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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Irrigation.
Account.

READ—the following papers:—

From Colonel W. S. TREVOR, R.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Account—Irrigation), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 17th May 1883, No. 68 A.I.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 52 I., dated 19th January 1883, in which it is stated that the amount credited as "Revenue realized in the Civil Department" in the Administrative Accounts is the net revenue excluding the portion due to the old works, and that the amount of the "Old Maintenance Charges" credited represents the average of the entire maintenance charges of the old work, the current working expenses being shown in full without deduction *per contra*.

2. In reply I am to recommend the following procedure as the most suitable in the opinion of the Government of India for the exhibition of the transactions in question in the estimates and accounts of the department:—

- (1.) The gross revenue and maintenance charges of the old works, prior to the improvements made by the British Government, should be once and for all finally settled.
- (2.) In preparing the estimates and accounts of each project the total gross irrigation revenue under each work should be given, and from this the gross revenue due to the old work deducted. The net figure, representing the gross revenue due to the improvements to the works, is that for which credit should be taken in the estimates and accounts.
- (3.) The expenditure shown in the finance accounts should be the gross outlay actually incurred on maintenance and repairs, &c., of the works, *minus* the gross expenditure on the old works as fixed under head (1) above. This net amount should be charged to G. Expenditure on Productive Public Works, Revenue Account, 39, Irrigation and Navigation (Working and Maintenance), the old maintenance charges being shown under H. Expenditure on Public Works not classed as Productive, 46, Irrigation and Navigation (works for which neither Capital nor Revenue Accounts are kept).

3. I am to request that the early opinion of the Madras Government regarding this proposal may be communicated, and that if it has no objections to offer, the procedure may be carried out in all future estimates and accounts.

Office Note from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated 5th June 1883, No. 253.

16TH JUNE 1883.

ORDER—dated 16th June 1883, No. 477-L., Public Works.

The procedure laid down by the Government of India for exhibiting the revenue and charges due to the old native works, which have been since improved by the British Government, is considered suitable, and will be adopted in all future estimates and accounts of Irrigation Works.

2. As the maintenance charges of the old works will be debited to "Irrigation and Navigation Works for which neither Capital nor Revenue Accounts are kept," the revenue due to these works will be shown under the same head.

3. As lands imperfectly irrigated by natural sources and by old works are, from time to time, brought under the influence of the works constructed by the British Government, the old irrigation revenue will vary and cannot be represented by a fixed amount. The difference, therefore, between the gross irrigation revenue and the increase of revenue due to improvements, as shown in Mr. Wilson's accounts, will, as heretofore, be adopted as the revenue due to old works.

4. The old maintenance charges, however, being based on averages of past years, are not liable to fluctuations like the corresponding items of revenue, and these charges need not therefore be shown in the case of the Godavari and Kistna Delta Systems, whose old irrigation is very small when compared with the new irrigation.

5. The present ruling of the Government of India will also apply to Irrigation and Navigation Works which are not classed as Productive, but for which Capital and Revenue Accounts are kept.

6. Ordered that a copy of these Proceedings be forwarded to the Government of India in reply to their Secretary's letter, No. 68 L., dated 17th May 1883.

(Here enter No. 478 L., dated 16th June 1883.)

(True Extract.)

C. H. ...
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Irrigation Branch.

To Superintending Engineers.
To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Revenue Department. ✓
" Board of Revenue.
" Director of Revenue Settlement and Agriculture.

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Letter from the Government of India laying down the procedure for exhibiting the revenue and charges due to the old native works since improved by the British Government, &c., in the —. Orders on —.

Mr. S. S. S. S.

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