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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
7th May 1875.*

No. 171. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 19th April 1875, No. 617 :—

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th April 1875, No. 869.

Read the following letter from W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Acting Collector of the Godavery District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 9th March 1875, No. 86.

THE Board have, in their Proceedings of the 7th September 1872, No. 1,783, directed the transmission of a statement to the District Engineer showing the lands irrigated by the anicut channels. They prescribed a statement, and ruled that the area charged as irrigated, and not the extent actually irrigated, should be entered, observing that the former is what is practically required for all purposes.

2. I have accordingly sent in statements to the District Engineer for Fasli 1283.

3. The District Engineer still sends to me for verification the statements prepared by his Range Officers to show the area actually irrigated.

4. The Revenue returns are all prepared to show the extent charged as irrigated, and it is utterly useless to send the Department Public Works accounts to me for verification. I do not think that it is necessary that they should be sent to me for verification even if they are kept in the same form as the Revenue accounts, as I send annually to the District Engineer a complete statement for the whole district.

5. I have, therefore, the honor to request that the Board will ask Government to direct the officers of the Department Public Works to discontinue the practice of sending their Irrigation Registers to me for verification.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Board consider that, instead of the District Engineer forwarding a statement for verification to the Collector, he should compare the statement received from the Collector with that prepared in his own department and obtain explanation if there is any large difference between the two. Of course it must be remembered that there must always be some difference between the extent actually irrigated and that charged, as the cultivation after March is generally brought into account in the next year, and sometimes lands not actually irrigated are charged as irrigated. It is sufficient for the District Engineer to know that the extent charged as irrigated is not less than that actually irrigated within the 31st March of each Fasli or Revenue year.

3. The Board, however, observe that the statement furnished by the Collector with reference to the Board's Proceedings, recorded in G. O., dated 19th September 1872, No. 1,336, does not show the land irrigated free of charge. If the Government consider it necessary the Collector will be requested to open a separate column for exhibiting this information.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed)

H. E. STOKES,

Acting Secretary.

Irrigation, No. 3.

REFERRED to the Public Works
Department for consideration.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,

Secretary to Government, R. D.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
7th May 1875.*

No. 172. ORDER THEREON, 7th May 1875, No. 1,306.

IRRIGATION, No. 16.

THE District Engineer will report whether the arrangements suggested in paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings

printed in the foregoing order will suffice.

2. It is requisite that lands irrigated free of charge should be shown in the detailed return referred to, which should in all respects be comparable with the abstract annual return by canals, which is transmitted through the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

Robert Mullins
Lient.-Colonel, R.E.,

Officiating Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.
" District Engineer, Godavery.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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To

THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT,

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G. O., 7th May 1875, No. 1,306.

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Nos. 171-172

Irrigation Registers in Godavery District.—The District Engineer requested to report whether the arrangements suggested in the Board's Proceedings of the discontinuance of the practice of Public Works Officers sending Irrigation Registers to the Collector for verification will suffice.

N^o 1056 Comm. to the
Board of Revenue
19 May 75

14. To the District Engineer, Godavery District

Recd. 18th May 75