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17th February 1875.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 400. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department,
dated 5th January 1875, No. 10:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st December 1874, No. 3,469.
From W. D. HORSLEY, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kadiri, 20th October 1874, No. 244.

I HAVE the honor to reply to the Board's Proceedings, No. 7,514, dated November 18th, 1867.

2. In accounting for the delay I have to explain that, on the 20th August 1869, Mr. VansAgnew, the late Collector, asked the then Superintending Engineer for information regarding the outlay on new works of irrigation for many years back, in order to furnish the information required in paragraph 5 of the Proceedings under reply. That reference was not finally answered by that department till the 17th March 1873, when the late District Engineer expressed his inability to furnish further information called for on the subject, and referred me to the Monthly Progress Reports for the particulars.

3. Again, I addressed the District Engineer on the subject very lately, as the information of outlay on new irrigation works was not complete for all the ranges in the district during the years for which the information was said to be available. To my last reference I received the District Engineer's reply only on the 9th instant.

4. I forward four statements, marked A to D. Statement A shows the new and important projects of irrigation which, if constructed, would increase the food-producing powers of the district and augment the revenue as well. Statement B shows some of the works constructed by former native governments, and which, if improved or repaired as suggested, would prove beneficial to both the ryots and Government. Statement C gives the information required in paragraph 4. Statement D shows the amounts spent on new irrigation works for a series of years, ranging from 1856-57 up to 1872-73 together with the revenue derived by Government on wet lands throughout the district in those years.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 —Statements.

THESE suggestions by the Collector of Cuddapah, with regard to new projects of irrigation likely to increase the food-producing powers of the district, will be submitted for the information of Government.

2. Three new tanks are mentioned as possible. The cost is estimated at Rupees 20,000 and the resultant revenue at Rupees 4,544, or more than 22 per cent. on the cost.

3. The Collector thinks that nine old tanks, long since in ruins, might be restored. The estimated cost is Rupees 68,700 and the estimated revenue Rupees 14,668, or more than 21 per cent. on the cost.

4. In 1870-71 the Collector proposed to spend Rupees 1,50,162 in repairing 353 works, and Rupees 40,951 were sanctioned. In 1871-72 he proposed to spend Rupees 1,31,239 in repairing 269 works, and Rupees 70,000 were sanctioned. In 1872-73 he proposed to spend Rupees 1,43,400, and Rupees 42,792 were sanctioned.

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5. One of the statements shows that the expenditure on new irrigation works from 1856-57 to 1872-73 is less than 1 per cent. on the revenue from irrigated lands.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

Irrigation, No. 2.

REFERRED to the Public Works Department
for consideration.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 61.

No. 401.

Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

IN my opinion the Public Works Establishments in the Cuddapah District are altogether inadequate to undertake the investigation of new projects, and with the Godavery, Kistna, Nellore, and Tanjore Districts under-officered it does not seem probable that at any early date such a re-inforcement can be sent to Cuddapah as will allow of the very neglected state of that district, as regards its irrigation works, being properly dealt with. The very moderate amounts made available for irrigation repairs have not, during the last two or three years, been utilized, and it is hopeless to suppose that any advantage would result from diverting attention from existing works to others which it may be desirable to bring into existence, but which should apparently wait until they can be attended to without still more neglecting those which have the prior claim.

CAMP, KISTNAGHERY, (Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
13th January 1875. *Chief Engineer for Irrigation.*

No. 402.

ORDER THEREON, 17 February 1875, No. 455.

IRRIGATION, No. 26.

THE Government regret that there is no immediate prospect of the Public Works Establishments in Cuddapah being

so far strengthened as to allow of a new projects being investigated however promising they may appear to be. but the earliest opportunity that offers for strengthening the establishment will be availed of.

(True Extract.)

C. G. Master Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Cuddapah.
.. Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
.. Revenue Department. ✓

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To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER, CUDDAPAH.

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New Irrigation Projects in the Cuddapah District.—Intimating that the earliest opportunity that offers for strengthening the Public Works Establishment will be availed of for the investigation of new projects.

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