

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. <i>855</i>	Press Mis.
Dated <i>1st July</i> 18 <i>57</i> .	

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
from 25th June to 1st July 1859.*

No. 34. Read the following letter from J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., on Special Duty; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government in the Revenue Department; dated Rajahmundry, 10th June 1859.

With reference to the Minutes of Consultation Revenue Department, No. 1653 of 1858, noted in the margin, I have the honor to state for the information of Government that I have this day forwarded to the Board of Revenue a report on the

results of the Annicut and Subsidiary Works for the Irrigation and Navigation of the Delta of the Godavery, and a report of the results of such experiments as could be made, to ascertain the average value of the first crop of transplanted paddy in the Delta of the Kistna.

2. Owing to a delay that I had not anticipated, in the preparation of the requisite Revenue Returns, I was obliged to call on the Executive Engineers to furnish me with estimates of the irrigated area when they were engaged drawing up the annual estimates and closing their accounts, &c., which involved additional delay. And when I received the Minutes of Consultation under date the 5th Ultimo, No. 619, I had only been favored with the estimates for a portion of the Delta. I had however, already seen the greater part in the rough; and, being unwilling that any further delay should take place if I could help it, I determined to avail myself of the permission granted me to complete the report before taking up my appointment; more especially as it was desirable I should be on the spot to receive the wanting Returns and discuss and examine personally into any details that seemed to require further consideration. The last Returns reached me on the 6th Instant, and under these circumstances I hope the Government will be pleased to consider that the delay in sending in my report and in joining my station has been unavoidable.

3. As considerable changes have taken place in the organization of the D. P. W. since the Annicut was begun, and it was probable that errors might have crept into the recorded abstracts of the expenditure on works, the construction of which has been extended over a period of 12 years, I requested the Collectors of Rajahmundry and Masulipatam to inform me what amount of money was shown by their respective records to have been disbursed in the Godavery Division during these years. The returns of disbursement were received in due course, and handed over to the District Engineer for his remarks. And I regret that it is my duty to take this opportunity of stating for the early information of Government, that, on comparing the accounts of disbursement and expenditure as shown respectively by the Treasury accounts and the accounts of the District Engineer's office, there is a balance, unaccounted for, of Rupees 10,40,472. It is a balance of disbursements in excess of the amount shown by the records of the District Engineer's office to have been expended. I beg, however, to add, that Captain Rundall is now much engaged closing the accounts of the current year; the information, given me, has been given in a hurried manner to prevent further delay in closing my report; and, perhaps, further researches may give a satisfactory explanation of so serious a discrepancy.

4. Although I have done my best to throw all possible light on the various points included in my inquiries, I fear that, in many respects, from the wideness of the field I have failed, entirely, to bring forward important matters that the Government would have wished to be informed on; and what I have treated of will probably be wanting in many particulars. I trust that these deficiencies will be ascribed to want of ability and not of will.

No. 35. ORDER THEREON, 28th June 1859, No. 855.

The Governor in Council is pleased to learn that Mr. Dykes has completed and submitted his reports, he hopes to receive them at an early date with the remarks of the Board of Revenue.

2. Copy of this letter will be forwarded to the Accountant General and Chief Engineer, in order to the submission of an explanation of the remarkable discrepancy noticed in para. 3.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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Rajahmundry

10th June 1859

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L. M. B. Dykes Esquire

On Special Duty

To

J. D. Bourdillon Esquire

Secretary to Government

in the Revenue Department

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* Revenue Department

No 1653 of 1858

24th May 1859

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Sir

Your most obedient servant

J. B. De L. C.
On Special Duty

November 1859
New York
11/11/59

Wm. Byrnes Bequith

J. D. Goulding Esq.

Wellsbury & Portsmouth
Bottle 10 &
in the Museum of Natural
Hist. 16 June 1899

State of Wisconsin

have been sent on, on the receipt of
complaint in the letters of the friends
of Father. Expresses direct. Am

= as noticed in para 3

28 June 1859

J. J. Dyer Esq

Board of Revenue

"Account and Personal

Chief Engineer.

Rev. Mr. Deery 58-26-27
do 10th May 1889 - 13-

Don't forget 5th May to
Mr 1125-

Ans. One 10 April 1880.
No 67, 2167.

From Capt Camp M^o Johnston / 59
in Penn 4th Octbr / 59 N^o 16183

No 34 + 35.

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With an order
of 1/2 855-28 1/2. June 1859.

June 1894