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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
17th June 1876.

No. 275. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, (Account—Irrigation,) dated Fort William, 11th January 1876, Nos. 6—7 A.—I.

Assimilation of system of Public Works Accounts in Madras and Bombay with that of the rest of India, and preparation of Capital and Revenue Accounts of Irrigation Works.

Read again the following papers:—

P. W. D. letter to Secy. to Govt. of Madras, No. 394 A.—G, dated 1st July 1875.

Do. to Secy. to Govt. of Bombay, No. 395 A.—G, dated 1st July 1875.

Despatch to Secretary of State, No. 70 W., dated 1st July 1875.

Read also the following despatch from the Secretary of State for India, to the Government of India, dated 11th November 1875, No. 67.

I HAVE received your Excellency's letter, No. 70, of the 1st July last, reporting that the systems of Public Works Accounts obtaining in the Madras and Bombay Presidencies have been assimilated to that in force under the Government of India. This arrangement is one of much importance in relation to the proper administration of the Public Works Department, and especially to that part of it which relates to the record of the financial results of works carried out with borrowed capital.

2. It is a matter of much satisfaction to me that these arrangements have been completed with the concurrence of the Madras and Bombay Governments.

3. The preparation of satisfactory accounts of all Irrigation Works, similar in form to those kept of the canals in the North-Western Provinces and the Punjab, is manifestly very desirable, and it is, therefore, of the first importance that a correct annual statement of all Irrigation Works should be available, prepared upon one uniform system for the whole of India, and I desire that, if it be practicable, such an account should be sent to me in time for presentation to Parliament next session.

4. It can, perhaps, hardly be expected that the first returns upon any approved system submitted for Madras and Bombay should be perfect, but it is more important that the accounts should be rendered promptly and regularly, in a fairly correct manner, than that no accounts should be submitted at all. In view to this end, further prolonged discussions regarding details should be avoided. Difficulties may, no doubt, arise in particular cases, which will, perhaps, require a somewhat arbitrary treatment, as, for instance, where there is no distinction made, in assessing or collecting the land-revenue, between the shares relatively attributable to the land and the water. But it will be much better, under such circumstances, to accept at once that conclusion which seems best, after reasonable inquiry and consideration, than to prolong a discussion which, in its very nature, can only result in an approximate or arbitrary solution.

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ORDER.—Ordered that the Despatch read be communicated to the Governments of Madras and Bombay for information and guidance, with a request that it may be stated when a report of the financial results of Irrigation Works in the forms in use in the North-Western Provinces and Punjab, made up to end of 1874-75, or, if that

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cannot be done, to end of 1873-74, may be expected. In order to comply with the wishes of the Secretary of State, the returns should be received in this department during next May at the latest.

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, Colonel, R.A.,
Secretary to the Govt. of India.

No. 276. ORDER THEREON, 17th June 1876, No. 1,500.

IRRIGATION, No. 17.
Account.

It is understood that the conference [illegible]dered in G.O., No. 3,251, of the 13th [illegible]vember last, to be held at the Revenue [illegible]rd Office, has terminated its sittings, and the report is awaited and should be sub[illegible]itted with as little delay as possible. In the meantime the following letter will be addressed to the Government of India :—

(Here enter 17th June 1876, No. 1,501.)

(True Extract.)

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

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

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