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No. 587. Read the following letter from Colonel C. H. DICKENS, R.A., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Establishment—Irrigation), to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 23rd March 1875, No. 81 E. I.:—

WITH reference to your No. 208, of the 25th January 1875, requesting sanction to the revision of the conservancy establishment of the Vizagapatam District, I am directed to request that the objects and reasons for the revision may be more fully explained for the information of the Government of India.

No. 588. ORDER THEREON, 22nd April 1875, No. 1,142.

IRRIGATION, No. 66.
Establishment.

ORDERED that the following letter be sent:—

(Here enter No. 1,143, dated 22nd April 1875.)

(True Extract.)

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

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 22*nd April* 1875.

No. 589.

No. 1,143.

From

COLONEL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,
Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Public Works Department (Irrigation).

IRRIGATION, No. 67.
Establishment.

SIR,—In reply to your letter, No. 81 E. I., dated 23rd March 1875, I am directed to submit the following explanation regarding the revision of the conservancy establishment of the Irrigation works on the Surada and Varaha rivers in the Vizagapatam District:—

About the middle of the year 1873, the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, when visiting and inspecting the district, had an opportunity of personally discussing the subject with the District Engineer, and the decision arrived at was that the then existing establishment, was altogether inadequate to the proper and beneficial performance of the duties which it should perform, many of those duties were but imperfectly carried out, the works could not be maintained in an efficient state, waste of water was not prevented, and encroachments left undetected.

The Range Officer at Yellamunchelly prominently brought to notice, with reference to those portions of the Irrigation works more particularly under his direction, that the establishment allotted for the Saradanuddy was only sufficient to look after the gauging the depths of water and inspecting the works *in the immediate vicinity* of the head works; he thought the establishment should be increased, as many of the river channels extend for miles, and in some cases have dividing sluices and regulating dams which should be constantly looked after.

The Chief Engineer for Irrigation then learnt that each land-holder was in the habit of damming the channels in the vicinity of his fields when the water is low, thus causing almost endless disputes; an extra establishment was considered necessary to abate the evil, by regulating the dams, so that each ryot might get his fair share of water.

These views were laid before Government in June 1874, but instead of at once sanctioning the revision of the establishment, it was considered desirable to ascertain from the Revenue authorities whether there was any Nirgunti or Niranikum establishments attached to any of the villages irrigated by the water of the rivers in question; and the Collector was requested to favor the Government with his own opinion as regards the strength and cost of the establishment necessary for the purposes indicated.

The Collector reported that there were no such village establishments available for the work, and that he saw no objection to the entertainment of the additional establishment applied for by the District Engineer.

With these facts before Government, His Excellency the Governor in Council considered that good reason had been shown for the revision of the conservancy establishments, and I am respectfully to submit that this information was detailed in the Proceedings of this Government which accompanied the first application, and to express their hope that the requisite sanction for the increase asked for will be accorded.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

P. W. Dept.

Proceedings of the Bombay Government

Read the following

From the Secretary to the Govt of India P.W.D. (Irrig.) No. 81 I. dated 23rd Jany 19

Ordered that the following letter be sent

To the Secretary to the Government of India P.W.D. (Irrigation)

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 81 I. of the 23rd Inst. I am directed to state that the objects and reasons for which it has been proposed to revise the Conservancy establishment of the 2 Government Talaos of the

I do not think that it is according to official usage to refer the Govt of India back to papers already before them. I would advise the case in support of the increased Conservancy Establishment being fully set forth in a letter to the Govt of India. At the end of this letter we might respectfully intimate that this information was detailed in the Proceedings of this Govt which accompanied our first application.

Vizagapatam District appears to be explained very fully in the papers transmitted with letter No. 208 of the 25th January last. The Proceedings as per margin, therewith forwarded show the circumstances under which the Chief Engineer for Irrigation instructed the District Engineer to prepare a revised scale of establishment. and in the same papers will be found particulars of works and of the area of irrigation and Revenue under them. I am further to point out that this Government did not accept the proposals of the Chief Engineer until it had been ascertained that there was no other source available for meeting the cost of an efficient establishment than by making it a direct charge on the P.W. Budget Estimates.

18th July 1874. No. 1930

Vide also papers in Pro. No 207 dated 25 Jan/75.

2. I am to request that, should a reconsideration of the papers already forwarded be insufficient to convince the Govt of India of the need of the revision proposed, intimation may be given of the particular points on which the information already afforded may be deemed to be inadequate.

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With these facts before Govt. His Excellency the Governor in Council considered the objects and reasons for the revision and I am respectfully to submit that this information

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was detailed in the Proceedings of this Government which accompanied the first application and to express a desire that the actions taken and ordered by this Government may be duly ratified by the Government of India.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read the following:-

From the Secy to the Govt of India
Pub. D (Irrign.)
G.O. No. 1142 dy 22nd April 1875.

(Ry. No. 81 dy 23rd March 1875)

22nd April 1875.

Ordered that the following letter be sent.

Ry. No. 1143. dy 22nd April 1875.

To
The Secretary to the Govt of India
Pub. D (Irrign.)

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 81 R. I. dated 23rd March 1875 I am directed to submit the following explanation regarding the revision of the Conservancy establishment of the Irrigation Works on the Sarada and Varaha Rivers in the Vizagapatam District.

Abstract

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These views were laid before Government in June 1874, but instead of at once sanctioning the revision of the Establishment it was considered desirable to ascertain from the Revenue Authorities whether there was any Irrigation or Navigation Establishments attached to any

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The Collector reported that there were no such Village Establishments available for the work, and that he saw no objection to the entertainment of the additional establishment applied for by the District Engineer.

With these facts before Govt., His Excellency the Governor in Council considered that good reason had been shown for the

reversion of the Conservancy Establishments and I am respectfully submit that this information was detailed in the Proceedings of this Government which accompanied the first application and to express their hope that the requisite sanction for the increase asked for will be accorded.

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