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No. 212. Read the following letter from T. MOSS, Esq., Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 1st July 1873, No. 1,729:—

In acknowledging the receipt of G. O., No. 1,592, dated 18th June 1873, on the Canal Register of the Godavery District for Fasli 1281, I have the honour to observe that the forms which this office is required to furnish to the Accountant General, Public Works Department, for the use of the Government of India, are expected to show several items of information for which neither the Board's form, nor the Chief Engineer's proposed modification of the same, provides, viz., assessment and actual collections, (distinguishing water rates from land revenue when separate water rates are charged,) and the unrealized balances at the commencement and close of each year. I point this out in case Government should think it worthwhile to ask the Board of Revenue, whilst introducing the modification proposed by the Chief Engineer, to make such changes in the form as will fit it to show the information desired by the Government of India.

No. 213. Order thereon, 15th September 1873, No. 2,273.

IRRIGATION, No. 14.

The Government observe that arrangements have been made for distinguishing water rates from land assessment in the Revenue Returns of the Godavery and Kistna Deltas' irrigation, where separate water rates are charged, but with regard to the exhibition of actual collections and unrealized balances of revenue at the commencement and close of each year, the Governor in Council considers that, as the difference between the demand and revenue realized is usually trifling, and would not in any material degree affect the returns from the works, while the introduction of information on this point would probably considerably delay the completion of the returns, it will be better, unless the Government of India specially desire the inclusion of this information, to prepare the accounts without it.

2. The land revenue report of the Board of Revenue, which is reviewed in the Revenue Department annually, contains details of assessments and actual collections, and from time to time authority is granted for removing from the accounts unrealizable arrears of revenue. It may be well to keep a record of all losses from the irrigation revenue demand thus occasioned; and, as soon as a final list of the works in each district, for which separate Capital and Revenue Accounts are to be kept, shall have been prepared, the Board of Revenue will be requested to prepare a statement showing for each year, for each work included in the list, the amount of revenue thus relinquished. It does not seem to be worthwhile to furnish similar statements for works for which Capital and Revenue Accounts are not to be separately kept: these are to be divided into four or five groups, and as the information is not forthcoming until sometime after the revenue demand is fixed, it would involve a good deal of labour to compile it subsequently.

(True Extract.)

Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Joint-Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Revenue Department.
" District Engineers, Godavery and Kis
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

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