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No. 128. Read the following letter from Colonel C. H. DICKENS, R.A., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—Irrigation,) to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 24th October 1873, No. 256 A.—I:—

THE Government of India having had recently under consideration the question of recouping from Ordinary Funds the outlay incurred from Loan Funds on the Chembrumbaukum Tank Project, I am directed to communicate the following remarks on the subject.

2. The Secretary of State in reviewing the case in his despatch No. 114, dated 18th December 1872, of which a copy was forwarded to the Government of Madras, under Public Works Department Resolution, No. 104 I, dated 18th February 1873, said that it was not understood how any part of the expenditure on the project could, consistently with the rules in force, be treated as extraordinary, seeing that no portion of it is expected to yield even as much as 5 per cent. of annual profit. The Accountant-General, Public Works Department, reports that it is scarcely probable that a return of even 5 per cent. will be derived from the work, as from the expenditure already incurred it would seem that there is likely to be a considerable excess outlay over the estimated cost of the project. On this point, the following figures have been supplied—

—	Works.	Establishment.	Plant.	Total.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Actual outlay on work to end of 1871-72 ...	2,72,076	59,760	3,729	3,35,565
Do. Ordinary, 1872-73	31,270	9,197	1,145	41,612
Grant, 1873-74	50,000	16,244	730	66,974
Total...	3,53,346	85,201	5,604	4,44,151
Estimated cost	4,14,000	71,000	.....	4,85,000
Required to complete	60,654	.....	.....	.....
Excess	.....	14,201	5,604	.....

Grouping these figures the total cost of the project is estimated as likely to amount to 5¼ lakhs.

	RS.
Actual and probable outlay to end of 1873-74	4,44,151
Required to complete under head works	60,654
Add for Establishment and Tools and Plant for do.	20,000
	5,24,805

Adding for cost of collection of revenue the net return from the project is estimated by the Accountant-General as likely to amount to Rupees 13,000 per annum, or 2½ per cent. on a capital outlay of 5¼ lakhs. If this be so (and on this point I am to ask for clear statement of facts and figures) the Governor-General in Council considers that it would be proper to require a refund, to the loan grant, of the outlay incurred from it on the project. That outlay is stated to have amounted to Rupees 2,12,816, and not Rupees 1,94,964, as intimated in Public Works Department letter, No. 096 I, dated 11th May 1872.

3. If the financial prospects of the project are such as is stated above, the Government of India would agree to the refund, from the Ordinary Grant, being

made at the rate of 50,000 Rupees per annum, and I am to inquire whether the Government of Madras have any objection to this arrangement.

No. 129. ORDER THEREON, 8th June 1874, No. 1,502.

IRRIGATION, No. 13.

THE Government observe that, now that another year has closed, it will probably be practicable to obtain a clearer idea of the cost and prospects of the Chembrumbaukum tank than has hitherto been possible, and the above letter will therefore be communicated

to the Revenue Department in order that statements of, first, the revenue and cultivation under the tank for 15 years prior to the commencement of the enlargement and of the cost of maintenance for that period; secondly, the revenue and cultivation for each year since the enlargement was commenced, may be prepared;

to the District Engineer, Chingleput, for a report as to the nature and estimated cost of work remaining to be done on the 1st April last to complete the tank, and as to the expected date of completion, together with a statement of the quantity of water received by the tank in each year since a register has been maintained;

to the Controller, Public Works Accounts, for a statement of expenditure up to 31st March 1874 on the project under the following heads :—

Outlay on work.	CHARGE FOR ESTABLISHMENT.		CHARGE FOR TOOLS AND PLANT.		Total.
	Special.	In direct or ratable.	Special.	ratable.	

2. On the receipt of this information, which should be submitted as early as may be practicable, the further report required by the Government of India will be drawn up.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" District Engineer, Chingleput.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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Tank

Tank in each year since a register has been maintained.

to the Controller P.W. accounts for a statement of expenditure up to 31st March 1874 on the project under the following heads

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To the Chief Cashr for Instr
" Controller
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A. Cashrs desp. to all 16/6/74

Lists will be drawn up.

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To The Secretary Sirkar

Dated

Recd. Encl.

G. O. 8th June 1874, No. 1502

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Chembrambakkam Tank

Project - The Revenue Deptt, the District Engineer of Chingleput, and the Controller of Public Works Accounts requested to furnish certain information in connection with the Project —

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