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560. Read the following letter from Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 20th September 1876, No. 238-W. :—

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 2,141, dated 16th August 1876, and to submit the following remarks on two matters referred to therein, namely, the preparation of lists of works, and the definition of the limits of systems.

2. With regard to the first point, I see that Government have requested District Engineers to lose no time in submitting lists of component *works* of systems classified under sub-heads. This is so very much more than I asked for, and is likely to take so very much longer to prepare, that I wish to point out at once that what I require is simply lists of the component *parts*, *i.e.*, lists of main canals, branches, tributaries, drainages, &c., so arranged as to show their interconnection.

3. It is no doubt very desirable, and it will be a great convenience to all concerned to have complete lists of the individual works on each canal, branch, channel, &c., but these lists will necessarily take a very long time to prepare, and I venture to ask District Engineers may be requested to furnish the less elaborate lists of canals, branches, &c., with as little delay as possible, and quite independently of the complete inventories of the component *works* of each system.

4. With regard to the second point, I would mention that in my No. 112-W., dated 14th July 1876, (printed with G.O., No. 1,949, dated 2nd August 1876,) I have already pointed out the necessity for agreement between the Revenue and Public Works Departments in the matter of definition of the limits of systems for which Capital and Revenue Accounts are to be kept, and the general subject will no doubt in due course receive attention. I would now illustrate my former remarks by reference to the particular case of the rain-fed tanks in the delta of the Kaveri.

5. At the conference held at the Revenue Board Office last year it was settled that isolated sources of irrigation (such as rain-fed tanks) occurring in the heart of a tract of country chiefly dependent on a large system of connected works, should be treated as a part of that system; partly because it is probable that such isolated works, or at any rate the lands dependent on them will ultimately be absorbed by the system; and partly because the revenue dependent on these works often cannot be recorded separately from the revenue dependent on the system. This conclusion is embodied in paragraph 26 of the report of the conference.

6. The real question in this case seems therefore to be, not whether these rain-fed tanks are now connected with the Upper Coleroon anicut, but whether they, or the lands dependent on them, are likely to be hereafter brought into the Kaveri Delta System, and also whether the Revenue Authorities are prepared to record separately the revenue dependent on the rain-fed tanks.

7. The Public Works Department has now decided that the outlay on rain-fed tanks in the Kaveri Delta shall not be charged to the account of the Kaveri Delta System; but the Revenue Authorities may possibly find it necessary to treat the revenue derived from these tanks as revenue of the Kaveri Delta System. It seems therefore absolutely necessary that there shall be between the two departments, not

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30th September 1876. No. 2,638.

in this case only but in all cases, a distinct understanding as to what is comprised in each system.

No. 561. ORDER THEREON, 30th September 1876, No. 2,638.

IRRIGATION, No. 61.
Account.

COMMUNICATED to all District Engineers, in continuation of G.O., 16th August 1876, No. 2,141. It is observed that the instructions given in the latter order are in accordance with those contained in paragraph 6 of G.O., 17th June 1876, No. 1,504.

2. These Proceedings will also be communicated to the Revenue Department for the consideration of the matter referred to in paragraphs 4 to 7 of the foregoing letter from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To District Engineers.
To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Revenue Department.

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No. 230

From

THE CONTROLLER,
PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNTS.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,

20th September 1876.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of the Madras Government No. 2,141 dated 16th August 1876, and to submit the following remarks on two matters referred to therein, namely the preparation of lists of works, and the definition of the limits of systems.

With regard to the first point I see that Government have requested District Engineers to lose no time in submitting lists of component works of systems classified under sub-heads. This is so very much more than I asked for and is likely to take so very much longer to prepare that I wish to point out at once that what I have need of is simply lists of the component parts i.e. lists of main canals, branches, distributaries, drainages &c. so arranged as to show their interconnections.

It is no doubt very desirable and it will be a great convenience to all concerned to have complete lists of the individual works on each Canal, branch, channel

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channel &c, but these lists will necessarily take a very long time to prepare, and I venture to ask District Engineers may be requested to furnish the less elaborate lists of Canals, branches &c. with a little delay as possible, and quite independently of the complete inventories of the component works of each system.

4. With regard to the second point, I would mention that in my No. 112 W. dated 14 July 1876 (printed Govt. Order No. 1949 dated 2 August 1876), I have already pointed out the necessity for agreement between the Revenue and Public Works Departments in the matter of definition of the limits of systems for which Capital and Revenue Accounts are to be kept, and the general subject will no doubt induce considerable attention. I would now illustrate my former remarks by reference to the particular case of the rain-fed tanks in the Delta of the Naver.

5. At the conference held at the Revenue Board Office last year it was settled that isolated sources of irrigation (such as rain-fed tanks) occurring in the heart of a tract of country chiefly dependent on a large system of canals should be treated as a part of that system, partly because it is probable that such isolated works or at any rate the

lands dependent on them will ultimately be absorbed by the system, and partly because the revenue dependent on these works often cannot be recorded separately from the revenue dependent on the system. This conclusion is embodied in para 26 of the report of the Conference.

6. The real question in this case seems therefore to be not whether these rain-fed tanks are now connected with the Upper Coleroon, Panicut, but whether they or the lands dependent on them are likely to be hereafter brought into the Naver Delta System, and also whether the Revenue Authorities are prepared to record separately the revenue dependent on the rain-fed tanks.

The Public Works Department has now decided that the outlay on rain-fed tanks in the Naver Delta shall not be charged to the account of the Naver Delta System, but the Revenue Authorities may possibly find it necessary to treat the revenue derived from these tanks as revenue of the Naver Delta System. It seems therefore absolutely necessary that there shall be between the two Departments not in this case only, but

in all cases, a distinct understanding
as to what is comprised in each system.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

Samuel Gordon

Examiner P. H. Accounts

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From

The Examiner

P.W. Accounts

To Secretary to Government
The Accountant General

P.W. Department

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Dated 20th }
Recd } September 10/76.

Inform of the
kind of lists that are
req^d by him and reports
sent to ask of Engineers
to submit them as
early as possible.

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E. I. Form No. 22.

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Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 30 Sept/76.

Read the following:-

From Examiner P.W. & H.E. 238 N of 20th Sept/76.

Communicated to
all District Engineers
in continuation of G.O.
16th August 1876, N^o 2141.
It is observed that the
instructions given in the
latter order are in ac-
cordance with those con-
tained in para 6 of G.O.
17th June 1876, N^o 1504.

2. These Proceedings
will also be communicated
to the Revenue Department
for the consideration of the
matter referred to in paras
4 to 7 of the foregoing letter
from the Examiner of P.W.

D. Engin^r ✓
C. E. Mr J. ✓
En. P. W. ✓
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PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Chief Engineers.

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G. O. 30th Sept^r 1876, No. 2038

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Classification of outlay
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