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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
19th April 1875.*

No. 493. Read the following letter from Colonel C. H. DICKENS, R.A., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Civil Works—Irrigation,) to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Joint-Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, (Irrigation Branch,) dated Fort William, 27th January 1875, No. 30 I. :—

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your No. 1,381, dated 22nd May 1874, forwarding the return of revenue from Irrigation Works under the Government of Madras for the year 1872-73, and, in reply, to express a hope that the required more complete separation of the land revenue from the revenue due to irrigation, as called for in Public Works Department letter, No. 778 I., dated 21st October 1873, may be found possible in the future annual statements of the kind.

2. It is observed that the returns are given for revenue districts only ; but as one of the main objects of such statements is to show the financial result in the case of each set of works separately, I am to request that, with the permission of His Excellency in Council, the returns for each canal, or series of canals or tanks, may be shown in all future statements as soon as it is possible to do so. It is known from the Proceedings of the Government of Madras, forwarded with your Nos. 2,973-B, 2,991-B, and 3,103-CC, dated, respectively, 17th, 20th, and 31st October 1874, that the Government of Madras is now arranging for the grouping and classifying of the different canals and tanks.

3. A comparison with the finance accounts shows the following differences in the revenue outlay :—

				As per Finance Accounts.	As per present Report.
				RS.	RS.
Works	..	..	..	37,540	
Repairs	..	..	..	12,61,300	12,58,273
Establishment..	..	..	..	3,95,550	4,36,683
Plant	..	..	..	11,080	
				17,05,470	16,94,956

difference Rupees 10,514, due probably to a more accurate apportionment of charges in the finance accounts.

No. 494. ORDER THEREON, 19th April 1875, No. 1,101.

IRRIGATION, No. 58.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor in Council observes that arrangements have been made for exhibiting separately the land revenue and the revenue due to irrigation wherever there is a water-rate. Where the assessment is consolidated there will be considerable difficulty in determining what proportion is due to water-supply, and what to land revenue proper. As, however, separate capital and revenue accounts are to be kept only for systems of works and for individual works which have been materially improved under British rule, an endeavour will be made to apportion the consolidated assessment between land revenue and revenue due to water in such cases, and the necessary instructions to this end will be issued in the Revenue Department.

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2. Separate detailed revenue statements have been prepared for the Godavery and Kistna Deltas from 1871-72, and are under compilation for other works and for other years. It will be ascertained in the Revenue Department when the statements for the Godavery and Kistna Deltas for the years prior to 1871-72 may be expected to be ready, and when also similar statements for the Striviguntum Anicut Project and for all works on which Loan Fund expenditure has been incurred will be submitted. With reference to paragraph 2 of the letter from the Government of India the revenue return for the whole Presidency referred to cannot at present be so compiled as to exhibit financial results except in a very general way. The accounts which are under preparation for each separate set or system of works will show the financial results of these, but for the irrigation of the Presidency generally it is not at present practicable to do more than show what the revenue and expenditure on the works respectively amount to.

3. The particulars of revenue outlay given in the report referred to in paragraph 3 of the foregoing letter were obtained from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, who will explain the differences pointed out.

(True Extract.)

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Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To all Superintending and District Engineers.

To the Revenue Department.

„ Board of Revenue, for communication to all Collectors.

„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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ALL SUPERINTENDING AND DISTRICT

ENGINEERS.

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Dated April 19th.

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G. O., 19th April 1875, No. 1,101.

APRIL

Nos 493-494

No 897. 30 April 1875

Revenue derived from Irrigation Works in
the Madras Presidency during 1872-73.
Passing orders on letter from the Govern-
ment of India remarking on the —.

With Order

No 897
Forwarded to
the Bd of Rev.
for report on
the points referred
to this Dept. in
paras 1 and 2.

30 April 75

To the Board of Rev. 13 May

By Order 19 June 75 & 1898