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No. 545. Read the following letter-
 tary to the Government of India
 General,) to the Government
 Western Provinces and the
 Buildings and Roads and Irrig-
 Onth, Central Provinces, Bri-
 the Resident at Hyderabad; the
 India and Rajpootana; the S-
 missioner, Andaman and Nicob-
 Works; the Director of State
 Government of India is.
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As the Code of the Public
 ment of the Punjab have sugg-
 acquisition of land required for 1

2. Those rules require of
 Engineer or other Public Work
 concert with the Civil Officers of
 agreement, and if this cannot be
 authorities in view to the acquis-

3 It has, however, been
 have proved the inexpediency of
 private negotiation; that the
 as can be obtained by the process
 afterwards involving complica-
 cessful, and after much labor and
 Act. It has therefore been
 title, or where land is taken up
 such as land taken up for a rail-
 as a rule, adopted. A copy of
 Punjab on the subject is annexed.

4. On the other hand, it is
 to the objection that the cost of
 a notification of intention to take
 pay all expenses, whatever the
 ordinarily there is no harm in the
 opportunity of reconsidering the
 alignment of a railway) if the
 locality: that in some cases it is
 than to take up land for it at
 desirable, therefore, that opportu-
 nity projects, if any unexpectedly

5. In some cases the appor-
 tion has been advantageous in
 and in settling by cash payment
 tion, and so to secure the acquis-

Colonel C. H. DICKENS, R.A., Secre-
 Public Works Department, (Account—
 Madras, Bombay, Bengal, the North-
 o, in the Public Works Department,
 Branches; the Chief Commissioners of
 Barmah, Mysore and Coorg and Assam;
 ents to the Governor-General for Central
 ntendent of Port Blair, and Chief Com-
 mands; the Inspector-General of Military
 ways; the Consulting Engineer, to the
 Government, Calcutta, dated Fort William,

now under revision by the Govern-
 ment, and the question relative to the
 with advantage be reconsidered.
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 should, in the first instance, try in
 the purchase of the land by voluntary
 must commit the matter to the Civil
 under Act X of 1870.

The results obtained in many cases
 re land for State purposes by
 so taken up is not as good as one
 in fact, with some exceptions;
 such attempts have been unsuc-
 cessful in recourse being had to the
 where there is any doubt about
 through a number of properties,
 where under the Act should be,
 by the Government of the

Procedure under the Act is open
 likely to be enhanced, and that
 Government to take it up, and
 under the Act; and that whilst
 it is desirable to have an
 the site of a building or the
 to be enhanced in a particular
 to give up a project altogether
 to the object in view. It is
 in special cases of reconsider-
 and is likely to be involved.

officer to arrange for taking up
 ration before the Act is applied,
 to obviate complaints and litiga-
 tionable cost.

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6. It is possible that the rules in that five years' experience of their working request that the Government of India working of the rules, with such suggestions on one hand securing to the owner a proper and on the other hand securing the Govern-

ment on this subject may be improved now have been gained, and I am directed to be furnished with a full report on the same as may be thought desirable for on the promptly paid compensation for land, but against paying exorbitant prices.

From T. H. THORNTON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Punjab, and its Dependencies
Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated 1st April 1875, No. 1,460.

As it is understood that the Public Works Department at the present time under review to the publication of a new Governor-General in Council, the following with reference to the Standing Order No. 42 of 1873, as amended by the Act of 1871, regarding the purchase of land for public purpose.

2. By the present rule the Government should, in the first instance, in concert with the land by voluntary agreement. The Land (1) where there is any doubt about title, (2) through a number of properties, such as land under the Act be, as a rule, adopted.

3. The opinions of several officers of subject, in connection with the proposal. The Financial Commissioner, Mr. E. A. D. of lands being taken up for the title accruing to land so taken under the Act; and he would recommend that in all cases, resort should be made to the Act, a special officer being deputed for the purpose. Colonel Grant, the Engineer-in-Chief, Punjab, the experience of his Department in railway construction have tended to be by private arrangement. With difficulties, these attempts have been ended in recourse being had, under the Act, last year, under which all the Northern (State) Railway was taken by the Punjab Government, has, in the opinion, been successful. It would, therefore, be in all similar cases.

4. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor under the Act not only for the purpose of land, but with reference to the provisions of Act IV of 1872—boundary be offered, first, to all parties entitled within a year.

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ACCOUNT, No. 21-A.

of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, and of Kistna, and Tinnevely.

(True Extract)

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1876, No. 835.

ORDERED that the papers be referred to the opinions of the Board of Revenue, the Consulting Engineer for Railways, the Collectors of Chingleput, Godavery,

Colonel,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Board of Revenue
" Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Collector of Chingleput.
" do. Godavery.
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