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27*th April* 1876.

No. 391. Read the following letter from Colonel C. H. DICKENS, R.A., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—Irrigation), to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, (Irrigation Branch), dated Fort William, 23rd March 1876, No. 142 A.—I. :—

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 2,813, dated 29th September 1875, explaining that the statements of outlay on the Godavery and Kistna Delta Irrigation Works for 1873-74 were not sent to the Examiner of Accounts for verification, in consequence of that officer having expressed his inability to verify any statements prepared in the district.

2. With reference thereto, and with the view of obviating discrepancies such as have been found between these statements and the accounts rendered to the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, I am to suggest that, instead of the Chief Engineer himself compiling returns of expenditure from statements rendered by Executive Engineers, as he seems to have hitherto done, it would apparently be better that he should, in the future, call on the Examiner of Accounts to furnish him with whatever statements of expenditure he may require, leaving it to the Examiner to address Executive Engineers for any information he may need or to take such other measures according to circumstances as he may think fit. By this means the business of reconciling and drawing attention to discrepancies would be confined to the Examiner's Office, and much work would doubtless be saved.

3. I am to observe that one of the special functions of the Examiner of Accounts is to make inquiries in all cases when the information affecting accounts or returns of receipts and expenditure is insufficient. The fact of its insufficiency should lead him, with the support of the Government of Madras, to refer to the proper quarter, and press for the necessary facts or figures till he gets them. In the case of returns furnished by the Revenue Board, the Examiner should be at full liberty to request the proper officers of that Board to explain the meaning of the figures issued under their signature, and much of the past obscurity of the returns connected with irrigated land revenue would, the Government of India believes, have been cleared up if their meaning had been thus ascertained.

4. These remarks, I am to say, apply solely to accounts of actual receipts or outlay, and have no reference to *Estimates* or other statements dealing with probable or anticipated revenue or expenses.

5. With reference to errors of classification, I am directed to invite the attention of the Government of Madras to Government of India letter, No. 182 A.—I., dated 16th June 1875, in which inquiry was made as to whether estimates for Irrigation Works now show whether the charges are debitable to Capital or Revenue, and I am to add that the Government of India would be glad to receive a reply thereto at an early date.

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Nos. 392 & 393. ORDER THEREON, 27th April 1876, No. 1,054.

IRRIGATION, No. 31.
Account.

COMMUNICATED to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation and to the Examiner of Accounts for information and guidance. Communicated also to the Revenue Department and Revenue Board, with reference to paragraph 3 of the letter from the Government of India.

2. The Government of India will be informed that estimates for Irrigation Works now show whether the charges are debitable to Capital or Revenue.

3. Ordered that the following letter be sent.

(Here enter No. 1,055, dated 27th April 1876.)

(True Extract.)

W. Langhorne Colonel,
Offg. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Revenue Board.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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To

The CHIEF ENGINEER for IRRIGATION,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated April 27th.

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