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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th February 1876.*

No. 185. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, (Irrigation), under Mr. William, 22nd January 1876, Nos. 29—43 I.

Revenue report of Irrigation Works in the Punjab for the year 1874-75.

and—

Letter from the Government of the Punjab, Public Works Department, Irrigation Branch, No. 5,175 I., dated 24th November 1875, forwarding a copy of the Revenue Report of Irrigation Works in the Punjab by the Chief Engineer for the year 1874-75, and the Resolution of that Government reviewing the same.

OBSERVATIONS.—The area irrigated has increased, taking all the canals both permanent and inundation, from 989,823 acres in 1873-74 to 1,208,703 acres in 1874-75. This increase of 218,250 acres is equivalent to an increase of 22 per cent. Except in 1868-69, the total area irrigated has never attained to so high a figure as in the year under review.

2. The total revenue of all the canals has increased from Rupees 16,88,551 in 1873-74 to Rupees 17,59,185 in 1874-75; the difference of Rupees 1,20,254 is equivalent to only 7 per cent. in revenue as against 22 per cent. in the area. This shows that the increase in area has been chiefly in the lower rated crops.

3. The working expenses have fallen from Rupees 11,76,470 to Rupees 11,62,289, but this favorable result is partly due to its having been found impossible, owing to the demand for water, to close the canals for the usual repairs.

4. The figures given in this Report differ from those in the finance accounts by Rupees 1,383; this difference is due to the inclusion in the Report of the fees paid to Lumburdars and Putwarees for fluctuating land revenue in the Montgomery District, and which being a Civil charge necessarily do not appear in the finance accounts.

5. The operations of the year are considered by His Excellency in Council to have been satisfactory, and are creditable to the canal administration.

ORDER.—Ordered that copies of this Resolution and of the report be forwarded to the Secretary of State, and to the Financial, and Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce Departments for information.

Ordered also, that copies of the Resolution be forwarded to the Government of the Punjab and the several other* Local Governments and Administrations in the Public Works Department, Irrigation Branch, for information.

* The Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, and North Western Provinces.
The Chief Commissioners of Oudh, Central Provinces, British Burmah, Mysore, and Coorg.
The Resident at Hyderabad.
The Agents to the Governor-General for Central India and Rajpootana.

Ordered further, that this Resolution, the Resolution of the Local Government, and the Chief Engineer's report with a few selected tables be forwarded to the Home Department for publication in the Supplement to the *Gazette of India*.

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12th February 1876.

No. 186. ORDER THEREON, 12th February 1876, No. 376.

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COMMUNICATED to the Officers concerned and to the Revenue Department.

(True Extract)

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Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Godavery.
" " Kistna.
" " Nellore.
" " Chingleput.
" " Tanjore.
" " South Arcot.
" " Tinnevely.
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