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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
3rd August 1874.*

No. 66. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Ootacamund, 23rd June 1874, No. 12 :—

From J. H. LATHAM, Esq., Chief Engineer and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Kurnool, 16th June 1874, No. 66.

Reduction of Expenditure.

YOUR No. 83 of 7th instant.

I have the honor to say that your letter shall be referred to the Board for their consideration with this reply.

2. I suppose that after the new Rules shall appear the proportionate yearly increase of irrigation will be extended, not contracted, and I venture to estimate the yearly revenue as below :—

1871-72 it was	Rupees	33,571.
1872-73 ..	"	50,000 or 50 per cent. increase.
1873-74 it is about	"	75,000 or 50
1874-75 it may be	"	1,30,000 or 75
1875-76 ..	"	2,28,000 or 75

and this supposing no abnormal energy, nor change of ideas, in the cultivators. I therefore feel pretty certain that the revenue will no longer fall short of the working expenses, and that the *total* deficit (soon to be repaid by increasing returns) will not exceed two lakhs.

3. This total deficit will be the penalty paid for maintaining an efficient and prudent management of the canal during the very important portion of its career, its first stages. Each year it has been run under the charge of tried officers, able to make the best of it, and able to take advantage of any sudden extension of demand. The working expenses have all along had my very careful consideration, and I believe that further restriction would have jeopardised the success of the enterprise. As it is, the querulous complaints of 1872-73 have almost died away, and the few complaints now made are generally well-grounded, reasonable, and made without hostility.

* 4. Now that the Rules are, I hope, revised, and the character of distribution settled, a reduction may, in my opinion, be safely made in General Management and perhaps in the higher grade of Executive Officers, but not in the total working staff. It must be remembered that an immense number of land plans and channels have to be made for the distribution in hundreds of villages; that the channels and numerous works require making durably, often on bad ground, and so as not to injure or interfere with roads, channels or drains, and that more duties will in future be thrown upon the staff in connection with records of applications, etc.

5. Until ultimate success be despaired of, I have no doubt that the best policy, commercially considered, is to work the canal in an efficient, respectable, and even stylish way, so far as to maintain control and discipline throughout. To do this responsible officers must be within reach of every locality, and I do not think they are too thickly placed at present.

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SUBMITTED for the information of Government with reference to the instructions conveyed in communicating Proceedings, Madras Government, of the 27th February 1874, to this office.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
3rd August 1874.

2. It is not clear how the Chief Engineer and Manager, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, arrives at the conclusion that the total deficit or excess of working expenses over revenue will not exceed two lakhs of Rupees.

The difference up to 1872-73 is shown in the correspondence to have been	Rs
In 1873-74, taking Mr. Latham's estimate of the gross revenue, it will be about	1,10,000
In 1874-75 do.	1,00,000
	50,000
Total...	2,60,000

3. Mr. Latham appears to think that a reduction in the cost of General Management and of Executive Officers, but not a reduction of their number, may be made. He has not specified what reductions he would recommend, but probably his views have been submitted to the Board of Directors of the Company, and there will be time to receive their reply before the Budget of 1875-76 is prepared.

(Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

No. 67. ORDER THEREON, 3rd August 1874, No. 2,128.

IRRIGATION, No. 6.

ORDERED that a copy of these Proceedings be transmitted to the Government of India for information in continuation of the letter No. 1,922, dated 16th July 1874, on the same subject.
(True Extract.)

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

No. 68. (DOCKET No. 2,129, dated 3rd August 1874.)
Copy of the above forwarded to the Government of India.
(True Extract.)

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

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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No 12
Submitted for the information of Government with reference to the instructions conveyed in communicating P.M. L. of the 27 February 1874 to this office
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P.W. 1874 Sept.
 No: 4714

From

The Chief Engr
 for Irrigation

Dated 23 June 1874
 Recd. 29 July 1874

No 12 E. 1

Submitting
 a letter from the
 Chief Engineer &
 Manager, Madras
 246. 62 on the subject
 of the proposed
 reduction of
 expenditure.

Cl. No: 2128. 7-8-74.

Ch. 66

Memorandum

The Honourable Mr. Sim asked
 a few days ago for informa-
 tion regarding the expenditure
 incurred by the State in con-
 nection with the Madras Iri-
 gation Canal Company. The
 following particulars are
 believed to be nearly correct

P.M. 4 41 Nov 72
 #2587. Payments on account of guaranteed
 interest up to 1870-71 inclusive £46,1868

Outlay on State Control &
 purchase of land ——— 41,411

Guaranteed interest 1871-72
 to 1873-74 inclusive ——— 149,949

Revenue Deficit to 1873-74 — 21,000

State Control & land com-
 pensation 1871-72 to 1873-74
 inclusive ——— 4,200.

Total £ 678,428

2. Besides this there is the
 interest on the Loan of £600,000
 to the Company, the particulars
 of which have not been as-
 certained, but which is I think
 not

not less than £ 120,000

3. Altogether the State expenditure may be taken therefore at about 80 lakhs of Rupees.

My. 27/6/74

Public Works Department
Proceedings of the Madras Government
Read the following
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From The Chief Eng.
Messrs. Kew
and Co. Company (P.B. & Co. 66 dated 16th
June 1874)
to Chief Eng. for Sew. (P.B. & Co. 12 dated
23rd June 1874)

Ordered that a copy of these Proceedings be transmitted to the Government of India for information in continuation of the letter No. 1922 dated 16 July 1874 on the same subject.

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To the Chief Eng. for Sew.
" and Manager
Messrs. J. & C. Co.
d. Copies despatched 11/8/74.

My. 25/6/74

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wards to the Govt of India

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Govt. of Madras.

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To

The Chief Engineer
Secy. to Govt. of India

Dated

Recd.

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G. O. D. No.

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Recd. 18-68.

Madras Irrigation and
Canal Company -

A copy of the Proceedings
passed on the Endorsement
of the Chief Engineer for
Bren. submitting a letter
from the Chief Eng^r &
Manager of the Co. on
the subject of the proposed
reduction of expenditures
ordered to be transmitted
to the Govt of India -

Forwarding copy of
Proceedings on the
subject of the proposed
reduction of expenses
- borne in the Madras
Irrigation & Canal Com-
pany -