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To The Chief Engg for Irrigation

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Nos. 120 & 121

Godavery and Krishna-Delta Works

Passing orders on a letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts relative to the preparation of statements of expenditure for the Godavery and Krishna Deltas.

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14th April 1874.

No. 120. Read the following letter 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, 4th March 1874, No. 7,778:—

I HAVE the honour to submit the following remarks with reference to Government Order, dated 20th February 1874, No. 418.

2. Referring to the remark contained in paragraph 2 of the Government order in question, to the effect that the Government are surprised "that the Controller is not in a position to show, with complete accuracy, the expenditure on Original Works and Repairs in the two deltas in each year," I would in the first place observe that the term "delta" is somewhat vague.

3. If "delta" is to be taken to mean "delta district," I am bound to deny that the Controller is not in a position to show, with complete accuracy, the expenditure on Original Works and Repairs, respectively, in the two deltas in each year.

4. But if by "deltas" is to be understood only particular groups of works, and if, moreover, these groups of works are to be divided and sub-divided, as in the statement printed with the Government order under reference, it is obvious that this office cannot record the expenditure against each "delta" so divided and sub-divided, unless it has correct information, first as to the works which are held to constitute these delta groups, and secondly as to the division and sub-division in which each individual work falls.

5. The Chief Engineer for Irrigation is well aware that this office does not possess this information, and he will I am sure admit that this is not owing to any fault on the part of this office. This office long ago called on all District Engineers for lists of the works comprised in each of the groups into which they were, it was presumed, under the orders of Government dividing the works in the limits of their respective districts, and after waiting some months District Engineers were asked to say when the lists might be expected. The answers to these inquiries showed that little or nothing, in most districts the latter, was being done in the matter; and then in letter, No. 2,180, of the 16th July 1873, the Chief Engineer for Irrigation was addressed on the subject, which was personally discussed subsequently. Colonel Mullins promised to take steps to expedite the submission of the information required, but up to date no district has furnished it. Having referred the matter to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, it appeared to me that this office should for the present make no further calls upon District Engineers direct.

6. I undertake that as soon as I receive a detailed and classified list of the works comprised in any one group, there shall be no difficulty in furnishing from year to year a statement exhibiting the expenditure on that group according to the classification. In the absence of such a list, I can neither prepare such a statement nor verify one prepared in another office.

No. 121. ORDER THEREON, 14th April 1874, No. 962.

IRRIGATION, No. 4.

Account.

THE Government accept the Officiating Controller's explanation with the remark that, as regards totals, it would seem to be very easy to obtain such

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information from the District Engineers or Range Officers as would bring the district statements into agreement with the accounts in the Controller's office. It is, moreover, open to the Controller to require expenditure whether on New Works or Repairs, appertaining to projects, to be shown separately and with distinct totals in the progress reports.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
„ Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
To all District Engineers.
„ Revenue Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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*Office of the Controller of
P.W. Accounts*

N. 7778 Madras 14th March 1874.

From The Controller of P.W. Accounts

*To The Secretary to Government
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Fort Saint George.*

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Sir,
Your most obedt servant

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Offl Controller of P.W. Accts

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To Mr. Marshall

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No 962-14 14th April 74

Submitting remarks
with reference to G.O.
No 1127 of 20th July 74 re-
garding the publication
of Statement of Expenditure
for the Engineering and
Masonry works.

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The Secretary to Govt.
P.W.D.
Madras

P.O. 1874 Madras
14th April 74
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To The Chief Engineer for
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- Controller of P. W. Accounts
- All District Engineers
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