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No. 280. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Camp at Nannur, 17th February 1875, No. 196 :—

From Major J. O. HASTED, R.E., Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, Kistna, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Camp Bezorah, 25th December 1874, No. 126.

I HAVE the honor to forward, herewith, copy of a report by Lieutenant Campbell, R.E., on the damage done to the make-shift sluices in Divi.
One copy.

2. It would appear that probably most of the sluices would have stood the high flood had the villagers bunded them properly, and that in some cases the damage done was actually caused by the villagers who cut the channel bund below the sluice.

3. It is not, I think, to be expected that the villagers will take better care of these works. They expected, with reason, that there would not be another flood during the season, and therefore did not bund the sluices, and in the case of an extremely high flood the people cut bunds without hesitation if such a proceeding seems to them likely to help to get rid of the water. I have observed instances where, beyond doubt, villagers who were living on the river lunka inside the bank made breaches in the river bank under the impression that the level of the water would subside if it was allowed to spread over the country. There is no remedy for this, but every effort is being made by the Revenue Authorities to induce the villagers to remove their houses to outside the river banks, where it will be to their interests that the bund should not breach.

4. The Range Officer has been called upon to submit estimates for repairing the sluices.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government in continuation of the memorandum, No. 1,036, of the 12th December last.

2. Under the circumstances it appears to be undesirable to repair the temporary head sluices of the Divi inundation channels. Without some attention and trouble on the part of the villagers they could not be of much use, and it is tolerably clear that the villagers are not likely to manage them properly.

3. Instructions have been given to the Superintending Engineer to take effectual measures to prevent the wilful breaching of flood banks, and the under-

No. 197, dated 17th February 1875.
signed has no doubt such mischief can be prevented.

4. The figures given in paragraph 1 of the former memorandum should be—

Expenditure Rupees	6,876	not	6,686, and
Estimate	8,209	„	62,000

(Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
10th March 1875.*

No. 231.

ORDER THEREON, 10th March 1875, No. 684.

IRRIGATION, No. 16

RECORDED with reference to G. O.,
No. 157, of the 19th January 1875.

(True Extract.)

Chinnalher Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, Kistna.
„ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.
„ Revenue Department.

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To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

KISTNA.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March 10th.

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Encl.

G. O., 10th March 1875, No. 684.

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