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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th May 1874.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 186. From T. MOSS, Esq., Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 6th March 1874, No. 7,880.

WITH reference to G. O., No. 529, of the 2nd instant, I regret that it is not in my power to furnish positive information regarding the success or otherwise of Lieutenant Christie's deputation to Calcutta. Lieutenant Christie understood the object of his deputation to be to afford information to the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, on any points upon which that officer might desire to be informed, and Lieutenant Christie believes that the Accountant-General obtained all the information he needed; but Colonel Innes is of course the only person who can speak positively upon this point.

2. Lieutenant Christie understood from the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, that a report on the result of the conference would be made to the Government of India; no doubt the views of that Government will be communicated to the Madras Government in due course.

REFERRED to Chief Engineer for Irrigation for any remarks he may desire to make.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
18th March 1874.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

No. 267.

No. 187.

MEMORANDUM.

THE Officiating Controller's letter, No. 7,880 of the 6th March 1874, having been referred to me for any remarks I may have to offer on the subject of the results of Lieutenant Christie's deputation to Calcutta to confer with the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, I have to state that I have no information, but that, prior to my departure to Vizagapatam in September last, I had a long discussion with Lieutenant Christie on the subject of the Irrigation Accounts; and the immediate result of this was that that officer drew up a long report, which was several months ago sent to me by the Controller, and which contains proposals for dealing with most of the questions which have hitherto arisen. Having been almost constantly in camp ever since the report was received, I have not had an opportunity of dealing with it, referring, as it does, to the whole system of Accounts, and requiring to be carefully and fully considered. Lieutenant Christie went to Calcutta, as I understand, to inform the Accountant-General as to the distinctive features of Irrigation Works in this Presidency, differing as these do altogether, so far as the great majority is concerned, and as respects the minority in many details, from those of the North of India, which difference must necessarily affect the way in which the Capital and Revenue Accounts can be made out. Lieutenant Christie was well informed as to what these particulars were, and it is to be hoped that in coming to a final settlement as to the forms and particulars of the Accounts, his conference with the Accountant-General will be of value.

2. I would wish to state, with reference to G. O., No. 529, of the 2nd March 1874, that I did not in any way intend to authorize Lieutenant Christie's deputation to Calcutta. I supposed that when the time for the visit had been agreed

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upon, the permission of Government would be formally asked; I considered that Lieutenant Christie, after the discussion with me, was ready to go, but I had nothing to say to the time of his going, as, indeed, seems evident from the fact that no communication on the subject took place after my interviews with him in September, and he did not go until some two months afterwards. There was evidently a misconception, but not contemplating Lieutenant Christie's departure without a special order of Government, of course no precautions against such a proceeding could be taken.

CAMP AT COIMBATORE, (Signed) J. MULLINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
4th April 1874. Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

No. 188.

ORDER THEREON, 8th May 1874, No. 1,232.

IRRIGATION, No. 16.

Establishment.

ORDERED to be recorded.

2. It is hoped that Lieutenant Christie's visit to Calcutta will not have been unproductive of good effect

in coming to an understanding with the Government of India as to the detail with which the Irrigation Accounts of this Presidency can be usefully prepared.

3. His Excellency the Governor in Council will await communication from the Government of India on the subject.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

.. Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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No. 267.

Memorandum

The Officiating Controller's letter No. 7880 of the 6th March 1874 having been referred to me for any remarks I may have to offer on the subject of the results of Lieut. Christie's deputation to Calcutta to confer with the Accountant General, Public Works Department, I have to state that I have no information, but that prior to my departure to Vizagapatam in September last I had a long discussion with Lieut. Christie on the subject of the Irrigation Accounts, and the immediate result of this was that that Officer drew up a long report, which was several months ago sent to me by the Controller, and which contains proposals for dealing with most of the questions which have hitherto arisen. Having been almost constantly in Camp ever since the report was received, I have not had an opportunity of dealing with it, referring as it

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Camp at
Coimbatore
4th April 1874

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

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Wm. L. Christie
Chief Engineer for Irrigation

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Proprietor's Name No. 2146

From
The Chief Engineer
for Irrigation
To The Secretary to Gov.
W. H. D.
N. 267.

Dated 4th
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Remarks on the
subject of the results
of St. Charles de-
putation of a letter
to compare with the
accepted M. & D.

Ex. Q. No: 1232. 8-5-74.

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No 7880

Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts
Madras, 6th March 1871.

From 165
The Officiating Controller of
Public Works Accounts

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George

Sir,

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
J. D. D.
Offy Controller of P. W. Accounts.

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Mr 15/11/74

W. Sept 1874
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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 11th March 1874

Read the following
From the Off Controller of
P.W. Accounts.

(Entered 10/800/11 March 1874)

I was expected
that Lieutenant Christie
would have been able to
ascertain the precise na-
ture and amount of
information as to Madras
Irrigation Works required
by the Government of
India, to have clearly
informed the Accountant
General of the Public
Works

I suggest that this be
put into the form of a
reference to the A.C. of Irrig.
for any remarks sent to
may have to make
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P.W. 1874
No 605
From 1843

The Off Controller of
Public Works Dept
To
The Secretary to Govt
Public Works Dept
Fort Saint George

Dated 6th
Recd 7th March 1874
23/3/74

Stating that he
regrets he cannot af-
ford the positive in-
formation regarding
Lieut Christie's de-
putation to Calcutta

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C.B. No. 1232-8-5-74
Referred.

Recd 19th Feb 74

Referred to Chief Engineer

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for suggestions for any remarks he may
desire to make

W. H. George
18th March 1874
Secretary to Govt
Fort St. George

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Works Department to what
extent it was possible to
comply with the demands
and to have obtained
from that Officer practical
instructions with which
he might be able to report
to His Government that
compliance was possible.

Such expectations do not,
by the Controller's Report
appear to have been
realized. It is hoped
that the Chief Engineer
for Irrigation will be
able to state that from
what Lieut Christie
may have communicated
to him, he sees his way
towards compliance with
the

the views of the Government
of India better than
he did.
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Read the following

From The Off^r Controller of P.W.D. / H. E. No. 7880 of 6th March 1874 /

From The Chief Engr for Irrigation / " " 2677 of 4th April 1874 /

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W. J. P.

Ordered to be recorded.

It is hoped that

Mr. W. J. P. has called on Mr. P. J. P. on the subject of his deputation & the discussion and resolutions come to in Calcutta. Mr. J. P. has always kept Mr. P. J. P. informed about from day to day what was on 17/4 MR.

Christie's visit to Calcutta will not have been unproductive of good effect in coming to an understanding with the Govt. of India as to the detail with which the Irrigation accounts of this Presidency can be usefully prepared.

Mr. P. J. P. has already in the hands of the Govt. for doing see that Officer.

This Excellency the Governor in Council will

W. J. P.

await communication
from the Government of
India on the subject.

G.M.W.

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Recd. from the
Government of India
dated 10/5/74

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Cu 15th April 74. R.D. - 17 April 74

To
5 The Chief Insp. for Mys? ✓
5 - Controller of P. & A. ✓
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To

The C. Engr. for
Irrigation

Dated

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Encl. 2 papers
recd. from
as per enclosure

G. O., 8 May 1874, No. 1232

Nos. 186-188.

Lieutenant Christie, R.E.
by Controller of P.W. Accounts

Letter from the Controller of
P.W. Accounts and
Memo of the Chief Engr.
for Irrigation on the sub-
ject of the results of
Mr. Christie's deputation
to Calcutta to confer with
the Accountant Genl. P.W.D.
Records of interview No