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Minor Irrigation Works.

Recording Board's Progress reviewing statements showing the expenditure on during 1896-97.

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READ—the following papers:—

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| From the Collector of Anantapur, | dated 9th Feb. 1897, Dis. | No. 759.  |
| " " of "                         | " 9th Mar. " Ref. on "    | 92-Pl.    |
| " " of "                         | " 10th " " Dis. "         | 1914.     |
| " " of "                         | " 28th April " " "        | 2283.     |
| " " of Arcot, North              | " 28th " " " "            | 2284.     |
| " " of "                         | " 10th Feb. " " "         | 273-Eng.  |
| " " of "                         | " 13th Mar. " " "         | 488-Eng.  |
| " " of "                         | " 1st May " " "           | 879-Eng.  |
| " " of "                         | " 20th " " Ref. on C. "   | 872-Eng.  |
| " " of Arcot, South              | " 10th June " Dis. "      | 1195-Eng. |
| " " of "                         | " 9th Feb. " Ref. "       | 49-V.P.   |
| " " of "                         | " 9th Mar. " " "          | 78-V.P.   |
| " " of "                         | " 3rd May " " "           | 928-Ver.  |
| " " of Bellary                   | " 19th " " Dis. "         | 26-Tour.  |
| " " of "                         | " 10th Feb. " " "         | 830.      |
| " " of "                         | " 10th Mar. " " "         | 1360.     |
| " " of "                         | " 15th April " " "        | 2156.     |
| " " of Chingleput                | " 25th " " " "            | 2401.     |
| " " of "                         | " 11th Feb. " Ref. "      | 96-Pl.    |
| " " of "                         | " 12th Mar. " " "         | 117-Pl.   |
| " " of "                         | " 16th April " " "        | 136-Pl.   |
| " " of "                         | " 4th May " Dis. "        | 1230.     |
| " " of Coimbatore                | " 28th " " " "            | 1439.     |
| " " of "                         | " 11th Feb. " " "         | 491-Rev.  |
| " " of "                         | " 10th Mar. " " "         | 815-Rev.  |
| " " of "                         | " 21st April " " "        | 1330-Rev. |
| " " of Cuddapah                  | " 23rd " " " "            | 1384-Rev. |
| " " of "                         | " 6th Feb. " " "          | 694-Rev.  |
| " " of "                         | " 10th Mar. " " "         | 1835-Rev. |
| " " of "                         | " 9th April " " "         | 2685-Rev. |

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| From the Collector of Ganjam,           | dated 11th Feb. 1897, Dis.    | No. 334-Ver. |
| " " of "                                | " 7th Mar. " " "              | 48-Pl. Ver.  |
| " " of "                                | " 19th May " Dis. "           | 978-Ver.     |
| " " of Gódvári                          | " 16th Feb. " " "             | 475-Ver.     |
| " " of "                                | " 30th Mar. " " "             | 1089-Ver.    |
| " " of "                                | " 1st May " " "               | 1464-Ver.    |
| " " of Kistna                           | " 14th Feb. " Ref. on P.C. "  | 105-Ver.     |
| " " of "                                | " 16th Mar. " C. "            | 2-Ver.       |
| " " of "                                | " 21st April " Ref. on P.C. " | 129-Ver.     |
| " " of Kurnool                          | " 6th Feb. " " "              | 403-Eng.     |
| " " of "                                | " 5th Mar. " Dis. "           | 638-Eng.     |
| " " of "                                | " 14th April " " "            | 1077-Eng.    |
| " " of "                                | " 9th May " " "               | 1277-Eng.    |
| " " of Madras                           | " 3rd Mar. " " "              | 367.         |
| " " of "                                | " 26th Feb. " " "             | 363.         |
| " " of "                                | " 22nd Mar. " " "             | 394.         |
| " " of "                                | " 22nd " " " "                | 395.         |
| " " of "                                | " 26th April " " "            | 36.          |
| " " of "                                | " 26th " " " "                | 38.          |
| " " of "                                | " 26th " " " "                | 39.          |
| " " of Madura                           | " 11th Feb. " Ref. on C. "    | 48-Pl.       |
| " " of "                                | " 16th Mar. " " "             | 63 (a)-Pl.   |
| " " of "                                | " 22nd April " " "            | 91-Pl.       |
| " " of "                                | " 25th May " " "              | 138-Pl.      |
| " " of "                                | " 11th " " " "                | —            |
| " " of Malabar                          | " 5th Feb. " " "              | 353-Ver.     |
| " " of Nellore                          | " 6th Mar. " " "              | 730-Ver.     |
| " " of "                                | " 9th April " " "             | 1190-Ver.    |
| " " of "                                | " 23rd " " " "                | 1331-Ver.    |
| " " of "                                | " 22nd " " " "                | 1284-Ver.    |
| " " of Salem                            | " 9th Feb. " " "              | 559.         |
| " " of "                                | " 8th Mar. " " "              | 1125.        |
| " " of "                                | " 8th April " " "             | 1918.        |
| " " of "                                | " 24th " " " "                | 2194.        |
| " " of Tanjore                          | " 8th Feb. " Ref. on P.R. "   | 122-Rev.     |
| " " of "                                | " 8th Mar. " " "              | 1017-Rev.    |
| " " of "                                | " 15th April " " "            | 1792-Rev.    |
| " " of "                                | " 8th May " " "               | 2150-Rev.    |
| " " of Tinnevely                        | " 6th Feb. " Ref. on Per. "   | 50-Gl.       |
| " " of "                                | " 6th Mar. " " "              | 66-Gl.       |
| " " of "                                | " 13th April " " "            | 78-Gl.       |
| " " of "                                | " 3rd May " " "               | 78-Gl.       |
| " " of "                                | " 15th " " Dis. "             | 970-Gen.     |
| " " of Trichinopoly                     | " 9th Feb. " L. "             | 208-Rev.     |
| " " of "                                | " 10th Mar. " " "             | 380-Rev.     |
| " " of "                                | " 9th April " Ref. on C. "    | 183-Pl. Rev. |
| " " of "                                | " 14th " " " "                | 1312-Rev.    |
| " " of Vizagapatam                      | " 9th Feb. " Dis. "           | 527-Acct.    |
| " " of "                                | " 6th Mar. " " "              | 814-Acct.    |
| " " of "                                | " 29th April " " "            | 1563-Acct.   |
| " Examiner of Public Works<br>Accounts, | " 18th May " " "              | 1542-D.B.    |

4 BOARD OF REVENUE (REV. SETT., L. RDS. AND AGRI.), 30TH JUNE 1897, No. 478.

RESOLUTION—dated 30th June 1897, No. 478.

A sum of Rs. 4,50,000 was originally sanctioned by Government in its order, No. 957, dated 4th December 1895, Financial, for expenditure on minor irrigation works during 1896-97. Adding to this, the additional allotment of Rs. 37,500 sanctioned in G.O., No. 208, Financial, dated 5th March 1897, the total grant amounted to Rs. 4,87,500. Out of this sum, Rs. 35,000 were placed at the disposal of the Public Works Department for works which had to be executed by professional agency (*vide* G.Os. No. 1050, dated 31st December 1895, and No. 446, dated 31st July 1896, Financial), and Rs. 13,691 were surrendered towards the close of the year, leaving a balance of Rs. 4,38,809 for works to be undertaken by the Revenue Department. The actual expenditure incurred by this department amounted to Rs. 4,06,934 or Rs. 31,875 less than the available grant. The subjoined statement shows the transactions for the several districts.

| Districts.                                                    | Allotment for 1896-97. | Expenditure during 1896-97 including establishment charges and contingencies. | Increase or decrease of expenditure over allotment. | Percentage of increase or decrease on the allotment. | Total charges on account of establishment and contingencies. | Percentage of establishment charges on the outlay on minor irrigation works. |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Ganjam .. .. .                                             | Rs. 18,517             | Rs. 18,517                                                                    | Rs. —                                               | —                                                    | Rs. 1,650                                                    | 9.73                                                                         |
| 2. Vizagapatam .. .. .                                        | 16,000                 | 15,917                                                                        | — 83                                                | — 0.52                                               | 1,519                                                        | 10.55                                                                        |
| 3. Giddavari .. .. .                                          | 22,469                 | 27,604                                                                        | — 4,865                                             | — 14.98                                              | 1,412                                                        | 5.39                                                                         |
| 4. Kistna .. .. .                                             | 14,100                 | 14,100                                                                        | — 100                                               | — 0.71                                               | 1,145                                                        | 8.91                                                                         |
| 5. Nellore .. .. .                                            | 18,000                 | 16,939                                                                        | — 1,061                                             | — 5.89                                               | 2,825                                                        | 20.02                                                                        |
| 6. Cuddapah .. .. .                                           | 30,180                 | 29,610                                                                        | — 570                                               | — 1.89                                               | 3,355                                                        | 12.78                                                                        |
| 7. Anantapur .. .. .                                          | 33,000                 | 27,826                                                                        | — 5,174                                             | — 15.65                                              | 3,032                                                        | 12.23                                                                        |
| 8. Bellary .. .. .                                            | 13,300                 | 6,297                                                                         | — 8,003                                             | — 60.17                                              | 1,706                                                        | 47.51                                                                        |
| 9. Kurnool .. .. .                                            | 11,800                 | 10,219                                                                        | — 1,581                                             | — 13.40                                              | 919                                                          | 9.88                                                                         |
| 10. Madras .. .. .                                            | 720                    | 660                                                                           | — 60                                                | — 8.33                                               | 34                                                           | 5.43                                                                         |
| 11. Chingleput .. .. .                                        | 26,255                 | 25,761                                                                        | — 494                                               | — 1.88                                               | 2,365                                                        | 10.11                                                                        |
| 12. North Arcot .. .. .                                       | 55,000                 | 54,700                                                                        | — 300                                               | — 0.55                                               | 3,773                                                        | 7.41                                                                         |
| 13. South Arcot .. .. .                                       | 64,312                 | 63,987                                                                        | — 325                                               | — 0.51                                               | 4,253                                                        | 7.12                                                                         |
| 14. Tanjore .. .. .                                           | 5,500                  | 5,382                                                                         | — 118                                               | — 2.15                                               | 428                                                          | 8.64                                                                         |
| 15. Trichinopoly .. .. .                                      | 18,647                 | 18,097                                                                        | — 550                                               | — 2.95                                               | 1,828                                                        | 11.24                                                                        |
| 16. Madura .. .. .                                            | 14,835                 | 15,445                                                                        | + 610                                               | + 4.11                                               | 1,523                                                        | 10.94                                                                        |
| 17. Tinnevely .. .. .                                         | 38,700                 | 37,399                                                                        | — 1,301                                             | — 3.36                                               | 4,662                                                        | 14.24                                                                        |
| 18. Coimbatore .. .. .                                        | 1,939                  | 1,545                                                                         | — 394                                               | — 20.32                                              | 2,070                                                        | 13.12                                                                        |
| 19. Salem .. .. .                                             | 18,250                 | 17,849                                                                        | — 401                                               | — 2.20                                               | ..                                                           | ..                                                                           |
| 20. Malabar .. .. .                                           | 210                    | 180                                                                           | — 30                                                | — 14.29                                              | ..                                                           | ..                                                                           |
| Board's reserve .. .. .                                       | 7,075                  | ..                                                                            | — 7,075                                             | ..                                                   | ..                                                           | ..                                                                           |
| Total .. .. .                                                 | 4,38,809               | 4,06,934                                                                      | — 31,875                                            | — 7.26                                               | 38,499                                                       | 10.45                                                                        |
| Amount placed at the disposal of the Public Works Department. | 35,000                 | 22,027                                                                        | — 12,973                                            | — 37.07                                              | ..                                                           | ..                                                                           |
| Grand Total .. .. .                                           | 4,73,809               | 4,28,961                                                                      | — 44,848                                            | — 9.47                                               | 38,499                                                       | 9.86                                                                         |

The sum of Rs. 7,075 shown as reserve at the Board's disposal represents two amounts of Rs. 7,000 and Rs. 75 surrendered by the Collectors of Cuddapah and Chingleput towards the close of the year. The Collector of the former district applied for an additional allotment of Rs. 7,000 for expenditure on minor irrigation works to be undertaken as famine-relief works. But subsequently, he reported that the amount applied for by him was not required, as under G.O., No. 668, Revenue, dated 25th November 1896, all relief works were placed under charge of the Public Works Department. In Chingleput, the amount represents the balance that remained unallotted after allotting Rs. 200 to the Trichinopoly district out of the sum of Rs. 275 surrendered by him in his letter, No. 336-Gl., dated 17th March 1897.

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| Anantapur .. .. .    | Rs. 355 |
| Kurnool .. .. .      | 650     |
| Trichinopoly .. .. . | 55      |
| Total .. .. .        | 1,060   |

2. Work to the value of Rs. 1,060 had been executed but not paid for at the close of the year in the marginally-noted districts. In the following districts, the expenditure reported by the Collectors differs from the figures furnished by the Accountant-General:—

BOARD OF REVENUE (REV. SETT., L. RDS. AND AGRI.), 30TH JUNE 1897, No. 478. 5

| Districts.     | Expenditure.               |                                     | Difference. | Particulars as far as known.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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|                | As per Collector's return. | As per Accountant-General's return. |             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Vizagapatam .. | Rs. A. P. 15,916 9 0       | Rs. A. P. 16,138 3 3                | + 221 10 3  | Rs. A. P. 83 7 0 Balance out of the district allotment.<br>138 3 8 Excess expenditure over the allotment.<br>221 10 3<br>The Collector explains that a sum of Rs. 421-10-3 was debited to "43. Minor Irrigation Works," being the cost of earthenware pipes supplied by the Consulting Architect to Government, and that if this amount is added to the expenditure returned by him, the total expenditure would amount to Rs. 16,338-3-3; but that if the sum of Rs. 200 originally drawn from the treasury by the Tahsildar of Golconda for purchasing pipes locally but subsequently refunded by him on arrival of the pipes from Madras is deducted, the net expenditure would come to only Rs. 16,138-3-3. This explanation is not clear. If, as stated by the Collector, the advance of Rs. 260 was debited to 43. Minor Works and credited to the same head, when the amount was refunded, it is not understood why the amount should be deducted from the gross expenditure. The Collector is requested to report further on the matter. The amount does not appear, however, to have been credited to "43. Minor Works" in the Accountant-General's return showing receipts.<br>The difference is composed of the following items:—<br>Rs. A. P. 33 11 10 In his progress report for July 1896, the Collector reported that the amount was expunged in the treasury account as being cash recoveries. The explanation is not understood. The amount should not have been taken in abatement of charges as appears to have been done, but should have been credited to the proper head.<br>1 0 0 The figure returned by the Accountant-General in his statement for September is less by one rupee than that reported by the Collector for the same month.<br>34 11 10 Deducted by the Collector from the gross expenditure in January 1897, being the amount recovered as overpayment made in December 1896 on account of repairs executed to certain work. The amount properly appears as a credit in the Accountant-General's return for January 1897.<br>8 7 3 Deducted by the Accountant-General in the return for March 1897.<br>6 7 2<br>The difference is composed of the following items:—<br>Rs. A. P. 112 5 3 Additional expenditure reported by the Accountant-General in his return for September 1896.<br>130 14 4 Additional expenditure reported by the Accountant-General in his return for December 1896.<br>243 3 7<br>0 4 0 Deducted by the Accountant-General in his return for June 1896.<br>The difference is composed of the following items:—<br>Rs. A. P. 170 4 9 Additional expenditure reported by the Accountant-General in his return for September 1896.<br>18 6 11 Do. do. for November 1896.<br>14 9 3 Do. do. for December 1896.<br>234 4 3 Do. do. for March 1897.<br>437 9 2<br>0 0 9 Deduct the amount shown by the Collector as charge for carrying M.I. forms.<br>437 8 5<br>7 0 0 Adjusted by the Collector in his accounts for March 1897 in accordance with the Accountant-General's instructions.<br>430 8 5 |
| Giddavari ..   | 27,604 5 4                 | 27,569 9 6                          | — 34 11 10  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Cuddapah ..    | 29,610 2 7                 | 29,616 9 9                          | + 6 7 2     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| South Arcot .. | 63,987 2 3                 | 64,280 5 10                         | + 243 3 7   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Tanjore ..     | 5,381 14 6                 | 5,381 10 5                          | — 0 4 0     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Tinnevely ..   | 37,399 2 10                | 37,829 11 3                         | + 430 8 5   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

The Collectors concerned are requested to explain these variations in communication with the Accountant-General, if necessary.

3. The expenditure which amounted to 92.74 per cent. of the allotment was on the whole satisfactory. It exceeded the allotment in Madura and Ganjam. In Vizagapatam, Kistna, North Arcot and South Arcot, the balance left unexpended was less than 1 per cent. The expenditure in the marginally-noted districts was not so satisfactory, the unexpended balance having ranged from 13.40 per cent. in Kurnool to 60.17, per cent. in Bellary. The large balance in the last-named district appears, however, to be due to the circumstance that an additional allotment of Rs. 7,200 placed at the disposal of the Collector in B.P., dated 20th March 1897, No. 237, was left unutilized as the works for which they were granted were, along with certain other works, placed in charge of the Public Works Department to be executed as famine-relief-works. The balance in Coimbatore is attributed to the non-execution of repairs to a certain tank owing to the existence of water therein, and, that in Anantapur, to difficulty experienced in obtaining the services of a maistry to supervise the works in the Penukonda taluk. The Collector of Kurnool attributes the balance to the non-completion of certain works in the Nandyal taluk and has called for explanation from the officer concerned. The Collector of Gódavari has not explained the large unexpended balance in his district which amounted to Rs. 4,865. He will be requested to do so now.

4. The annexed statement furnished by the Examiner of Public Works Accounts shows the outlay on minor irrigation works incurred by the Public Works Department on behalf of the Revenue department:—

STATEMENT showing the Expenditure incurred on Minor Works, Revenue Department, during the year 1896-97.

| Districts.           | Amount placed at the disposal of Public Works Department (works and repairs). | Amount expended. | Difference. |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| 1                    | 2                                                                             | 3                | 4           |
| Bellary .. .. .      | Rs. 945                                                                       | Rs. 1,228        | Rs. 283     |
| Chingleput .. .. .   | 318                                                                           | 317              | 1           |
| Coimbatore .. .. .   | 1,970                                                                         | 1,635            | 335         |
| Cuddapah .. .. .     | 2,387                                                                         | 2,486            | 99          |
| Kistna .. .. .       | 1,910                                                                         | 1,840            | 70          |
| Kurnool .. .. .      | 830                                                                           | 792              | 38          |
| Madura .. .. .       | 3,486                                                                         | 2,112            | 1,374       |
| Nellore .. .. .      | 2,744                                                                         | 2,734            | 10          |
| North Arcot .. .. .  | 3,756                                                                         | 2,610            | 1,146       |
| Salem .. .. .        | 3,155                                                                         | 1,425            | 1,730       |
| Tanjore .. .. .      | 965                                                                           | 959              | 6           |
| Trichinopoly .. .. . | 2,381                                                                         | 2,560            | 179         |
| Vizagapatam .. .. .  | 791                                                                           | 622              | 169         |
| South Arcot .. .. .  | 1,280                                                                         | 807              | 473         |
| Total .. .. .        | 26,416                                                                        | 22,027           | 4,389       |

Note.—The figures in italics in column 4 denote excesses over the amounts placed at the disposal of Public Works Department.

It is presumed that the amount shown in column 2 of the above statement is exclusive of the allotment made for charges on account of establishment, tools and plant.

5. The total establishment and contingent charges for works in charge of the Revenue department amounted to Rs. 38,499 or 10.45 per cent. of the actual outlay on works. As in preceding years, no establishment was entertained in Coimbatore. In Nellore and Bellary the charges exceeded the limit of 15 per cent. of the net outlay

on works prescribed in G.O., No. 1029, dated 23rd November 1886. The Collector of Nellore has not explained the circumstances under which the charges were allowed to exceed the limit. He is requested to do so now and to see that such excess does not occur in future. As explained in the review for the preceding year, the abnormal expenditure in Bellary represents the pay of the Tungabhadra channel superintendents debited to the minor irrigation grant under B.P., dated 13th October 1894, No. 432.

6. The number of works repaired by the Tank Restoration Scheme Parties and handed over to the Revenue department during the year has been reported from the following districts only.

| Districts.           | Number of Tank Restoration Work handed over to Revenue Department. |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ganjam .. .. .       | Nil.                                                               |
| Vizagapatam .. .. .  | 4                                                                  |
| Nellore .. .. .      | Nil.                                                               |
| Anantapur .. .. .    | Nil.                                                               |
| Kurnool .. .. .      | 61                                                                 |
| Chingleput .. .. .   | Nil.                                                               |
| North Arcot .. .. .  | 46                                                                 |
| South Arcot .. .. .  | Nil.                                                               |
| Tanjore .. .. .      | 46                                                                 |
| Trichinopoly .. .. . | 57                                                                 |
| Madura .. .. .       | Nil.                                                               |
| Tinnevely .. .. .    | 141                                                                |
| Coimbatore .. .. .   | Nil.                                                               |
| Salem .. .. .        | Nil.                                                               |
| Malabar .. .. .      | Nil.                                                               |

\* Information promised by the Collector.

It is presumed that in the remaining districts no works were handed over to the Revenue Department.

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Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.  
 " the " Public Works Department.  
 " all Collectors, except those of South Canara and Nilgiris.  
 " the Accountant-General.  
 " the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.  
 " the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.  
 " the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue.

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## REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 30th June 1897, No. 478:—

Read—the following papers:—

| From the Collector of Anantapur, | dated        | 9th Feb. 1897, Dis. | No. 759.  |
|----------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------|
| " of "                           | " 9th Mar.   | " Ref. on "         | 92-Pl.    |
| " of "                           | " 10th "     | " Dis.              | 1914.     |
| " of "                           | " 28th April | " "                 | 2283.     |
| " of "                           | " 28th "     | " "                 | 2284.     |
| " of Arcot, North                | " 10th Feb.  | " "                 | 273-Eng.  |
| " of "                           | " 13th Mar.  | " "                 | 488-Eng.  |
| " of "                           | " 1st May    | " "                 | 879-Eng.  |
| " of "                           | " 20th "     | " Ref. on C.        | 872-Eng.  |
| " of "                           | " 10th June  | " Dis.              | 1195-Eng. |
| " of Arcot, South                | " 9th Feb.   | " Ref.              | 49-V.P.   |
| " of "                           | " 9th Mar.   | " "                 | 78-V.P.   |
| " of "                           | " 3rd May    | " "                 | 928-Ver.  |
| " of "                           | " 19th "     | " Dis.              | 26-Tour.  |
| " of Bellary                     | " 10th Feb.  | " "                 | 830.      |
| " of "                           | " 10th Mar.  | " "                 | 1360.     |
| " of "                           | " 15th April | " "                 | 2156.     |
| " of "                           | " 25th "     | " "                 | 2404.     |
| " of Chingleput                  | " 11th Feb.  | " Ref.              | 96-Pl.    |
| " of "                           | " 12th Mar.  | " "                 | 117-Pl.   |
| " of "                           | " 16th April | " "                 | 136-Pl.   |
| " of "                           | " 4th May    | " Dis.              | 1230.     |
| " of "                           | " 28th "     | " "                 | 1439.     |
| " of Coimbatore                  | " 11th Feb.  | " "                 | 491-Rev.  |
| " of "                           | " 10th Mar.  | " "                 | 815-Rev.  |
| " of "                           | " 21st April | " "                 | 1330-Rev. |
| " of "                           | " 23rd "     | " "                 | 1384-Rev. |
| " of Cuddapah                    | " 6th Feb.   | " "                 | 694-Rev.  |
| " of "                           | " 10th Mar.  | " "                 | 1835-Rev. |
| " of "                           | " 9th April  | " "                 | 2685-Rev. |

| From the Collector of Ganjám,        | dated        | 11th Feb. 1897, Dis. | No. 334-Ver. |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|
| " of "                               | " 7th Mar.   | " "                  | 48-Pl. Ver.  |
| " of "                               | " 19th May   | " Dis.               | 978-Ver.     |
| " of Gódvári                         | " 16th Feb.  | " "                  | 475-Ver.     |
| " of "                               | " 30th Mar.  | " "                  | 1089-Ver.    |
| " of "                               | " 1st May    | " "                  | 1464-Ver.    |
| " of Kistna                          | " 14th Feb.  | " Ref. on P.C.       | 105-Ver.     |
| " of "                               | " 16th Mar.  | " C.                 | 2-Ver.       |
| " of "                               | " 21st April | " Ref. on P.C.       | 129-Ver.     |
| " of Kurnool                         | " 6th Feb.   | " "                  | 403-Eng.     |
| " of "                               | " 5th Mar.   | " Dis.               | 658-Eng.     |
| " of "                               | " 14th April | " "                  | 1057-Eng.    |
| " of "                               | " 9th May    | " "                  | 1277-Eng.    |
| " of Madras                          | " 3rd Mar.   | " "                  | 367.         |
| " of "                               | " 26th Feb.  | " "                  | 368.         |
| " of "                               | " 22nd Mar.  | " "                  | 394.         |
| " of "                               | " 22nd "     | " "                  | 395.         |
| " of "                               | " 26th April | " "                  | 36.          |
| " of "                               | " 26th "     | " "                  | 38.          |
| " of "                               | " 26th "     | " "                  | 39.          |
| " of Madura                          | " 11th Feb.  | " Ref. on C.         | 48-Pl.       |
| " of "                               | " 10th Mar.  | " "                  | 63 (a)-Pl.   |
| " of "                               | " 22nd April | " "                  | 91-Pl.       |
| " of "                               | " 25th May   | " "                  | 138-Pl.      |
| " of Malabar                         | " 11th "     | " "                  | —            |
| " of Nellore                         | " 5th Feb.   | " "                  | 353-Ver.     |
| " of "                               | " 6th Mar.   | " "                  | 730-Ver.     |
| " of "                               | " 9th April  | " "                  | 1190-Ver.    |
| " of "                               | " 23rd "     | " "                  | 1331-Ver.    |
| " of "                               | " 22nd "     | " "                  | 1284-Ver.    |
| " of Salem                           | " 9th Feb.   | " "                  | 559.         |
| " of "                               | " 8th Mar.   | " "                  | 1125.        |
| " of "                               | " 8th April  | " "                  | 1918.        |
| " of "                               | " 24th "     | " "                  | 2194.        |
| " of Tanjore                         | " 8th Feb.   | " Ref. on P.R.       | 122-Rev.     |
| " of "                               | " 8th Mar.   | " "                  | 1017-Rev.    |
| " of "                               | " 15th April | " "                  | 1792-Rev.    |
| " of "                               | " 8th May    | " "                  | 2150-Rev.    |
| " of Tinnevely                       | " 6th Feb.   | " Ref. on Per.       | 50-Gl.       |
| " of "                               | " 6th Mar.   | " "                  | 66-Gl.       |
| " of "                               | " 13th April | " "                  | 78-Gl.       |
| " of "                               | " 3rd May    | " "                  | 78-Gl.       |
| " of "                               | " 15th "     | " Dis.               | 970-Gen.     |
| " of Trichinopoly                    | " 9th Feb.   | " L.                 | 208-Rev.     |
| " of "                               | " 10th Mar.  | " "                  | 380-Rev.     |
| " of "                               | " 9th April  | " Ref. on C.         | 183-Pl. Rev. |
| " of "                               | " 14th "     | " "                  | 1312-Rev.    |
| " of Vizagapatam                     | " 9th Feb.   | " Dis.               | 527-Acct.    |
| " of "                               | " 6th Mar.   | " "                  | 814-Acct.    |
| " of "                               | " 29th April | " "                  | 1563-Acct.   |
| " Examiner of Public Works Accounts, | " 18th May   | " "                  | 1542-D.B.    |

Resolution—dated 30th June 1897, No. 478.

A sum of Rs. 4,50,000 was originally sanctioned by Government in its order, No. 957, dated 4th December 1895, Financial, for expenditure on minor irrigation works during 1896-97. Adding to this, the additional allotment of Rs. 37,500 sanctioned in G.O., No. 208, Financial, dated 5th March 1897, the total grant amounted to Rs. 4,87,500. Out of this sum, Rs. 35,000 were placed at the disposal of the Public Works Department for works which had to be executed by professional agency (*vide* G.Os., No. 1050, dated 31st December 1895, and No. 446, dated 31st July 1896, Financial), and Rs. 13,691 were surrendered towards the close of the year, leaving a balance of Rs. 4,38,809 for works to be undertaken by the Revenue Department. The actual expenditure incurred by this department amounted to Rs. 4,06,934 or Rs. 31,875 less than the available grant. The subjoined statement shows the transactions for the several districts.

| Districts.                                                    | Allotment for 1896-97. | Expenditure during 1896-97 including establishment charges and contingencies. | Increase or decrease of expenditure over allotment. | Percentage of increase or decrease on the allotment. | Total charges on account of establishment and contingencies. | Percentage of establishment charges on the outlay on minor irrigation works. |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Ganjam .. ..                                               | Rs. 18,517             | Rs. 18,517                                                                    | Rs. ..                                              | ..                                                   | Rs. 1,650                                                    | 9.78                                                                         |
| 2. Vizagapatam .. ..                                          | 16,000                 | 15,917                                                                        | 83                                                  | 0.52                                                 | 1,519                                                        | 10.55                                                                        |
| 3. Giddavari .. ..                                            | 32,469                 | 27,604                                                                        | 4,865                                               | 14.98                                                | 1,412                                                        | 5.39                                                                         |
| 4. Kistna .. ..                                               | 14,100                 | 14,000                                                                        | 100                                                 | 0.71                                                 | 1,145                                                        | 8.91                                                                         |
| 5. Nellore .. ..                                              | 18,000                 | 16,939                                                                        | 1,061                                               | 5.89                                                 | 2,825                                                        | 20.02                                                                        |
| 6. Cuddapah .. ..                                             | 30,180                 | 29,610                                                                        | 570                                                 | 1.89                                                 | 3,355                                                        | 12.78                                                                        |
| 7. Anantapur .. ..                                            | 33,000                 | 27,826                                                                        | 5,174                                               | 15.68                                                | 3,032                                                        | 12.23                                                                        |
| 8. Bellary .. ..                                              | 13,300                 | 5,297                                                                         | 8,003                                               | 60.17                                                | 1,706                                                        | 47.51                                                                        |
| 9. Kurnool .. ..                                              | 11,800                 | 10,219                                                                        | 1,581                                               | 13.40                                                | 919                                                          | 9.88                                                                         |
| 10. Madras .. ..                                              | 720                    | 660                                                                           | 60                                                  | 8.33                                                 | 34                                                           | 5.43                                                                         |
| 11. Chingleput .. ..                                          | 26,255                 | 25,761                                                                        | 494                                                 | 1.88                                                 | 2,365                                                        | 10.11                                                                        |
| 12. North Arcot .. ..                                         | 55,000                 | 54,700                                                                        | 300                                                 | 0.55                                                 | 3,773                                                        | 7.41                                                                         |
| 13. South Arcot .. ..                                         | 64,312                 | 63,987                                                                        | 325                                                 | 0.51                                                 | 4,263                                                        | 7.12                                                                         |
| 14. Tanjore .. ..                                             | 5,500                  | 5,382                                                                         | 118                                                 | 2.15                                                 | 428                                                          | 8.64                                                                         |
| 15. Trichinopoly .. ..                                        | 18,647                 | 18,097                                                                        | 550                                                 | 2.95                                                 | 1,828                                                        | 11.24                                                                        |
| 16. Madura .. ..                                              | 14,835                 | 15,445                                                                        | 610                                                 | 4.11                                                 | 1,523                                                        | 10.94                                                                        |
| 17. Tinnevely .. ..                                           | 38,700                 | 37,399                                                                        | 1,301                                               | 3.36                                                 | 4,662                                                        | 14.24                                                                        |
| 18. Coimbatore .. ..                                          | 1,939                  | 1,645                                                                         | 394                                                 | 20.32                                                | ..                                                           | ..                                                                           |
| 19. Salem .. ..                                               | 18,250                 | 17,849                                                                        | 401                                                 | 2.20                                                 | 2,070                                                        | 13.12                                                                        |
| 20. Malabar .. ..                                             | 210                    | 180                                                                           | 30                                                  | 14.29                                                | ..                                                           | ..                                                                           |
| Board's reserve .. ..                                         | 7,075                  | ..                                                                            | 7,075                                               | ..                                                   | ..                                                           | ..                                                                           |
| Total .. ..                                                   | 4,38,809               | 4,06,934                                                                      | 31,875                                              | 7.26                                                 | 38,499                                                       | 10.45                                                                        |
| Amount placed at the disposal of the Public Works Department. | 35,000                 | 22,027                                                                        | 12,973                                              | 37.07                                                | ..                                                           | ..                                                                           |
| Grand Total .. ..                                             | 4,73,809               | 4,28,961                                                                      | 44,848                                              | 9.47                                                 | 38,499                                                       | 9.86                                                                         |

The sum of Rs. 7,075 shown as reserve at the Board's disposal represents two amounts of Rs. 7,000 and Rs. 75 surrendered by the Collectors of Cuddapah and Chingleput towards the close of the year. The Collector of the former district applied for an additional allotment of Rs. 7,000 for expenditure on minor irrigation works to be undertaken as famine-relief works. But subsequently, he reported that the amount applied for by him was not required, as under G.O., No. 668, Revenue, dated 25th November 1896, all relief works were placed under charge of the Public Works Department. In Chingleput, the amount represents the balance that remained unallotted after allotting Rs. 200 to the Trichinopoly district out of the sum of Rs. 275 surrendered by him in his letter, No. 336-Gl., dated 17th March 1897.

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| Anantapur .. ..    | Rs. 355 |
| Kurnool .. ..      | 650     |
| Trichinopoly .. .. | 55      |
| Total .. ..        | 1,060   |

2. Work to the value of Rs. 1,060 had been executed but not paid for at the close of the year in the marginally-noted districts. In the following districts, the expenditure reported by the Collectors differs from the figures furnished by the Accountant-General:—

| Districts.     | Expenditure.               |                                     | Difference. | Particulars as far as known.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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|                | As per Collector's return. | As per Accountant-General's return. |             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Vizagapatam .. | Rs. 15,916 9 0             | Rs. 16,138 3 3                      | + 221 10 3  | Rs. A. P. 83 7 0 Balance out of the district allotment.<br>138 3 3 Excess expenditure over the allotment.<br>221 10 3<br>The Collector explains that a sum of Rs. 421-10-3 was debited to "43. Minor Irrigation Works," being the cost of earthenware pipes supplied by the Consulting Architect to Government, and that if this amount is added to the expenditure returned by him, the total expenditure would amount to Rs. 16,338-3-3; but that if the sum of Rs. 200 originally drawn from the treasury by the Tahsildar of Golkonda for purchasing pipes locally but subsequently refunded by him on arrival of the pipes from Madras is deducted, the net expenditure would come to only Rs. 16,138-3-3. This explanation is not clear. If, as stated by the Collector, the advance of Rs. 200 was debited to 43. Minor Works and credited to the same head, when the amount was refunded, it is not understood why the amount should be deducted from the gross expenditure. The Collector is requested to report further on the matter. The amount does not appear, however, to have been credited to "43. Minor Works" in the Accountant-General's return showing receipts.<br>The difference is composed of the following items:—<br>Rs. A. P.<br>33 11 10 In his progress report for July 1896, the Collector reported that the amount was expunged in the treasury account as being cash recoveries. The explanation is not understood. The amount should not have been taken in abatement of charges as appears to have been done, but should have been credited to the proper head.<br>1 0 0 The figure returned by the Accountant-General in his statement for September is less by one rupee than that reported by the Collector for the same month.<br>34 11 10 Deducted by the Collector from the gross expenditure in January 1897, being the amount recovered as overpayment made in December 1896 on account of repairs executed to certain work. The amount properly appears as a credit in the Accountant-General's return for January 1897.<br>8 7 3 Deducted by the Accountant-General in the return for March 1897.<br>6 7 2 |
| Giddavari ..   | 27,604 5 4                 | 27,569 9 6                          | — 34 11 10  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Cuddapah ..    | 29,610 2 7                 | 29,616 9 9                          | + 6 7 2     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| South Arcot .. | 63,987 2 3                 | 64,230 5 10                         | + 243 3 7   | The difference is composed of the following items:—<br>Rs. A. P.<br>112 5 3 Additional expenditure reported by the Accountant-General in his return for September 1896.<br>130 14 4 Additional expenditure reported by the Accountant-General in his return for December 1896.<br>243 3 7<br>0 4 0 Deducted by the Accountant-General in his return for June 1896.<br>The difference is composed of the following items:—<br>Rs. A. P.<br>170 4 9 Additional expenditure reported by the Accountant-General in his return for September 1896.<br>18 6 11 Do. do. for November 1896.<br>14 9 3 Do. do. for December 1896.<br>234 4 3 Do. do. for March 1897.<br>437 9 2<br>0 0 9 Deduct the amount shown by the Collector as charge for carrying M.I. forms.<br>437 8 5<br>7 0 0 Adjusted by the Collector in his accounts for March 1897 in accordance with the Accountant-General's instructions.<br>430 8 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Tanjore ..     | 5,381 14 5                 | 5,381 10 5                          | — 0 4 0     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Tinnevely ..   | 37,399 2 10                | 37,829 11 3                         | + 430 8 5   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

The Collectors concerned are requested to explain these variations in communication with the Accountant-General, if necessary.

3. The expenditure which amounted to 92.74 per cent. of the allotment was on the whole satisfactory. It exceeded the allotment in Madura and Ganjam. In Vizagapatam, Kistna, North Arcot and South Arcot, the balance left unexpended was less than 1 per cent. The expenditure in the marginally-noted districts was not so satisfactory, the unexpended balance having ranged from 13.40 per cent. in Kurnool to 60.17 per cent. in Bellary. The

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large balance in the last-named district appears, however, to be due to the circumstance that an additional allotment of Rs. 7,200 placed at the disposal of the Collector in B.P., dated 20th March 1897, No. 237, was left unutilized as the works for which they were granted were, along with certain other works, placed in charge of the Public Works Department to be executed as famine-relief-works. The balance in Coimbatore is attributed to the non-execution of repairs to a certain tank owing to the existence of water therein, and, that in Anantapur, to difficulty experienced in obtaining the services of a maistry to supervise the works in the Penukonda taluk. The Collector of Kurnool attributes the balance to the non-completion of certain works in the Nandyal taluk and has called for explanation from the officer concerned. The Collector of Gódvári has not explained the large unexpended balance in his district which amounted to Rs. 4,865. He will be requested to do so now.

4. The annexed statement furnished by the Examiner of Public Works Accounts shows the outlay on minor irrigation works incurred by the Public Works Department on behalf of the Revenue department:—

STATEMENT showing the Expenditure incurred on Minor Works, Revenue Department, during the year 1896-97.

| Districts.           | Amount placed at the disposal of Public Works Department (works and repairs). | Amount expended. | Difference. |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| 1                    | 2                                                                             | 3                | 4           |
| Bellary .. .. .      | Rs. 945                                                                       | Rs. 1,228        | Rs. — 283   |
| Chingleput .. .. .   | 316                                                                           | 317              | — 1         |
| Coimbatore .. .. .   | 1,970                                                                         | 1,635            | — 335       |
| Cuddapah .. .. .     | 2,387                                                                         | 2,486            | — 99        |
| Kistna .. .. .       | 1,910                                                                         | 1,840            | — 70        |
| Kurnool .. .. .      | 330                                                                           | 792              | — 462       |
| Madura .. .. .       | 3,486                                                                         | 2,112            | 1,374       |
| Nellore .. .. .      | 2,744                                                                         | 2,734            | 10          |
| North Arcot .. .. .  | 3,756                                                                         | 2,510            | 1,246       |
| Salem .. .. .        | 3,155                                                                         | 1,425            | 1,730       |
| Tanjore .. .. .      | 965                                                                           | 969              | 6           |
| Trichinopoly .. .. . | 2,381                                                                         | 2,560            | — 179       |
| Vizagapatam .. .. .  | 791                                                                           | 622              | 169         |
| South Arcot .. .. .  | 1,280                                                                         | 807              | 473         |
| Total .. .. .        | 26,416                                                                        | 22,027           | 4,389       |

Note.—The figures in italics in column 4 denote excesses over the amounts placed at the disposal of Public Works Department.

It is presumed that the amount shown in column 2 of the above statement is exclusive of the allotment made for charges on account of establishment, tools and plant.

5. The total establishment and contingent charges for works in charge of the Revenue department amounted to Rs. 38,499 or 10.45 per cent. of the actual outlay on works. As in preceding years, no establishment was entertained in Coimbatore. In Nellore and Bellary the charges exceeded the limit of 15 per cent. of the net outlay

on works prescribed in G.O., No. 1029, dated 23rd November 1886. The Collector of Nellore has not explained the circumstances under which the charges were allowed to exceed the limit. He is requested to do so now and to see that such excess does not occur in future. As explained in the review for the preceding year, the abnormal expenditure in Bellary represents the pay of the Tungabhadra channel superintendents debited to the minor irrigation grant under B.P., dated 13th October 1894, No. 432.

6. The number of works repaired by the Tank Restoration Scheme Parties and handed over to the Revenue department during the year has been reported from the following districts only.

| Districts.           | Number of Tank Restoration Work handed over to Revenue Department. |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ganjam .. .. .       | Nil.                                                               |
| Vizagapatam .. .. .  | 4                                                                  |
| Nellore .. .. .      | Nil.                                                               |
| Anantapur .. .. .    | Nil.                                                               |
| Kurnool .. .. .      | 61                                                                 |
| Chingleput .. .. .   | Nil.                                                               |
| North Arcot .. .. .  | 46                                                                 |
| South Arcot .. .. .  | Nil.                                                               |
| Tanjore .. .. .      | 46                                                                 |
| Trichinopoly .. .. . | 57                                                                 |
| Madura .. .. .       | Nil.                                                               |
| Tinnevely .. .. .    | 141                                                                |
| Coimbatore .. .. .   | Nil.                                                               |
| Salem .. .. .        | Nil.                                                               |
| Malabar .. .. .      | Nil.                                                               |

• Information promised by the Collector.

It is presumed that in the remaining districts no works were handed over to the Revenue Department.

(True Copy and Extract).

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASAR,  
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.  
" the " Public Works Department.  
" all Collectors, except those of South Canara and Nilgiris.  
" the Accountant-General.  
" the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.  
" the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.  
" the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue.

ORDER—No. 585A, Revenue, dated 17th July 1897.

Irrigation No. 3.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,  
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement,  
Land Records and Agriculture).

Copy to the Public Works Department.  
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