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21st February 1878, No. 279.

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9. I request the favor of instructions as to whether I am to call upon the Shrotriemdars to pay the cost of repairing the damages to the Pullampett-Chitwail road.

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SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G. O., dated 19th July 1877, No. 4,051, Revenue Department.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Sub-Secretary.

No. 259. ORDER THEREON, 21st February 1878, No. 279.

Irrigation, No. 4.

COMMUNICATED to the Public Works Department, with reference to G.O., 9th July 1877, No. 149-I of that Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
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Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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To

The PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
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Dated February 21st.

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G.O. 31st January 1878, No. 279.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 293-296.

Kothapally Agraharam Tank in Cuddapah District.—Communicating to the Public Works Department Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, relative to the breaching of the tank.

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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
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Exd W. H. French.

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No. 294.

Kothapally Agraharam Tank in Cuddapah District. — Submitting to Government letter from Collector on the subject of —; awaiting further report regarding the repairs required and cost; and stating Board's views as to the liability of the Shrotriemdars to repay the cost of repairing damages to the Local Fund roads.

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W. Mc Conder