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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

8th April 1879, No. 1,110 W.

General.
Account.

Read the following paper:—

No. 115. From Colonel J. J. McLEOD INNES, R.E., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Account-General), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 18th March 1879, No. 123 A.—G.

THE report of the inspection of the Office of the Examiner of Public Works Accounts at Madras in November last by the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, has brought forward several points to which the Government of India desires to invite the attention of His Grace the Governor in Council.

2. The settlement of the enhanced land-revenue to be credited to Irrigation which is now in hand is a most important and urgent subject. It is understood that it has now been entrusted to the Collectors of Districts, and that a set of rules has been drawn up and issued for their guidance in making out the calculations. But it is not known how far this work has advanced in the several districts concerned, and I am therefore to inquire what arrangements have been made for watching and ensuring its steady progress, and to request that a copy of the rules referred to may be furnished to the Government of India. Periodical progress reports should be required, I am to say, from the District Officers, and copies of them should be furnished to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

3. The amounts of the credits to Irrigation works as settled by the Collectors of Districts should be connected with the amounts entered in former statements of irrigation revenue. This subject is being discussed more fully in a separate communication.

4. The accounts of expenditure on famine relief works are reported to be in proper order and up to date, but it appears from the classification adopted in the Examiner's Office that the Public Works Department is being debited with outlay on works which cannot be classed as *useful* or *effective*. This I am to observe was never intended, and no such charges should under any circumstances be admitted as debits to Imperial Public Works.

5. In the case of works commenced for famine relief which are likely to cost more than the Madras Government can sanction, no further expenditure, I am directed to say, should be incurred until estimates for them have been sanctioned under competent authority.

6. The Accountant-General has brought to the notice of Government that money granted for one of the three services, Imperial, Provincial or Local, is frequently expended by the Executive Officers on another of the services, and that notwithstanding frequent reports by the Examiner of Accounts no measures have been taken for putting a stop to the practice that have proved effective; no penalties have been inflicted for the improper or unauthorized appropriation of funds. I am to request that this matter may have the serious attention of the Government of Madras. The chief difficulty in effectually checking these irregularities appears to lie in the system under which the same officer has charge of all the works whether

Imperial, Provincial or Local in a certain area; but whatever the causes which influence it may be, it is essential that such breaches of departmental discipline should be put a stop to.

7. It would appear also that orders and reports, &c., necessary for the proper working of the Account's office are often delayed in transit to the Examiner or withheld altogether, and I am directed to request that care may be taken that all documents which it is necessary or desirable that that officer should see may be promptly furnished to him.

No. 116. ORDER THEREON, 8th April 1879, No. 1,110 W.

COMMUNICATED to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation and to the Revenue Department with reference to the 2nd paragraph.

2. The 4th paragraph will also be considered in the Revenue Department with reference to the order noted in the margin.
G.O., No. 2,622 F.R., dated 27th Dec. 1878.

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5. The instructions respecting the early communication to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts of all orders of consequence from an account point of view will receive careful attention.

6. Ordered that a copy of these Proceedings be forwarded to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

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

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of (1879) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE CHIEF ENGINEER FOR IRRIGATION,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated April 8th.

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G. O., 8th April 1879, No. 1,110 W.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Ag. Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

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

No. 117. (DOCKET No. 1,111 W, dated 8th April 1879.)

COPY of the above forwarded to the Government of India.

Colonel, R.E.,
Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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GENERAL
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Gobt. of (1879) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

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Nos. 115-117.

FORWARDS copy of Proceedings on letter from the Government of India remarking on several points brought forward in the report of the inspection of the Office of the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, at Madras, in November last, by the Accountant-General, Public Works Department.

All communications
should be addressed
to the Secretary.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ACCOUNT.

General

To. The Secretary to the
Government of Madras
Public Works Department.
Fort William 18. March 1879.

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2. The settlement of the enhanced Land Revenue to be credited to Irrigation which is now in hand is a most important and urgent subject. It is understood that it has now been entrusted to the collectors of districts and that a set of rules has been drawn up and issued for their guidance in making out the calculations. But it is not known how far this work has advanced in the several districts concerned, and I am therefore to enquire what arrangements have been made for watching and ensuring its steady progress, and to request that

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I have the honor to be
sir,
your most obedt. servant

W. L. S. P. M.

By Secy. to Govt. of India

3. The Examiner will supply Government with a list of any works falling in the category of those alluded to in the fifth paragraph.

4. The subject of irregular expenditure has for some time past engaged the attention of Govt; and the stringent orders which have now been issued will doubtless check the irregular practices referred to in the sixth paragraph of Colonel Dunes' letter.

5. The instructions

No. 913 W dated 26th March, 1877

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6. Ordered that a copy of these proceedings be forwarded to the Government of India.

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