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No. 462. Read the following letter from Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 1st September 1876, No. 196 W. :—

With reference to G.O., No. 2,052, dated 9th August 1876, I respectfully beg leave to point out that in G.O., No. 3,187 dated 8th November 1875, Government ruled that in all cases in which land has actually been taken over and occupied by the Public Works Department, the claims of the land-holders must be paid at once, and there does not seem to be any necessity for making a distinction in the case of land taken up for the Chembrumbaukum tank.

2. It is difficult to see what advantage can be expected from deferring payment of claims legally due. If the land has been taken up, it will have to be paid for some day or other; and the only result of delay, apart from the injustice done and inconvenience caused to the land-holders, is that the State has to pay interest at a rate considerably higher than they can raise money in the open market.

3. There may be good grounds for supposing, as the Chief Engineer for Irrigation apparently does suppose, (*vide* his note printed with G.O., No. 654, dated 13th March 1876,) that the bargain made with the land-holders in this case was a bad one for the State; but good or bad, the bargain has been made by the authorized Agents of Government, and the land has actually been entered upon. I consequently do not see how the bargain could be repudiated, even if the Government wished to repudiate it; and I cannot conceive that the Government could wish to repudiate it even if they had the power.

4. On these grounds, I would respectfully suggest that all compensation claims for land already taken up for the Chembrumbaukum tank be settled by the Revenue Officers at once without any special authority.

No. 463. ORDER THEREON, 27th September 1876, No. 2,585.

IRRIGATION, No. 46.	
Account.	

G.O., No. 1,879;	dated 3rd July 1875.
" "	3,187, " 8th Nov. "
" "	3,343, " 22nd " "
" "	654, " 13th Mar. 1876.
" "	1,050, " 27th April "
" "	2,052, " 9th Aug. "

The Examiner's letter will be referred to the Revenue Department with reference to the orders as per margin, with a request that no time may be lost in determining the proper rates of compensation for the lands described as "old submersion."

(True Extract.)

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