batlagoodoo in Madura District.*—Referring to the Public Works Department Board's Proceedings regarding the —, in view to steps being taken to have the project examined.

- No. 13. Memorandum by Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated 22nd June 1875, No. 665.

THE Sub-Collector of Madura in his letter of the 6th March 1875, No. 71, has shown that the investigation of the project near Batlagoodoo for the formation of a large tank which would supersede several existing and inefficient smaller tanks is probably desirable, and were it practicable the services of an officer might be usefully employed on its examination. Seeing, however, that there are several important districts which are at present under-officered, and that in three districts and in Wynaad

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the officers in charge have, owing to no others being available, been obliged to retain their ranges in addition to the general district duties, it is quite impossi-

ble at present to provide for the investigation of new projects. On the other hand the District Engineer of Madura has too much to do in connection with existing irrigation works, and more particularly as regards those tanks which affect the safety of the Railway, with also other than irrigation works, to be able to devote that time and attention to a new project involving several difficult and intricate considerations, without which the employment of a subordinate establishment would be likely to lead to waste of money.

2. Mr. Bliss is no doubt quite right in his remarks in paragraph 15 as to the difficulty of treating as separate subjects the improvement of the existing and the provision of new means of irrigation, but similar considerations are applicable to a vast number of the old works of the country, and there is probably hardly a group of tanks, or a succession of anients on any small river which does not need to be dealt with in a much more systematic and comprehensive way than has hitherto been attempted. District Engineers and their Range Officers should do their best to treat all irrigation works in the most effective manner possible, and assistance in the way of Survey Establishments will be obtainable under the conditions mentioned in the Irrigation Circular, No. 62. In the particular case of the Batlagoodoo project, however, much more than the improvement of existing irrigation works is contemplated, *viz.*, a very large extension of irrigation, and without doubting that there are *prima facie* grounds for believing that the construction of a great reservoir would be advantageous, it must be noticed that it is more necessary to attend to existing works, and to such improvements of their condition and circumstances as are within the means of the Government.

(Signed) J. C. MULLINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,  
Officiating Chief Engineer.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
1st July 1875.*

No. 14.

ORDER THEREON 1st July 1875, No. 1,836.

IRRIGATION, No. 3.

THE Government, while recognizing  
the value of much that is urged by the  
Sub-Collector of Madura, cannot provide

for the examination of new projects at present.

(True Extract.)

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Major, R.E.,

Offg. Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.

" District Engineer, Madura.

" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

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