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18th January 1872.*

No. 307. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—Irrigation,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, (Irrigation Branch,) dated Fort William, 8th January 1872, No. 8 A.—I:—

I AM directed to forward, herewith, for completion five copies of an abstract statement showing the financial results of the Irrigation Works under the Government of Madras to the end of 1870-71.

2. These statements are required by the Parliamentary Committee on Indian Finance, but before they can be submitted to the Secretary of State it is necessary that the results for 1870-71 should be entered therein. The return of remunerative works for that year has, however, not yet been submitted to the Government of India, so that there is no alternative but to ask that the Government of Madras may be moved to cause the necessary entries to be made in the statements for the past official year. The opportunity should be taken at the same time to check the figures already entered in the return, and if any errors are discovered therein to have them duly corrected. The statement completed and checked should be returned to the Government of India by the end of the current month, and on no account is it to be delayed beyond this period.

3. The Government of India are aware that the entries in the returns of remunerative works rendered by the Government of Madras are not intended to be relied on as if unquestionable accounts, but to be more or less open to correction, and that the results showing the remunerative character of the several projects in the Madras Presidency are open to considerable modification on the revision of the several Capital and Revenue Accounts. But I am to ask that a statement, under the signature of a responsible officer of the Government of Madras, may be attached to the returns showing exactly the principle on which the receipts under the head Revenue have been arrived at, and the services from which the charges under the Capital and Revenue have been obtained; special and precise information is necessary on this latter point, as the aggregate annual outlay under head Working Expenses for all the Irrigation Works in Madras is shown by the remunerative returns to have amounted to Rupees 1½ lakhs only, whereas the annual outlay on Repairs, Agricultural, alone in the Madras Presidency has amounted to 11¾ lakhs. Including Establishment the working expenses should have aggregated close upon 18 lakhs a year.

4. The return of remunerative works having been sent forward to the Government of India under the signature of the Controller of Public Works Accounts, Madras, that officer should be required to explain the cause of the wide discrepancy referred to, and should be held responsible that returns of outlay rendered by him agree with the booked expenditure, or are prepared from the most reliable sources and duly scrutinized.

5. I am to add that on no account must the return to the Government of India of the abstract statements now sent be delayed beyond the end of the current month.

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No. 308.

ORDER THEREON, 18th January 1872, No. 156.

IRRIGATION, No. 24.

With five Statements.

under the Government of Madras, and also furnish the statement referred to in paragraph 3 of the letter of the Government of India describing the principle on which the charges under Capital have been obtained.

2. The Board of Revenue will also be requested to report, in respect of revenue receipts and charges in the return, the principle on which these were framed by the Collectors who furnished the information to the Superintending Engineers.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts, }
,, Board of Revenue, } With Statement.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

All communications
should be addressed to
the Secretary.

No. 8 A. J.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ACCOUNT.

Irrigation. -

Sr.

The Secretary to the Government of Madras

Public Works Department.

Irrigation Branch

Fort William, 8th January 1872.

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4. The return of remunerative works having been sent forward to the Government of India under the signature of the Controller of P. W. Accounts Madras, that Officer should be required to explain the cause of the wide discrepancy referred to, and should be held responsible that returns of outlays rendered by him agree with the booked expenditure or are prepared from the most reliable sources and duly scrutinized. -

5. I am to add that on no account must the return to the Government of India of the Abstract Statements now sent, be delayed beyond the end of the current month. -

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

W. Dickins Esq. B.A.
Secretary to the Govt. of India -

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Accd

To the Subaltern
By order of the Secy

to S. Secy 18/1/12
C. 26/1/12
J. 26/1/12

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Controller of Public
Works Accounts

Dated

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Irrigation Works - Letter from
the Comr of India forwarding,
with remarks, copies of state-
ment showing the financial
results of the Irrigation Works
under the Madras Govt. to
the end of 1870/71. Comd
to the Comr of P.W. Accts
with instructions

To the Comr of India
18th Dec 1872

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