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Public Works DEPARTMENT

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16th September 1874.*

No. 323. Read the following letter from Colonel C. H. DICKENS, R.A., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Civil Works—Irrigation,) to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, (Irrigation Branch,) dated Fort William, 7th August 1874, No. 496-I. :—

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your docket, No. 1,301 of the 13th May last, submitting the statement of remunerative works in the Madras Presidency for the year 1872-73, and to observe as follows.

2. In the statement of expenditure the outlay on Establishment and Tools and Plant has not been included. The result is that under Capital outlay the following amounts are reported in several series of returns :—

	As reported in return.	As reported by Controller.	As reported to Accountant- General.
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Godavery Delta works	54,47,885	51,31,980	61,77,376
Kistna do.	35,45,725	35,82,540	42,10,947
Pennair Anicut	9,33,954	9,25,133	10,89,752
Madras Water-supply	10,56,887	11,40,605	13,93,142

3. As to the difference in the amounts, as noted by the District Engineers and Controller of Public Works Accounts respectively, the President in Council, while admitting the possibility of discrepancies occurring in the case of the anicut works, does not understand how they can exist with respect to recent undertakings, and especially the Madras Water-supply and Chembrumbaukum Tank Projects. Both are works which have been commenced since 1867-68, and the expenditure on them should therefore be accurately known.

4. Under Revenue charges the proportion of charges for General Establishment of the Public Works Department appear to have been omitted, while it is not satisfactorily shown that the receipts under Revenue are accurate.

5. There are two other entries in the return which call for notice: the first is the deduction from the capital expenditure of amounts for "deterioration" or "wear and tear," and the second, the calculation of interest at only 4 per cent. On the first point, I am to remark that the propriety of the deduction for "deterioration" was questioned and discussed by the Government of India and the Secretary of State in 1867, when it was decided that it was incorrect and should be discontinued. I am therefore to request that no such deduction should be made in future returns.

6. As regards the second point, I am to say that interest should be reckoned at $4\frac{1}{2}$ and not 4 per cent., and to refer the Government of Madras to Public Works Circular No. 68 of the 9th November 1871.

7. I am also to request that the present form of return, which is obsolete, be discontinued, and that the forms issued with Circular No. 80 of 1871 be adopted in preparing future statements. These statements, I am to add, should be prepared by the Controller of Accounts from the records in his office, and his reports in

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respect to amount of outlay, whether under Capital or Revenue, should be accepted in preference to calling upon District Engineers for information on these points.

8. Lastly, I am to direct attention to this office letter, No. 103 A. I., of the 11th April last, respecting the arrangements proposed for keeping proper Capital and Revenue Accounts of the Irrigation Works in Madras, and to inquire what action has been taken thereon.

No. 324. ORDER THEREON, 16th September 1874, No. 2,629.

IRRIGATION, No. 41.
Account.

COMMUNICATED to the Controller of Public Works Accounts for information and guidance.

2. In supersession of G. O., No. 276, dated 4th February 1874, the preparation of the statement of remunerative works will be discontinued.

3. The subject of paragraph 8 will be separately disposed of.
(True Extract.)

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

10th July 1874

With reference to para 8 of ^{your} letter No. 496 I of the 7 August 1874 I am directed to transmit further information of the 5th July

2nd July 1874 No. 1041

June 1874 No. 1573

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a Copy of the Proceedings of this Government, as per margin, on the subject of the arrangements to be made for keeping proper Capital & Revenue accounts of the Irrigation works in Madras.

2. It will be noticed that hitherto the actual classification and distribution of ^{the} expenditure on Irrigation works has not been commenced but I am to say that it is hoped that the orders, which have now been issued will prevent any further delay in making a beginning.

3. It will necessarily be some time before a complete annual Capital account of any one system of works or of the Irrigation works of any one District will be obtainable, but the attention of the Deputy Controller of Irrigation accounts will now be concentrated on the duty and steady progress will be required. 4. With regard to the determination of the

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Otherwise the accounts for the more important
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The Controller of Public
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PUBLIC WORKS.

²⁰ The Cont. of P.W. Works.

Part 1.

Part 2.

Part 3.

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Statement of Remuneration
Works for 1872-73 ^{Madras} ^{Pres.}

Letter from the Govt. of
India, passing orders
on the ~~Statement~~, Comr.
to the Controller of P.W. Works,
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No. 276 of 4th July 74.