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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 26 th November 1869

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 26th November 1869.

No. 324. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Financial Department, (Expenditure—Land Revenue,) dated Fort William, 30th October 1869, No. 4,395.

Read the following :—

From the Secretary of State for India, to the Government of India, dated 31st August 1869, No. 303.

It is of very great importance that accurate information should be obtainable in this office as to the remunerative character of expenditure in India on irrigation works.

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.

3. I wish, therefore, that statements may be forwarded periodically from India showing for each district the amount of land revenue in the year 1856-57, the amount received in the year last completed, the expenditure on irrigation works (distinguishing that on new works from that on maintenance and repairs) since 1856-57, the additional acreage irrigated since 1856-57, the increase of revenue due to irrigation, and the increase due to other causes.

4. I request, therefore, that statements affording the requisite information, in somewhat of the form annexed to this despatch, may be sent to me annually, as soon as possible after the termination of the Official year, in respect of each district under your Government.

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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Districts.	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.
			New Works.	Maintenance & Repairs.				

From each district an explanation should be furnished of the mode in which the increase due to irrigation has been ascertained.

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26th November 1869.

Copy forwarded to the several local Governments with a request that the preparation of the statement required by the Home Government may be attended to.

2. Copy also to Public Works Department for information.

(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,
Officiating Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 325. Order thereon, 26th November 1869, No. 3,054.

Irrigation, No. 1.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue in continuation of G. O., 28th October 1869, No. 2,864.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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Dated November, 26th.

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G. O., 26th November 1869, *No.* 3,054.

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