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Government of Madras

Public Work

DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.	1502	(9)	Press
B.P. No.			Mis.
Dated	17-6-	1876	

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No. 278. Read the following letter from Colonel C. H. DICKENS, R.A., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—Irrigation) to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Irrigation Branch, Fort St. George, dated Fort William, 25th January 1876, No. 48 A—I.

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your endorsement, No. 2,960, dated 15th October last, forwarding, in advertence to my letter of the 17th September, a copy of the Proceedings of the Government of Madras on the method of making up the accounts of Irrigation Works.

2. In a recent despatch* from the Secretary of State, His Lordship has urged that a correct statement of the financial results of Irrigation Works should be submitted to the Home Government in time for presentation to Parliament next session.

* See copy of His Lordship's Despatch, No. 67, dated 11th November 1875, forwarded separately with Public Works Department Resolution, Nos. 6—7 A—I, dated 11th January 1876.

3. The Governor-General in Council is most anxious that this should be done, and relies upon the Government of Madras to ensure that this department is furnished, by May next, with a statement of the financial results of all important Irrigation Works to end of 1874-75. The results should be drawn up in the forms and in the manner in which the annual Revenue Reports from the North-western Provinces and Punjab are prepared. And an abstract of the results should be rendered in

Financial results of Irrigation Works in the North-western Provinces up to the close of 1872-73. somewhat the same form as is used in the accompanying volume,† the headings being of course modified to suit the specialities of the Madras Irrigation Works.

4. The Governor-General in Council is aware that the consolidated assessment of land-revenue that prevails in the greater portion of the Madras Presidency renders it difficult to make up an immediate account of the results of the smaller Irrigation Works. But for the larger works in the Godavery and Kistna Deltas, it is not understood that there is anything to prevent the submission of returns showing the financial results in those deltas. A portion of the revenue of these districts is already levied under the name of water-rate and is shown separately in the annual Land-revenue Report of the Madras Presidency. In cases where the water-rate is not distinguished in the assessment, the necessities of the case could be met by taking the difference between the dry and the wet rates as the revenue due to the works, the amount of any further indirect revenue being left to be ascertained by future inquiry.

5. It is understood that the area of land protected by each work, and in consequence of which the wet rates of assessment are charged, are on record in the District Offices, as also the amount of total wet revenue received from each tract. If this be so, then there would not seem to be any real difficulty in ascertaining the direct return, and working up the amounts in a regular series of statements for present financial purposes. If in any case there was any wet revenue before the construction of the works, the proper course would probably be to deduct the difference between that revenue and the dry rates from the amount to which the work is entitled to credit.

6. It is, however, left to the Government of Madras to decide on the best way of arranging to meet the wishes of the Secretary of State for a correct account, and

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
17th June 1876.*

I am to inquire whether the Governor-General in Council may feel assured that the requirements of the Home Government will be met by the time indicated.

No. 279.

ORDER THEREON, 17th June 1876, No. 1,502.

IRRIGATION, No. 19.

Account.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue in continuation of G.O., No. 1,500, dated 17th June 1876, with the volume showing financial results of Irrigation

Works in the North-west Provinces up to the close of 1872-73.

2. The arrangements that have been made to ensure the preparation and completion of financial statements of Irrigation

No. 1,501, dated 17th June 1876.

Works have been reported to the Govern-

ment of India in the letter as per margin.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,

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

To the Board of Revenue, with volume.

- „ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
- „ Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
- „ Revenue Department.

Ed. A. Grubert.

Spare Copies

Orders are solicited as to whether, with reference to the accy. note, the Volume of Ind. Results of Irrig. works, N.W.P., which formed an accompaniment to Rep. No. 178 - Rev. Report for 75-76 in H.C.C. - in which the Ch. Engr has but yesterday written instructions, can be made over to Work's Office with a view to its transmission to the Bd. of Rev. with G.O. No. 1502 - 17/6/76.

W. L. 10/7

x Despatch Dept
for attention. A.P. 9/7

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The volume of Financial Results of
 Irrigation Works in the North West Provinces
 = set up to the close of 1872/73 which
 should accompany G.O. No 1502 of
 17th June 1876 to the Board of Revenue,
 has not been received from Cnty. or
 enquiry in the Irrigation office
 it is reported that the volume was
 received by them and sent ^{to} Cnty.
~~give the book to~~
 now the 4th Inst. please send the volume
~~to the Board of Revenue~~
 with a view to its being sent to the Board of Revenue.

A. T. P. S.

FORMER CASES.

Current No. of 187 .

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M. WORKS FORM No. 3.

Current No. 801.

From Govt of India.

No. 48 A.I.
Dated 25 Jan'y
Recd. 15 Feb'y

1876.

Subject:—

Regarding preparation
of Capital & Revenue Accts.
of Irrig. Works in Madras.

LATER CASES.

Current No. of 187 .

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ENCLOSURES. 1. With...

From Recd. 14-47 to

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Orders and Proceedings in file.

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Plw. S.	299	20-10-74			
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"	2960	15-10-75			
B. of Rev.	283	31-1-76			

No 1502 dated 17th June 1876—
Public Works Dept
Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 14th
Read the following:—

From

The Secretary to the
Government of India } (R.S. No 48 A.I. d/25 Jan'y 1876)
Print

Communicated to the
Board of Revenue in contin-
uation of Government Order
No 1500 — dated 17th
June 1876 with the volume
showing financial results
of Irrigation works in the
North West Provinces up to the
close of 1872-73.

2. The arrangements that
have been made to ensure the
preparation and completion
of

No 275

Recd. 21-6-76.
Rel. 14-6-76 Ptd 19-6-76
Rel. 9-6-76 Ptd 14-6-76
Rel. 20-7-76 Ptd 9/6/76
C. 38-4-76 Ptd 18/6/76
A.L. Sher. 27 Apr

of financial statements
of irrigation works have been
reported to the Government
of India in the letter as per
margin.

No. 1501 dated 17th
June 1876.

Wm. 1872
G.M.W.

x sent on the 15/7/76.

To the Board of Revenue with Volume 15
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation. 5.
" Controller of Public Works accounts. 5.
" Resept. 8

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Govt. of Madras
PUBLIC WORKS.

The Board of Revenue

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17th Decr 1872

No 638-239

Capital & Revenue Accounts
of Engineering Works in Madras
Letter from the Comr of District
regarding the preparation
of the — Comd to the
32 of Revenue &c.

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7-7-76