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No. 621. Read the following letter from L. C. PROBYN, Esq., Accountant General to the Government of Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort George, 17th March 1877, No. 947:—

IN reference to G.O., No. 2,657, of October 3rd, 1876, directing that the revenue earned by the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company should be placed at the disposal of the Company at the close of each month, I have the honor to point out that the enclosures to the Secretary of State's Despatch, Public Works No. 30, dated July 28th, 1876, under the authority of which this direction was issued, expressly provide that all realized earnings and not anticipated revenue should be made over to that Company at the end of every month, or at shorter intervals, and to represent that it would be more convenient if such earnings were placed at the disposal of the Company in the regular way by letter of credit, instead of by the procedure laid down in paragraph 3 of the Government Order above quoted.

2. I would therefore venture to suggest that the instructions above referred to be modified, and that the Examiner of Guaranteed Railways be instructed to apply for, and this department to issue, a letter of credit in the usual form, as soon after the close of each month as possible for the amount of earnings realized in that month.

No. 622. ORDER THEREON, 24th March 1877, No. 1,015.

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It is observed that the Secretary of State's Despatch, No. 40 of the 28th July 1876, to the Government of India, requested that it might be considered and determined "whether the application (by

the Company) for payment during each current season of the estimated net earnings of that season shall be complied with," and the despatch proceeds to say "whatever be your decision on this point, it seems to me no more than equitable that all realized net earnings should be made over to the Company as speedily as possible after realization." The decision of this Government to make over to the Company actual earnings was therefore an arrangement fully covered by the terms of the despatch, and was immediately reported to the Government of India.

2. With regard to the manner in which the money admitted by the Collectors of Kurnool and Cuddapah to be due to the Company, under G.O., No. 2,657, of the 3rd October 1876, for water supplied for irrigation is to be placed at the disposal of the Chief Engineer and Manager of the Company, His Grace the Governor in Council will not object to any arrangement, not involving undue delay in making these funds available, which will bring the procedure into accord with the rules of the Financial Department, and it being understood that the Accountant-General will be prepared to issue letters of credit to the Chief Engineer and Manager of the Company on receiving the report of the Collectors by telegraph of the amounts earned.

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this arrangement will be adopted in supersession of that prescribed in paragraph 3 of  
the Government Order above quoted.

(True Extract.)

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To the Accountant-General.

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- " Chief Engineer and Manager, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.
- " Examiner, Irrigation Company's Accounts.
- " Revenue Department.
- " Financial "
- " Collector of Kurnool.
- " " of Cuddapah.

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