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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
23th October 1869.

No. 338. Read the following despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, (Financial,) to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 31st August 1869, No. 75 :—

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2. The information hitherto received from the several Governments in India on this subject is not sufficiently precise, and it is often difficult to ascertain, from the statements sent home, how much of the increase shown in your statements of land revenue is due to increase of the assessment on unirrigated or partially irrigated lands, or to the bringing into cultivation of waste lands, and how much to new works of irrigation.

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5. It is not necessary that the first Returns should be complete as regards the whole area of the Presidency, or even of any one province. The Returns should, however, be complete as regards the whole area affected by each separate new work of irrigation, and they should be carefully framed by the Public Works and Revenue Officers conjointly, so as to prevent any subsequent discussion between the departments as to the true origin of the increase.

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28th October 1869.*

No. 339.

ORDER THEREON, 28th October 1869, No. 2,864.

Irrigation, No. 1.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of
Revenue, who will issue the necessary
instructions for the preparation of the
required Returns.

2. Communicated also to the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Public Works Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

India Office,
London, 31st August 1869.

Financial,
No.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable The Governor
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My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble Servant,

Govt. of 1869) 20th adms.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Secy, Secy, &c.

Dated October, 26th.

Recd.

P. A.

G. O., 28th October 1869, No. 2,864.

OCTOBER.

Nos. 338-339.

Expenditure on Irrigation Works in India.—Despatch from Home Government requesting accurate information as to its remunerative character, communicated to the Board of Revenue and Public Works Department.

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Financial
Despatch to the Governor

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(Signed) ARGYLL.

Recd 12th October 1869
Francis B. ...

Land Revenue in 1856-57.	Land Revenue in 1869-70.	Expenditure since 1856-57 on Irrigation Works.		Additional Acreage irrigated since 1856-57.	Increased Receipts due to Irrigation included in Land Revenue.	Receipts from Irrigation included under Public Works.	Increased Receipts of Land Revenue due to other causes than Irrigation.
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No. 1
Financial
31 Aug 1869.

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Letter to Mr W. George
No 75 + Enclosure.

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of the required
Returns.

Communicated
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Works Dept.

28th Oct 1869

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Stating that as of
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in India an Enquiry was made
requesting that statements af-
fording the requisite information may
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the form annexed.

Copy sent to the Right Honble
the Gov^t - 15/10/69

No 2864 - 28 October.

With orders
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Recd 13th October 1869
Southampton