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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th October 1867.*

No. 465. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Public Works Department :—

Passing orders on Despatch from the Secretary
of State regarding the deficient supplies of } (Here enter 19th October 1867, No. 3,248.)
water from the Cauvery irrigation works.

No. 466. ORDER THEREON, 24th October 1867, No. 2,499.

Irrigation, No. 13.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. H. WILKINSON,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 406. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, (Public Works,) to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort St. George, dated India Office, London, 14th September 1867, No. 27:—

1. I have received and considered in Council your despatch dated May 9th, (No. 19,) 1867, replying to a despatch of my predecessor's in the Revenue Department, calling attention to the remissions of revenue that had been necessary in the Tanjore district, owing to deficient supplies of water from the Cauvery irrigation works.

2. The construction of regulating dams at the heads of branch channels was a part of the original scheme of management for the rivers of Tanjore, as proposed by General D. Sim and Sir A. Cotton, and carried out by General Lawford at the head of the Vennar in 1851; and you have very properly sanctioned their construction at a cost of Rupees 99,150. I shall be glad to hear the results which are produced by these works, in remedying the deficiencies of water-supply complained of by the revenue officers.

3. But the construction of these dams cannot altogether obviate the necessity for cleaning out the channels periodically, and for constant care and watchfulness on the part of the Engineers in charge of the river-beds and banks. At all events it would appear necessary, in order to give full effect to the dams about to be constructed, that the channels to the eastward, now stated to be silted up, should be for once thoroughly cleared and prepared to receive their due share of the increased supply which the dams are calculated to give them.

4. I regret that the Collector should have found it necessary to complain of the inefficient state of the Public Works Department in his district, and of the deteriorated condition of the very important works of irrigation from the Cauvery in which the large revenue of the Province so much depends.

5. I perceive that you have postponed the consideration of Captain Mead's plan, for the better disposal of the flood waters of the Cauvery, until the investigations for sites for reservoirs on the upper basin of that river have been completed. I would suggest, for consideration, whether the simpler plan of increasing the water way by extending the anicut half way across the island which separates its north and south branches, would not be preferable. This course, you will remember, was adopted with success with respect to another island there, dividing the Upper Coleroon Anicut.

6. It is very important that the subject of storing water on the upper courses of the Cauvery and its tributaries should not be lost sight of; and I gather, from your despatch, with much satisfaction that it is the intention of your Government to complete the necessary surveys of sites for reservoirs, in and near the hill districts containing the sources of that river, with as little delay as possible.

407. ORDER THEREON, 19th October 1867, No. 3,248.

IRRIGATION, No. 16.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineers of the 6th and 7th Divisions.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.
19th October 1867.

2. Captain Oakes will furnish in due course the information required in paragraph 2, and he will submit his opinion without delay on the suggestion contained in paragraph 5.

(True Extract.)



Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

- To the Superintending Engineers, 6th and 7th Divisions.
- „ Revenue Department.
- „ Board of Revenue.

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