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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
11th May 1867.

No. 1,430

No. ~~1430~~
To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

IRRIGATION, No. 18.

From Government of India, No. 850 A, dated
18th September 1866
To, do, No 3,939, dated 14th December 1866

Proceedings of this Government of the

* Vizagapatam
Nellore
Madras
North Arcot
Tanjore.

1. With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I have the honour, under the orders of His Excellency the Governor in Council, to forward for the information of the Government of India a copy of the 3rd instant, No. 1,334, regarding the transfer from the Public Works to the Revenue Department of the conservancy of the irrigation works in five* of the districts of this Presidency.

2. Subsequent to the despatch of my letter of the 14th December last, giving cover to the Imperial Public Works Budget estimate of the current official year, this Government were led to apprehend that the maintenance of the various anicuts and of the channels leading from them, as well as of the other large works of irrigation in the districts in question, for the care of which professional skill was necessary, could not properly be undertaken by the Revenue Department, and they accordingly desired the Board of Revenue to consider and report the classes of works which, in their opinion, should be transferred to the Civil authorities. The Board were likewise called upon to state the manner in which the examination of, and check on such works as should be executed by the Revenue authorities should be conducted by the Officers of the Department Public Works.

3. The Board's reply, which will be found recorded in the accompanying Proceedings, shows that it will not be possible for the Officers of the Revenue Department to undertake more than the conservancy of petty works of irrigation estimated to cost Rupees 250 and under, and that even to afford this trifling and inappreciable relief to the Department Public Works, large establishments will have to be employed by the Civil authorities without any corresponding reduction of the professional department, which must obviously continue to be maintained at its present strength. The Board are decidedly adverse to the change, and, altogether, there is likely to be so much difficulty in carrying out the measure, that His Excellency in Council has resolved, on full consideration, that the charge of

the maintenance of all irrigation works shall continue, as heretofore, under the Public Works Department, and I am now to request the sanction of the Government of India to the transfer to the Public Works Budget of the provision* which has been made in the Civil estimates of the current official year for the maintenance and conservancy of works of that description.

	Repairs RS.	Conservancy Establishment RS.
Vizagapatam ..	41,000	
Tanjore ..	1,25,000	6,551
Madras ..	98,000	1,656
North Arcot ..	66,000	3,504
Nellore...	45,000	2,532
	<u>* 3,75,000</u>	<u>14,213</u>

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

From Govt. of India
No. 850 A d 18th Sept 1866
D. No. No. 3939. d 14th
Decr 1866

Vizagapatam
Kallu
Madras
North Arcot
Tanjore.

Signature
No. 1430
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To
The Secretary to the
Government of India
P.O. No. 15.

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I have the honor, under the orders of His Excellency the Governor in Council, to forward for the information of the Govt. of India a copy of the Proceedings of this Govt. of the 3rd Instant, No. 1334, regarding the transfer from the Public Works to the Revenue Department of the conservancy of the irrigation works in five of the Districts of

of this Presidency
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	Revised Rs.	Conservancy Estab. Rs.
Vizagapatnam.	41,000	0
Tanjore	1,25,000	6551
Madras	98,000	1656
M. Chool.	66,000	3504
Kilne.	45,000	2532
	<u>+ 375,000</u>	<u>14,243</u>

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 of the provision which
 has been made in the
 Civil Estimates of the
 current financial year
 for the maintenance
 and conservancy of
 works of that description.

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 kept into copy of No. 1334 of 1884
 inserted into the Pro. of the 11th of Nov.

J. B. S. S. S.
 11th May 1884

[Signature]

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Pub. Works 1867 Departs

Pro: of Govt. for May

No 1430

Pro: of the Madras Govt.

11th May 1867

(1)
1867
Funds (Irrigation)
The Govt. of India requested
to sanction the transfer to the
Public Works Budget of the
provision which has been made
in the Civil estimates of 1867-68
for the conservancy and repair
of irrigation works in the
Presidency.

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