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No. 80. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st December 1859, No. 4935.

Read letter from the Chief Engineer, Department Public Works, dated 29th July 1859, No. 3262, forwarding his observations, on the timely preparation of the statements of remunerative works submitted by Collectors.

(In Con. 30th July 1859, No. 3808.)

Submitted for the information of Government, with reference to paragraph 6 of Extract Minutes Consultation, 25th October 1858, No. 2238, Public Works Department. The Board are satisfied from the reports of the Collectors, that it is impracticable to prepare a correct return of the revenue realized from remunerative public works, until after the close of the Fasli for which the return is required. They would, therefore, recommend for favorable consideration the suggestion of the Chief Engineer, viz. that the statement of remunerative works be submitted to the Government of India two months later than the date fixed for the annual progress report. This will give time to the Collectors until the end of August, (or two months after the close of the Fasli,) for the preparation of the required statement, by which date the Board think that it ought to be prepared and forwarded to the Chief Engineer.

In Con. 3rd November 1858.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary.

No. 81. Ordered in consequence that the following letter be dispatched.

From T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George; to Colonel H. YULE, Secretary to the Government of India, P. W. D., dated 18th January 1860, No. 126.

Paragraph 1. With reference to paragraph 8 of the letter from this Department dated 25th October 1858 No. 2239, I am directed to forward for submission to the Government of India the accompanying Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 1st December 1859 No. 4935 regarding the preparation of the annual statement of remunerative works.

2. This is one of the statements required by the resolution of the Government of India dated 18th May 1855 to accompany the annual progress report of Public Works to be submitted to that authority on the 1st August of every year; but the Government of India will have observed from the reports already furnished under the above orders, the difficulty experienced in furnishing correct returns within the time specified, and that it has been the practice in consequence to substitute returns for the year previous to that which was reported upon.

To Government of India 25th October 1858 No. 2239 B. 8.
To do 23rd Nov. 1859 „ 2729 P. 9.

3. The Board of Revenue to whom the matter was finally referred, say that it is impracticable to prepare a correct return of the revenue realized from remunerative public works until after the close of the Fasli for which the return is required, and they recommend with the Chief Engineer that this return should be submitted two months later than the date fixed for the annual progress report. The Government solicit orders on this proposition.

In Con. 30th July 1859, No. 3808.

From Lieut. Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer,

dated Fort St. George, 29th July 1859, No. 3262.

In reply to your letter of the 1st instant, No. 2539, forwarding letters from several Collectors to the Board, on the subject of the timely preparation of the statements of remunerative works for any suggestions I may have to offer, I have the honor to observe that it appears from the letters of the Collectors noted in the margin, that if the above statements are required to shew the actual revenue derived on account of each Fusly year, this cannot be ascertained correctly until August or September of each year, when the Jummabundy generally closes, and that therefore the local returns cannot be transmitted as now required by the 15th June of every year.

Enclosures 12, herewith returned.

Collector of Nellore.
Do. of Chingleput.
Do. of Tanjore.
Do. of Trichinopoly.
Do. of Tinnevelly.

2. The cultivation beriz can, it appears, be ascertained in sufficient time for entry in the returns by the period fixed, but the entry in a financial statement of the amount of revenue expected, and which may not be fully realized from crops not coming to maturity or from remissions, is considered not safe or true. The Nellore statements for 1857-58 and 1858-59 appear to have been prepared by entry of the revenue assumed from the cultivation ascertained. The Bellary statement is stated to have been differently prepared by entry of the actual revenue derived in the year preceding that to which it appertained, and in South Arcot, Madura and Malabar, the statements are stated to have been prepared without difficulty and sent in time, but whether by includiug the revenue of the preceding year, or the assumed revenue of the current year is not stated.

3. The returns are intended to shew the result of each work, with reference to the capital laid out, and the interest and maintenance charges incurred in the current and past years, compared with the revenue derived in the current and past years. To make these comparisons and arrive at correct balances, it is very desirable that the returns should contain correct information of the actual revenue realized in the current and past years.

4. I consider, therefore, that all exertion should be made to fill up in the returns the actual revenue realized on account of all remunerative works, and that the local returns should be transmitted as early as possible. If they cannot be so by the 15th June, Government should, I think, be informed of it; in order to the Government of India being advised of the probable period within which the annual return can be submitted. It is now required to accompany the Annual Report of Projects to be sent to the Government of India by the 1st August of each year; and on account of the difficulty of obtaining correct information for the preparation of the return, it may be proposed to be sent separately two months later, viz., by the 1st October of each year, and the local returns will have to be despatched so as to reach the Central Office two or three weeks earlier, to be compiled into one general return.

No. 4935.

PROCEEDINGS of the BOARD of REVENUE, dated 1st December 1859.

Read letter from the Chief Engineer, D. P. W., dated 29th July 1859, No. 3262, forwarding his observations, on the timely preparation of the statements of remunerative works submitted by Collectors.

(In Con. 30th July 1859, No. 3808.)

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(A true Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.
Copy to Chief Engineer, D. P. W.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Enclosure in Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 1st December 1859. No. 4935.

From the Chief Engineer to the Board of Revenue dated 29th July 1859 No. 3262, expressing the desirability of the timely preparation of the statements of remunerative works.

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Public Works Dept

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the December 1859.

Read the following

Proceedings of the Board

of Revenue.

Submitting with the Board's recommendation a letter from the Chief Engineer D.P.W. suggesting that the Statements of remunerative works be submitted to the Govt of India two months later than the date fixed for the annual progress Report.

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In this letter the Board recommend that the time for Collectors to furnish their Annual Statements of remunerative works should be fixed two months later than it is at present; viz that it should be postponed from the 15th June to the 15th August. The reason for this recommendation is that the Statements cannot be

This entirely accords with my general view - but Mr Walter will be able to give us the experienced opinion MW 24 Dec 59.

It seems advisable in this matter to be guided by the experience of the Collectors, the Chief Engineer & the Revenue Board. In some districts the

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be correctly prepared till after the annual Settlement; and that the Settlement is not completed in some Districts, till August or September.

2. The Government quite agree that the Statement ought to be prepared only on the Revenue Settlement of the year; and that they entirely disapprove the use of other materials for it, as referred to in Para 2 of the Chief Engineer's letter submitted by the Board. But they cannot conceal that it is therefore necessary to postpone the period of submission as now proposed. The practice which obtains in some Districts of protracting the yearly Revenue Settlement to the late period above stated, is itself an abuse; there is no good reason for it, and the Government have repeatedly

Settlement can not be completed as early as in other Districts, it being advisable to know with tolerable certainty the prospect of the later cultivation, & there being the 2nd crop to enter in the accounts. - Govt may feel satisfied that avoidable delay seldom occurs. Collectors are glad to get the labour of the year over, and to keep things out in tents during the great heats. -

26 Dec. The Govt. [illegible] the Collectors report [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

in the Statement occur, that
document may be prepared.
If proper preparations have
been made, such as every
intelligent Surveyor will
make, the Statement may
be completed and despatched
on the very day after the
completion of the settlement
in the latest Village included
in it. Under these circum-
stances no reason at all
appears for making any
change in the time fixed
for its submission by the
Collectors.

4 The Board of
Revenue will circulate this
order to Collectors, and will
at the same time issue such
orders as they may think
fit, for enforcing its require-
ments.

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Chief Engineer

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To

Colonel H. Yule
Secretary to the Government of India

Sir,

Lr. to Govt. of India
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2. This is one of the statements required by the resolution of the Govt. of India dated 18th May 1855 to accompany the annual progress report of Public Works to be submitted to that authority on the 1st August of every year, but the Govt. of India

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India will have observed from the reports already furnished under the above orders the difficulty experienced in furnishing correct returns within the time specified, and that it has been the practice in consequence to substitute returns for the year previous to that which was reported upon.

3 The Board of Revenue to whom the matter was finally referred, say that it is impracticable to prepare a correct return of the revenue realized from remunerative public works until after the close of the Fasli for which the return is required, and they recommend with the Chief Engr that this return should be submitted two months later than the date fixed

To Govt of India 25 Oct 55 No 223
To ——do—— 23 Nov 59 — No 2729 Pg

for the annual progress report — The Government solicit orders on this proposition.

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Dd 18th January 1860.

From Dy. Sy 12th March 1860.
Cr. 731. & Bo. 10th April.
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From the Chief Engr. Dd 16 Augt 1860
Cr. 2743 in Pro.

Forwarding Board's
Proceedings regarding the
preparation of the annual
Statements of remunerative
works and soliciting orders
thereon.

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