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The following opinion is submitted as called for in G. O. N°. 2. I., 6th September 1877, on G. O. Revenue Dept. N°. 2551 of the 22d. August 1877.-

2- Mr. Latham's proposals for filling tanks are liberal and equitable, but it appears to be necessary that the ryots interested should have an opportunity of expressing their wishes on the subject. It is very possible that it would be for their interest to be told what arrangements had been made for their benefit, and what they would have to pay as a maximum for the security afforded. Temptations to vacillation and to losing their crops while watching the heavens would thus be avoided, as also the great difficulty of getting the members of a numerous community to be of

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one mind at the right time.-

3- Looking at the present policy of the Government as contrasted with the practice of 25 or 30 years ago, the undersigned thinks that the proposals should be explained to the villages interested and their consent obtained once for all to certain supplies being thrown into their tanks between certain dates when the water level had fallen to a certain mark on the lowest level sluice, or in any other convenient position. The quantity thus thrown in would be fixed, and the amount to be paid for it fixed also. The re-inforcement of the supply would have in some seasons to be repeated, and would mean in all cases a fixed amount to be paid whenever, during the irrigation season, the natural or existing supply happened to fall to an unsafe level. The people would know or it is hoped

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they could be got to comprehend what this would mean as regards the sum to be paid by each, and it may be hoped they would consent to the supply being afforded from the canal. If not, either individual or communal liberty must be curtailed or the ryots must continue to suffer from freedom uncombined with knowledge, until experience makes them ready to willingly accept the better arrangement. They should it is thought, have a clear, simple arrangement laid before them for their acceptance or refusal. They would probably all admit that if on say the 15th July, the water on the sill of the deep sluice of the Mundial Tank is less than A feet deep, their prospects are very indifferent, that with A + B feet on that sluice sill they could hold out very well for a month or 6 weeks and suffer no

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injury- If so possibly they would allow that it would be an advantage to them of some considerable moment, to get the tank filled from the A to the A+B level, and if they be also informed that to have this done will cost D Rupees which divided over the Ayacut of the tank will come to so many annas an acre, an agreement might be arrived at.

4- It has not been overlooked that it might be more convenient for the canal to run in water at any time, instead of having to supply water to a tank at a time when the demands on the canal may be considerable, but this difficulty cannot well be got over, so long as the ryots are allowed any freedom of choice.

5- Much the simplest plan would be, it is thought, to consider once for all that cultivation under tanks com-

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commanded by the canal has been rendered more secure, to adjust the assessment accordingly, to pay to the Company this increase of assessment, in return for a supply of water when needed, and to be thrown in when-ever most convenient, always provided however that the water in the tank between certain dates were not allowed to fall below a certain minimum level to be agreed upon.

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