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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th September 1873.

No. 242. Read the following letter from Colonel F. H. RUNDALL, R.E., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Irrigation,) to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras in the Public Works Department, Irrigation Branch, dated Simla, 1st August 1873, No. 488-I. :—

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1,761, of the 8th ultimo, replying to the observations and inquiries made by the Government of India in reviewing the statement of the outlay incurred, etc., on Rajbuhas in the Godavery and Kistna Districts during the year 1871-72.

2. In reply, I am to observe that the inquiry as to whether the returns were checked by the Controller of Public Works Accounts has not been sufficiently answered, and to request a distinct reply thereto.

3. With reference to paragraph 2 of your letter, I am to say that it is not understood why any difficulty should be experienced in distinguishing canals or their branch channels from distributaries. The latter are so termed because it is from them that the distribution of the water to the village channels takes place. I am to request, therefore, that steps may be taken to make the necessary distinction in all projects.

4. In regard to the remark, "that there is nothing in the Kistna Delta resembling the Rajbuha system," I am to observe that Rajbuha being merely a synonymous term for distributary is therefore equally applicable either in Northern or Southern India.

No. 243. ORDER THEREON, 16th September 1873, No. 2,289.

IRRIGATION, No. 16.

ORDERED that the following letter be sent:—

(Here enter No. 2,290, dated 16th September 1873.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. MULLINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E,
Joint Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND, 16*th September* 1873.

No. 244.

No. 2,290.

FROM

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL J. MULLINS, R.E.,
Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Public Works Department.

IRRIGATION, No. 17.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of the Deputy Secretary's letter, No. 488-I, dated 1st August 1873, and with reference to paragraph 2 to state that the Controller reports that the entries in the statement of mileage of, and outlay on, distributaries cannot be checked in his office with reference to the entries in the Range Progress Reports, since the latter do not show the outlay on irrigation works according to groups. He adds that his office is not in possession of information from which to ascertain the several works forming part of each canal, and the outlay incurred upon them.

2. I am to point out, in reply to paragraph 3 of the Deputy Secretary's letter, that the definition of distributaries therein given leaves the task of distinguishing between them and canals as difficult as ever. Water is distributed to village channels from the primary, secondary, and lesser branches of main canals, and were the definition referred to applied to the Godavery and Kistna Deltas most of the principal canals would be classed as distributaries. The classification at present in force was arranged by the late Colonel Anderson, when he made a complete inquiry into the past expenditure of these two deltas, and all outlay then and since has been distributed accordingly, I am therefore to ask whether the Government of India wish this classification to be disturbed, and, if so, that a definition of the distinction between canals and distributaries more applicable than that above noticed to the circumstances of the deltas may be furnished as a guide.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
Spare Copies.

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

No. 488 I.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

IRRIGATION.

To

The Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Madras
in the Public Works Department
Irrigation Branch

Simla, 1st August 1873

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1761 of the 8th ultimo replying to the observations and enquiries made by the Government of India in reviewing the statement of the outlay incurred &c. on Rajbuhas in the Godavery and Kistna Districts during the year 1871/72.

2. In reply I am to observe that the enquiry as to whether the returns were checked by the Controller of P. W. Accounts has not been sufficiently

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answered and to request a distinct reply thereto.-

3. With reference to para 2 of your letter, I am to say that it is not understood why any difficulty should be experienced in distinguishing Canals on their branch Channels from Distributaries. The latter are so termed because it is from them that the distribution of the waters to the village channels takes place. I am to request therefore that steps may be taken to make the necessary distinction in all projects.-

4. In regard to the remark that there is nothing in the Kistna Delta resembling the Rajbuha system," I am to observe that Rajbuha being merely a synonymous term for Distributary is therefore equally applicable either in Northern or Southern India.-

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedt Servt

H. W. Ramsay Col. R.E.
Deputy Secretary to the Govt of India

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P. W. D. 73 Despatch No 1306
From Supt. Godavery Rly
No 4890.
Government of India
To the Chief Engineer
for Irrigation
W488.I.

Dated 1st August
Rec'd 13th 1873
Rep'd 5th Sept'r/73.

Asks for further information in connection with the statement of outlay &c on Rajoles in the Godavery & Kistna Deltas for 1871-72 & directs to take steps for distinguishing main Channels from other distributaries.

No 2289 dated 4th Sept'r/73
Public Order

No 2289
Forwarded that the Collector may furnish the information required by the Govt of India in their letter No 4890 dated 1st August 1873.

By order &c
Sd/ [illegible]
Secy to Govt

No 242
D. 5-8/12/73

No 2290

To
The Secretary to the
Govt of India P.W.D.

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No. 4890

Govt. of {1873} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Secretary to the Govt. of India

Dated

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 16th Sept. 1873, No. 2289-2290.

Nos. 212-243

Rajahmundry. The Govt of India ordered to be addressed in reply to their letter passing orders on the subject of the outlay incurred on Rajahmundry & Kistna Dist. roads during 1871/72