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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th May 1876.*

No. 81. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, (Account—Irrigation,) dated Fort William, 27th March 1876, Nos. 1494-50 A-I:—
Order of the Board of Directors of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company for 1876-77.

Read the following papers:—

Letter from the Secretary to the Government of Madras, No. 3,550, dated 18th December 1875.
Letter from the Secretary to the Government of Madras, No. 50 A-I, dated 16th January 1876.
Letter from the Secretary to the Government of Madras, No. 245, dated 22nd January 1876.
Letter from the Secretary to the Government of Madras, No. 502, dated 28th February 1876.

I.—STATE EXPENDITURE ON GUARANTEED IRRIGATION WORKS.

The provision for 1876-77 under this head amounts to Rupees 10,598, viz:—

Provision	Rs.
1876-77	10,598

Details of the items making up this amount are required and should be furnished.

II.—EXPENDITURE ON CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

2. The estimated expenditure from Loan Capital during 1876-77, is set down at Rupees 43,800, viz:—

Works	Rs.
1876-77	43,800

Total ... 43,800

The proportion borne by Establishment to works is about 55½ per cent. It is observed that the Government of Madras have approved provisionally of the estimate of Capital outlay, and have requested the Chief Engineer and Manager to show in due course the balance of funds which may be available on the 1st April next, to provide for the charges. The Government of India approve of the orders issued.

III.—REVENUE ACCOUNT.

3. After altering the estimate of expenses of an even sum of Rupees 1,55,000 from Rupees 1,55,528, the Revenue Estimate of the Company for 1876-77 is as follows as contrasted with the Budget and Regular Estimate of 1875-76, and the actuals of previous years:—

	Actuals, 1875-76	Actuals, 1876-77	Actuals, 1876-77	Budget, 1875-76	Budget, 1876-77	Budget, 1876-77
Revenue	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1875-76	1,55,528	1,55,528	1,55,528	1,55,528	1,55,528	1,55,528
1876-77	1,55,528	1,55,528	1,55,528	1,55,528	1,55,528	1,55,528

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4. Thus while in the Budget Estimate for 1875-76 the deficit was estimated to amount to Rupees 1,05,000, the Regular Estimate shows the deficit as likely to be Rupees 1,67,000, the deficit having increased chiefly by reason of the receipts having fallen off from Rupees 95,000 to Rupees 45,000. In explanation of this falling off the Government of Madras say that it is due to the absence of such an extension of irrigation under the canal as was expected when the Budget Estimate was framed. And it is added as follows:—

"The new rules not only testing the more favorable terms they offer to the ryots have not induced any material increase of irrigation. Inquiries as to why so much failure has been experienced have been made, but no adequate cause has been ascertained, and apparently the only cause is the difficulty of getting the ryots generally to understand what the effect of the rules are, and what are the advantages which they offer."

5. As regards the estimate of revenue, the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, Colonel Mullins, says as follows:—

6. "The framing of the Budget Revenue Receipts has always presented considerable difficulties. The introduction of new rules, offering inducements on more favorable terms, has as yet had no marked effect upon the extent of the area sown, and the increase of area in 1874-75 will not, so far as is known, compare favorably with the increase in rates. The Chief Engineer and Mr. Mullins estimate the area in 1875-76 at 16,716 acres, that of 1874-75 being 15,240. For 1876-77 the area is shown as 18,000 acres and Rupees 75,000 is taken for 1876-77, the estimate may be correct, but it is hardly likely to be exceeded. The annual revenue estimate for the Kurnool District for 1874-75 not having yet been received from the Collector, the information for that year is incomplete. In Chittoor the irrigation of that and the preceding year was as follows:—

	1874-75	1875-76
Area...	6,781	6,115
Revenue...	Rupees 25,000	18,000

7. Compared with the Regular Estimate for 1875-76, the Budget Estimate shows an expected increase of Rupees 50,000 in the receipts, and a decrease of Rupees 56,102 in the expenses. The provision for expenses occurs under the following heads as compared with the estimate of 1875-76:—

	1875-76	1876-77
Establishment—		
General Management	Rs 45,223	40,072
Other Establishment	82,250	71,476
Repairs	1,32,924	1,20,048
	67,072	35,580
Total	2,00,000	1,55,593

7. Thus under Repairs it will be seen that the provision has been reduced from Rupees 67,072 to Rupees 35,580. It is supposed that the provision made in 1876-77 will keep the canal in an efficient state of repair.

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8. Under Establishment the provision has decreased from Rupees 1,32,924 to Rupees 1,20,048. This decrease is accounted for as follows:—

I.—Reduction made in the salary of the Accountant from Rupees \$60 to Rupees 50 in accordance with the wishes of the Government of India	10,000
II.—Reduction made in provision for contingencies of Chief Engineer's Office	2,500
III.—Decreases in other items	4,110
	12,610

9. The reductions in the establishment have been confined to a reduction in the salary of the Accountant which was urged as necessary by the Government of India. The old scale of establishment consisting of a Chief Engineer and Manager on Rupees 2,500 a month, with Rupees 200 a month as travelling allowances and of four Engineers drawing an aggregate salary of Rupees 2,840 per month still continues. In the enclosure to Public Works Department No. 272—3 A—1, dated 31st August 1874, a comparison was made with the Government canals, and it was shown that the establishment maintained by the Company was on an unnecessarily high scale.

10. Considering that the deficit in the working expenses of the Company is made good by the State, it is again necessary to urge upon the Government of Madras that immediate steps should be taken to reduce the establishment of the canals and the rate of salary allowed to the establishment to what would be provided on Government canals.

11. One of the steps that have been suggested towards this end is a reduction in the salary of the Chief Engineer. The Government of Madras were asked in the orders on the Budget of 1874-75 to consider whether reduction could not be made in that salary. The reply of the Government of Madras contained in the enclosures of their Secretary's letter No. 2,051 of 30th July 1874, from which the following extracts are made:—

"Noted by Colonel Mullins:—The present representation of the Company has been in their employ some fifteen years, and it is probable that he would accept of salary which would make any great difference in the annual charges, and it is not yet decided whether such advantage would be derived from employing him by a younger and less highly paid officer seeing that his knowledge of the circumstances of the canal and his experience must be of very considerable value. It is, however, quite open to the Government to nominate to the Board of Directors that should Mr. Latham vacate his appointment, the salary of his successor should not exceed the amount now of the canal may be provided for from a vote of public money, to be restricted to Rupees 1,500 as a maximum."

12. The Government of Madras said as follows:—

"With regard to establishment charges, such as a reduction, especially in the charges for general management is not desired. This has been your desire that without hampering the Board of Directors and possibly running a risk of being satisfactory, not results which may be helpful for from the present administrative staff, no immediate reduction can be made upon; but the

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Government approve of the suggestion made by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation that on the occurrence of vacancies in the appointments of Chief Engineer and Manager and of Chief Accountant, the salary of the former should be restricted to Rs. 1,500. Mr. Latham will accordingly be requested to advise the Board of Directors that Government will not be prepared in the case of future appointments to sanction a higher salary than those named.

12A. These papers were forwarded to the Secretary of State by the Government of India with the remark that under the circumstances the Government of India would not require a reduction of salaries at present, but the attention of the Home Government was drawn to the comparatively high establishments maintained for the canal.

12. It was expected that according to some new rules the Government of Madras had made for the distribution of water the revenue of the canal would increase, and the Secretary of State was accordingly informed in a dispatch from the Government of India that the result of the working of the new rules would be awaited before the Home Government was again addressed on the subject. The report from the Government of Madras is due on the 1st April 1876, and will be awaited before a further report is made to the Secretary of State. Meanwhile, the Governor-General in Council must ask of the Government of Madras to arrange to reduce the charge for the establishment of the canal as much as possible.

Order—Ordered, that this Resolution be communicated to the Government of Madras for information and guidance, and to the Financial Department for information.

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, Colonel, R.A.,
Secy to the Govt. of India.

No. 82.

ORDER THEREON, 8th May 1876, No. 1,122.

IRRIGATION, No. 12.
Account.

Communicated to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

2. The reductions in the cost of establishments of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company since the Budget Estimates of 1876-77 were framed have been considerable, and Proceedings containing information on the reductions effected have been communicated* to the Government of India.

* No. 537, dated 31st March 1876.

3. With regard to the remark in paragraph 7 of the Resolution of the Government of India on the reduction of the amount entered for repairs in 1876-77, it is anticipated that the revenue expenditure on works will not exceed 31,100 Rupees, but His Grace the Governor in Council wishes it to be understood by the Chief Engineer and Manager, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, that while economy in carrying out repairs is most desirable, there is no desire to restrict expenditure of this kind below the amount necessary to

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maintain the canal in an efficient state of repair; and should therefore the estimates for the current year need supplementing application for further sanction should be made.

(True Extract)

Colonel,

Offg. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
.. Examiner of Irrigation Company's Accounts.
.. Chief Engineer and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.
.. Accountant-General.

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Canal Co. for 1876/77

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