

Public Works (1896) Department.

CURRENT No. 7589

Order No. 7489, dated 5 September 1896.

Communicated to
the Chief Engineer for
Irrigation for information.

From the Revenue Dept

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No. 3315

To the Chief Engineer.

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Dated 17th August

Received 21.8.96

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SUBJECT.

Communicating to the Board
of Rev. with remarks Prov. P.W.D
Communicating with remarks
to officers concerned for guidance
letter from the L. of I requesting
that every effort be made to
submit, in due time, the Annual
Finance and Administrative
Accounts based on actual
receipts and charges as in other
provinces.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

Proceedings of the Indian Government
Read the following:-

No. 623 I., 30TH JULY 1896.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Irrigation.
Account.

READ—the following paper :—

From R. NATHAN, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, the 25th June 1896, No. 2751 A.

With reference to the correspondence ending with your communication to the Public Works Department, No. 127 I., dated 6th February 1896, on the subject of the delay in the submission of the annual Finance and Administrative accounts of the Buildings and Roads and Irrigation Branches of the Public Works Department in Madras, I am directed to point out that the punctual preparation of accounts based on actuals is of greater importance than the Government of Madras appear to realize. The Secretary of State is bound, by statute, to submit the annual accounts of India to Parliament on a fixed date, and he can do so only if the various authorities who contribute their share to the preparation of these accounts are punctual in carrying out their portions of the task. There are grave objections to presenting mere estimates as complying with statutory requirements. The Government of India trust, therefore, that every effort will be made to submit, in due time, the annual Finance and Administrative accounts based on actual receipts and charges as in other provinces.

2. I am, however, directed to state that if it is found that actual figures of Irrigation revenue collected by the Civil department cannot be prepared by the 1st August of each year, the Board of Revenue should be requested to furnish approximate figures to the Examiner on that date, so as to admit of his submitting the annual accounts to the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, by the 15th August. Every effort should be made to send final figures to the Examiner by the 15th October, who should advise the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, as soon as possible, of the necessary corrections in his annual accounts. If delay beyond the date fixed is unavoidable, then the accounts will have to be closed with approximate figures, but no adjustment of differences between the actual and approximate figures should be made in the accounts of the following year. The Government of India, however, trust that, for reasons stated in paragraph 1, it will be possible to close the accounts on the basis of actuals.

Ordered that copy be forwarded to the Public Works Department for information.

ORDER—No. 623 I., dated 30th July 1896.

Communicated to the officers concerned for information and guidance.

2. In the circumstances explained by the Government of India the Board of Revenue will be requested in the Revenue Department to make such arrangements as will admit of the Examiner of Public Works Accounts being furnished with the revenue information on the dates prescribed by the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. R. E. DRAKE-BROCKMAN, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government,
Irrigation Branch.

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

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.
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IRRIGATION.
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of {1896} Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated July, 30th.

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G.O. No. 623 I., 30th July 1896.

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Accounts

Letter from the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, requesting that every effort be made to submit, in due time, the annual Finance and Administrative — based on actual receipts and charges as in other provinces and fixing certain dates for the submission of approximate and final figures of Irrigation revenue collected by the Civil department, communicated, with remarks, to officers concerned for guidance.

Sr. his No 3315 d/17th Aug 96.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue, which is requested to take the necessary steps for complying with the orders of the Government of India.

(True Extract)

*J. H. H. H.
In the Under Secy to Govt*

To.

The Public Works Dept ✓

" Board, L. R.

" " R. W. L. H.

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