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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
22nd October 1864.*

No. 402. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department:—

Letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, furnishing the Board's opinion on the proposal to transfer the cost of certain Establishments on works of Irrigation and Navigation from the Budget of the Department Public Works to that of the Revenue Department, to lie over. (Here enter 7th October 1864, No. 1,842.)

No. 403. ORDER THEREON, 22nd October 1864, No. 3,034.

The Superintending Engineers, 1st, 4th, 5th and 7th Divisions, will be requested to expedite the submission of their replies to the Proceedings of Government, No. 2,423, dated 23rd August 1864.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
" Do. do. 4th Division.
" Do. do. 5th Division.
" Do. do. 7th Division.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
7th October 1864.*

No. 62. Read the following letter from W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 26th September 1864, No. 6,292:—

SIR,

1. With reference to Government Order, dated 17th August 1864, No. 1,483, Revenue Department, calling for the Board's opinion on the proposal to transfer the cost of certain Establishments on works of Irrigation and Navigation from the Budget of the Department Public Works to that of the Revenue Department, I am directed by the Board to submit the accompanying file of replies from the Collectors in whose Districts those Establishments are maintained to the Board's Circular Order issued in connection with Government Order, dated 27th November 1863, No. 2,148, which replies were recorded as received, with intended reference to a Government Order directing the transfer of the charge. The Board have not been able to trace this Government Order, which however they remember to have seen, and which appears to be referred to in paragraph 10 of the Government letter to Bengal, dated 18th January, 1864. The Government Order which has been erroneously quoted in the Board's Proceedings recorded in the Collectors' letters, had reference to Cochrane's Canal only.

2. The Government will observe that the Collectors generally are in favor of the transfer, and the Board are decidedly of opinion that it should be carried out in great part, if not entirely, in order to relieve the grant for the execution and maintenance of public works, from charges which are in no way whatever connected with those objects, but are incurred solely for the purpose of realizing the Revenue returns from the works, which revenue is not credited to the Department Public Works.

3. The only objections raised to the transfer are by Mr. Morris and Mr. Dykes. 4. The former considers that the cost ought to be debited to the Department which supervises the working of the Establishment to avoid the evils of divided authority. The Board see little force in this objection, as the mode in which the cost is debited in the Imperial account cannot possibly have any influence on the conduct of the Establishment, and the question of who shall supervise the working of the Establishments is altogether a distinct one, and may perhaps be separately considered by Government on independent grounds.

5. Mr. Dykes appears to desire that the entire cost of executing, maintaining, and working an irrigation work should be so charged as to allow of a true estimate being formed of the resulting profits; but there is nothing whatever in the proposed transfer to prevent this from being done.

6. It however appears that the Establishments in question are for some portion of the year really employed in the execution of minor repairs, and as this is a work the cost of which should properly be charged to the provision in the Department Public Works Budget for this purpose, the Board are disposed to think that the original proposal to transfer the entire charge to the Revenue Budget was somewhat too far, and that the principle on which the Government proposition proceeds will be satisfied by the transfer of three-fourths of the charge.

No. 63. ORDER THEREON, 7th October 1864, No. 1,842.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to lie over pending the receipt of the information to be furnished by the Public Works Department, agreeably to paragraph 1 of the Order dated 17th August 1864, No. 1,483.
(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Public Works Department.
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The undersigned Secretary

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