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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
29th January 1876.*

No. 568. Read the following letter from Colonel C. H. DICKENS, R.A., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Civil Works—Irrigation,) to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 27th December 1875, No. 451 I. :—

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 2,832, dated the 1st October 1875, furnishing a part of the information called for by the Government of India in connection with the Striviguntum Anicut Project in the Tinnevely district, and in reply to say that the information given is as far as it goes satisfactory.

2. I am accordingly to convey the provisional sanction of the Government of India to the amount of the revised estimate

	RS.	
* Works	9,02,500	as now submitted, viz., Rs. 11,38,087 ; *
Land compensation	37,000	but I am to observe that the Government
Capitalization of land-revenue	18,500	of India must express dissatisfaction at
Tools and plant	6,105	the delay which has occurred in supply-
Establishment	1,73,982	ing the more complete information called
Total	11,38,087	for in Public Works Department, No. 517

I., of the 19th August 1874. I am now to state that it is hoped this information will be received at an early date.

3. In submitting this information it should be stated whether, as directed in Public Works Department letter above quoted, provision has been made in the revised estimate for "repairs during construction," as it is not clear that this has been done. The calculation of net revenue as directed in the same letter should also be made. It is presumed that this was not submitted with the present letter, owing to the absence of the calculation for interest charges. But there is not sufficient reason for omitting these. They are necessarily based on estimate, and it should be easier to estimate the date of opening of a work nearly finished than in the case of one of which the estimate is submitted before it is begun.

4. I am to forward copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State, No. 57, dated the 16th September 1875, and to add that, until the information called for in this and previous communications has been received, the revised estimate for the Striviguntum Anicut Project cannot be reviewed so completely as is desirable.

5. The sanction accorded in paragraph 2 of this letter has been registered as No. 65 I. of 1875-76, and supersedes that registered as No. 17 I. of 1868-69.

Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor-General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 16th September 1875, No. 57 Public Works.

I HAVE received your Excellency's letter, No. 73, of the 2nd July last, forwarding copies of the Progress and Administration Report of Public Works in the Madras Presidency for the year 1873-74.

2. From this report it appears that the scheme for irrigation from the Tambrapoorney river in Tinnevely is now nearly complete. No proper estimate for this work has, however, yet been submitted for the sanction of Her Majesty's Government.

3. With your letter, No. 122, of the 19th August 1874, copy of a correspondence was forwarded with the Madras Government relative to this project, from which it appeared that it was then expected to cost Rupees 10,40,480. This estimate, however, was incomplete, and further information was called for by your Government in receipt of which another communication on the subject was promised.

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4. No subsequent letter relative to this project has since been received, and I have now only to desire that a complete estimate of the cost and probable returns of the work may be sent home with as little further delay as possible.

No. 569.

ORDER THEREON, 29th January 1876, No. 270.

IRRIGATION, No. 39.

COMMUNICATED to the department and officers concerned. It will be ascertained in the Revenue Department when

definite information, regarding the irrigation on the north or left bank of the Tambra-poorney under the Striviguntum Anicut, will probably be available.

2. The attention of the District Engineer, Tinnevely, will be called to paragraph 2 of the Order of the 1st October 1875, No. 2,831, and he will, in making the report therein called for, explain why a delay of some months has taken place, when apparently a few days should have sufficed for the determination of the date from which the anicut works are to be considered to have come into operation. The District Engineer will also report whether charges for repairs during construction have been included in the revised estimate for the Striviguntum Anicut, that estimate being for the most part a statement of actual cost of works. If such charges for the time that they were chargeable to Capital have been omitted, their amount for (1) the anicut, (2) the south channel and its subsidiary works, and (3) the north channel and its subsidiary works respectively, should be stated.

3. It is observed that the reason why net income was not formally calculated in the papers printed in Proceedings, Madras Government, No. 2,831, of the 1st October 1875, was that the amount of ultimate gross income, as regards the south channel irrigation, was shown to be uncertain, and to range possibly between 9 and 23 per cent. according to the way in which the revenue due to the works was calculated, and to the extent to which irrigation was assumed to extend. The information available, however, was made use of, and it was indicated that the net income was already something more than 8 per cent. on the Capital outlay exclusive of interest charges, while ultimately it might approximate to 20 per cent. For the north channel, on the other hand, there were at the time no reliable data, and it appeared to be undesirable to put forward calculations which might mislead, and which could serve no useful purpose. When the revenue information, dependent upon the revision of the settlement of the lands under the north channel, becomes available, it may be practicable to afford a fairly accurate estimate of the gross and net returns from the entire project.

4. Ordered that a copy of these Proceedings be transmitted for the information of the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

Cannalher Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.
" District Engineer, Tinnevely.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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Strivignatam Aiquat Project, Tinnevely
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India sanctioning provisionally the revised
estimate of Rupees 11,38,087 for the —,
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ment and officers concerned.

W. H. Allen