M.R.O. 1—77,006—8-6-37.

(1) Number of pages_____

(2) Date of repair_____

(3) Initials of the Referencer_____

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1501 Press / Mis.

137-138.

Dated 15—10— 1873.

4/5

Not to be folded or roughly handled

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,

15*th October* 1873.

No. 137. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th September 1873, No. 1940:—

Read the following letter from R. K. PUCKLE, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Nannagaram, 21st August 1873, No. 442:—

In reply to the Board's Proceedings, No. 1221, dated 8th July 1873, I have the honour to inform you that I am systematically taking up tank and channel banks for jungle conservancy for the growth of fuel and timber trees and to afford a break to the wind and shelter to the fields below. We have now 113 banks thus conserved, and, as I go over each village and visit each irrigation work taluq by taluq in the course of the settlement now in progress, the extension of the system will be very great, and I shall be able to spend to the greatest advantage the whole of the surplus in hand.

2. In the Tenkasi Taluq, where I am now engaged, every important tank bank running across the set of the violent westerly winds so prevalent here has been, or will be, conserved in the course of a few weeks more. My system is to fence the banks across at each end and at intervals of 200 yards or so to keep cattle from passing along them, and to appoint a watchman who is paid up to 5 Rupees per mensem according to the results he shows. In many cases the result is extraordinary. Tank banks taken up only last year are now so thickly covered with brushwood and under-growth that it is difficult to keep a path open along the top of the bank. Timber trees of various kinds are now growing up in this brushwood, and the probabilities are that such tanks will never require earth-work repairs except after a disastrous storm.

3. I am, moreover, allotting tracts of jungle for grazing and free firewood cutting to each village at the hill foot and to these watchmen are appointed, and their number is mostly increased as fresh jungles are marked off during settlement.

4. As the settlement of each taluq is completed I will furnish the Board with a map showing the works taken up for conservancy.

Submitted to Government with reference to G.O., dated 14th June 1873, No. 841, paragraph 3.

2. The Board greatly approve the Collector's method of dealing with tank and channel banks as well as the system followed in regard to village jungle, and circulate Mr. Puckle's letter to all districts excepting Malabar and Canara. A similar application of surplus Jungle Conservancy funds appears generally desirable.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 138. Order thereon, 15th October 1873, No. 1501.

The Government are greatly indebted to Mr. Puckle for so effectively utilizing the funds that have been raised for this special and very important purpose.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Public Works Department
Exd. J. Wright.

No. 1,940.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 25th September 1873.

Read the following letter from R. K. PUCKLE, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Nannagaram, 21st August 1873, No. 442:—

IN reply to the Board's Proceedings, No. 1,221, dated 8th July 1873, I have the honour to inform you that I am systematically taking up tank and channel-banks for jungle conservancy for the growth of fuel and timber trees and to afford a break to the wind and shelter to the fields below. We have now 113 banks hus conserved, and, as I go over each village and visit each irrigation work taluq by taluq in the course of the settlement now in progress, the extension of the system will be very great and I shall be able to spend to the greatest advantage the whole of the surplus in hand.

2. In the Tenkasi Taluq, where I am now engaged, every important tank bank running across the set of the violent westerly winds so prevalent here has been, or will be, conserved in the course of a few weeks more. My system is to fence the banks across at each end and at intervals of 200 yards or so to keep cattle from passing along them, and to appoint a watchman who is paid up to 5 Rupees per mensem according to the results he shows. In many cases the result is extraordinary. Tank-banks taken up only last year are now so thickly covered with brushwood and under-growth that it is difficult to keep a path open along the top of the bank. Timber trees of various kinds are now growing up in this brushwood, and the probabilities are that such tanks will never require earth-work repairs except after a disastrous storm.

3. I am, moreover, allotting tracts of jungle for grazing and free firewood cutting to each village at the hill foot and to these watchmen are appointed, and their number is mostly increased as fresh jungles are marked off during settlement.

4. As the settlement of each taluq is completed I will furnish the Board with a map showing the works taken up for conservancy.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G. O., dated 14th June 1873, No. 841, paragraph 3.

2. The Board greatly approve the Collector's method of dealing with tank and channel-banks as well as the system followed in regard to village jungle and circulate Mr. Puckle's letter to all districts excepting Malabar and Canara. A similar application of surplus jungle conservancy funds appears generally desirable.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

H Stokes

Acting Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department.
,, all Collectors, except Malabar and South Canara.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

G.O., 01 1873 30th
FINANCIAL.
To
THE BOARD OF REVENUE.
&c.,
Dated October, 15th,
Read,
G.O., 15th October 1873, No. 1501.
OCTOBER.
Nos. 137-138.
Tinnevelly District.—Satisfaction expressed
the effective manner in which Mr. Puckle
utilizing the surplus of the Jungle Conserva
Fund of his district.

Financial Department

1873.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 25TH SEPTEMBER 1873, No. 1,940.

Dept 28 Oct 1873.
Encl.

No. 1867

Received 16 October 1873

SEPTEMBER.

No. 1,940.

Jungle Conservancy Fund—of Tinnevelly District.—Letter from Collector reporting manner in which surplus of — is expended, submitted to Government. Collector's method of dealing with tank and channel-banks as well as system followed in regard to village jungle, approved; and Collector's letter circulated to all districts but South Canara and Malabar

With ref

Forwarded 15 Sept 1873 for sanction

C 13-10 R 15-10.

Govt. of {1873} Madras.

Financial.

To The Board of Revenue.

Dated Oct. 15.
Recd. Fn

G. O. 15 Oct. , 1873, No. 1501.

Nos. 137- 138.

Tinnevelly Dist. Satisfaction expressed at the effective manner in which Mr. Puckle is utilizing the Surplus of the Jungle Conservancy fund of his Dist.-