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Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
24th February 1876.*

No. 441. Read the following letter from R. G. MACDONALD, Esq., Examiner of Railway and Irrigation Accounts, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 10th January 1876, No. 45 L. :—

In compliance with the Order of Government quoted in the margin, I have the honor to submit copy of my letter, G.O., No. 3,574, dated 20th December 1875. No. 1,321 L., dated 26th November 1875, to the address of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, explaining the grounds upon which I framed the estimate referred to by the Government of India of receipts and expenses of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company for the current year.

From R. G. MACDONALD, Esq., Examiner of Railway and Irrigation Accounts, to Lieut.-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Madras, 26th November 1875, No. 1,321 L.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that, in reply to a telegram from the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, I have communicated to that officer the following figures as the best estimate which I can form of the probable Revenue transactions of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company during the year 1875-76. I have not yet seen Form E. of the Kurnool District for the season 1874-75.

<i>Administrative.</i>				<i>Financial.</i>			
Earnings	...	...	47,000	Receipts in Treasury	..	...	44,000
Expenses	...	...	1,75,000	Withdrawals	...	...	2,12,000
Deficit	...	...	1,28,000	Deficit	...	...	1,68,000

2. To arrive at the earnings in the administrative estimate I have added Rupees 27,442 on account of the Kurnool District, and Rupees 2,500 on account of miscellaneous receipts collected by the Manager, to Form E. of the Cuddapah District which amounts to Rupees 17,058. The expenses I have set down at the sum of the expenditure up to the end of August, as per the statements attached to my letter to your address, No. 1,244 L., dated 16th instant, *plus* the anticipated outlay in the remainder of the official year as per the Manager's Budget Estimate.

3. With regard to the financial estimate, the figures up to the end of September are actuals taken from the Treasury Returns. The receipts of the second-half of the year are based upon a monthly average extending over the previous six months and the preceding two years. The withdrawals in the same period are based for three months upon the requisition for funds already passed, and for the last quarter upon an estimate of what the requisition for that period is likely to amount to.

4. The administrative and the financial figures for the year ought to agree very nearly, but the delay in recovery of the earnings involves a less sum being paid into Treasury than is earned; and the debt* of Rupees 39,567 on the part of Revenue to Loan Capital Account, existing at the commencement of the year, entails a larger withdrawal from Treasury in the year than the working expenses of a similar sum.

5. I request the favor of your intimating to me as soon as you have formed an opinion upon the point your regular estimate of the Revenue transactions of the Irrigation Company in 1875-76; and of your supplying me with copies of Forms E. of the Kurnool and Cuddapah Districts as soon as may be convenient.

* This office memorandum No. 1,262 L., dated 16th Nov. 1875.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
24th February 1876.*

No. 442.

ORDER THEREON, 24th February 1876, No. 501.

IRRIGATION, No. 46.

Account.

ORDERED that the needful explanations be furnished to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Examiner of Irrigation Company's Accounts.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 24th February 1876.

No. 443.

No. 502.

FROM

MAJOR-GENERAL 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, No. 47.

Account.

SIR,—With reference to your letter No. 387 A.—I., of the 26th November last, I am directed, in continuation of my letter No. 255, of the 29th ultimo, transmitting the regular estimate of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company for the current year, to explain that the marked difference between the Budget and Regular Estimate of receipts is due to the absence of such an extension of irrigation under the canal as was expected when the budget was framed. The new rules notwithstanding the more favourable terms they offer to the ryots have not induced any material increase of irrigation. Inquiries as to why so unsatisfactory a result has been experienced have been made, but no adequate reasons have been ascertained, and apparently the only cause is the difficulty of getting the ryots generally to understand what the effect of the rules is and what are the advantages which they offer.

2. The increase under expenses is not large, and is due chiefly to adjustments of long outstanding items in the accounts.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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No. 1321 J.

EXAMINER RAILWAY ACCOUNTS' OFFICE.

Madras, 26th November 1875.

From

THE EXAMINER RAILWAY ACCOUNTS,

MADRAS,

To

The Chief Engineer

for Irrigation

Fort St. George

Sir,

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Season 1874/75.

Administrative

Earnings . . . 47,000

Expenses . . . 175,000

Deficit . . . 128,000

Financial

Receipts in Treasury . . . 44,000

Withdrawals . . . 212,000

Deficit . . . 168,000

To arrive at the earnings in the administrative estimate I have added Rs. 27,442

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on account of the Kurnool district and Rs. 2,500 on account of miscellaneous receipts collected by the manager, to form E of the Buddapah district which amounts to Rs 17,058. The expenses I have set down at the sum of the expenditure up to the end of August as per the statements attached to my letter to your address No 1244 J. dated 16th Instant plus the anticipated outlay in the remainder of the official year as per the Manager's budget-estimate.

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* This office
memo. passed
dated 18th Nov 76

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I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) P. G. Macdonald.
Examiner Railway ^{and Irrigation} Accounts
Madras.

Madras }
10th January } (True Copy)
1876

R. G. Macdonald
Examiner Railway ^{and Irrigation} Accounts
Madras.

No 450

EXAMINER RAILWAY ACCOUNTS' OFFICE.

Madras, 10th January 1876.

From

THE EXAMINER RAILWAY ACCOUNTS,

MADRAS,

To

The Secretary to Government,

P. W. Department,

Sir,

Fort St. George.

In compliance with the order of Govern-
ments quoted in the margin, I have the
honor to submit copy of my letter No. 1320
dated 26th November 1875 to the address of the
Chief Engineer for Irrigation explaining the
grounds upon which I framed the estimate
referred to by the Government of India of
receipts and expenses of the Madras
Irrigation Canal Company for the current
year.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

R. G. Macdonald

Examiner Railway & Irig. Accounts

O. No. 3574 dated
26th November 1875

Recd 24 Feb 16 V.B. 1441

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Madras.

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 of India.

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Dated 10th January 1876
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Explaining the grounds
 upon which the several bills
 of receipts and
 accounts of 1876
 Company have been framed

The Examiner
 Railway Accounts,

Madras,

W. L. George
 C. C.

P. M. 1876
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No 501-2-24-2-76

No 501 2724th May 1/76

The Secretary to
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24 Feb 1872

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Forwarding Explanation
from the Examiner of Ac-
counts relative to the grounds
on which he framed the

Revised Estimate of Receipts
& Expenses of the M. S. & C.

Revised Estimate of Re-
ceipts & Expenses of M. S. & C.
C. Co.

That the Explanation sub-
mitted by the Examiner of
Accounts regarding the grounds
on which he framed the
— he forwarded to the
Govt. of India