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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
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No. 278. 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 Government, Public Works Department, Irrigation Branch, Fort St. George, dated Fort William, 25th January 1876, No. 48 A—I.

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your endorsement, No. 2,960, dated 15th October last, forwarding, in advertence to my letter of the 17th September, a copy of the Proceedings of the Government of Madras on the method of making up the accounts of Irrigation Works.

2. In a recent despatch* from the Secretary of State, His Lordship has urged

* See copy of His Lordship's Despatch, No. 67, dated 11th November 1875, forwarded separately with Public Works Department Resolution, Nos. 6—7 A—I, dated 11th January 1876. that a correct statement of the financial results of Irrigation Works should be submitted to the Home Government in time for presentation to Parliament next session.

3. The Governor-General in Council is most anxious that this should be done, and relies upon the Government of Madras to ensure that this department is furnished, by May next, with a statement of the financial results of all important Irrigation Works to end of 1874-75. The results should be drawn up in the forms and in the manner in which the annual Revenue Reports from the North-western Provinces and Punjab are prepared. And an abstract of the results should be rendered in

† Financial results of Irrigation Works in the North-western Provinces up to the close of 1872-73. somewhat the same form as is used in the accompanying volume,† the headings being of course modified to suit the specialities of the Madras Irrigation Works.

4. The Governor-General in Council is aware that the consolidated assessment of land-revenue that prevails in the greater portion of the Madras Presidency renders it difficult to make up an immediate account of the results of the smaller Irrigation Works. But for the larger works in the Godavery and Kistna Deltas, it is not understood that there is anything to prevent the submission of returns showing the financial results in those deltas. A portion of the revenue of these districts is already levied under the name of water-rate and is shown separately in the annual Land-revenue Report of the Madras Presidency. In cases where the water-rate is not distinguished in the assessment, the necessities of the case could be met by taking the difference between the dry and the wet rates as the revenue due to the works, the amount of any further indirect revenue being left to be ascertained by future inquiry.

5. It is understood that the area of land protected by each work, and in consequence of which the wet rates of assessment are charged, are on record in the District Offices, as also the amount of total wet revenue realized from each tract. If this be so, then there would not seem to be any real difficulty in ascertaining the direct return, and working up the amounts in a regular series of statements for present financial purposes. If in any case there was any wet revenue before the construction of the works, the proper course would probably be to deduct the difference between that revenue and the dry rates from the amount to which the work is entitled to credit.

6. It is, however, left to the Government of Madras to decide on the best way of arranging to meet the wishes of the Secretary of State for a correct account, and

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I am to inquire whether the Governor-General in Council may feel assured that the requirements of the Home Government will be met by the time indicated.

No. 279.

ORDER THEREON, 17th June 1876, No. 1,502.

IRRIGATION, No. 19.

Account.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue in continuation of G.O., No. 1,500, dated 17th June 1876, with the volume showing financial results of Irrigation Works in the North-west Provinces up to the close of 1872-73.

2. The arrangements that have been made to ensure the preparation and completion of financial statements of Irrigation Works have been reported to the Government of India in the letter as per margin.

(True Extract.)

W. H. M. S. Colonel,
Offg. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Board of Revenue, with volume.
„ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
„ Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
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