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No. 47. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Tinnevelly, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Tinnevelly, 11th December 1872, No. 270:—

I have the honour to furnish the information called for in paragraph 12 of Government Proceedings, No. 1389, dated 10th October.

2. As explained in my letter, No. 390, dated 26th December 1871, the people were much discontented at the imposition of the trades-tax in Palamcottah last year, and when I thought it high time to interfere in the matter, demand notices to the extent of 1,800 Rupees had been issued, though the Budget Estimate of assets from this tax amounted to but 1,500 Rupees. My first step was to ascertain who could pay without inconvenience, and I found that Rupees 570 would be paid by classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 without a murmur, thus leaving but 930 Rupees to be paid by the remaining traders of the town in classes 6 and 8.

3. I next determined the trades that should not be taxed at all, and excused the washermen, barbers, muchies, musicians, itinerant vendors, native doctors, rope-twisters, dyers, and other petty traders altogether, and called on the bazaarmen, kummalers, silk-weavers, bricklayers, oilmongers, betel-vine growers, chunam-burners, and chucklers to apportion this 930 Rupees among themselves. After much discussion this was at length effected, and the money was collected and paid; the proportions paid by these castes were as under:—

	Rs.
Bazaarmen	300
Kummalers	250
Silk-weavers	200
Bricklayers	70
Oilmongers	30
Betel-vine growers	20
Chunam-burners	30
Chucklers	30
Total ...	930

4. It was not so much the imposition of the tax as the injudicious and arbitrary manner in which it was being levied that gave rise to discontent, and I found no difficulty in reconciling the parties concerned and fixing the proportions to be paid by each in the course of a few hours' discussion with the heads of the several castes.

No. 48. ORDER THEREON, 9th January 1873, No. 37.

To be recorded.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Govt. of [1873] Madras.

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Dated January, 9th.

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G. O., 9th January 1873, No. 37.

JANUARY.
Nos. 47-48.

Recording a letter from the President, submitting the information called for by Government regarding the imposition of the trades-tax in the Palamcottah Municipality.

No. 270. Tinnevelly 11th December 1872.

From R. K. Puckle Esqre.
President Municipal Commissioners

To The Honourable W. Huddleston
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honour to furnish the information called for in para 12 of Government proceedings No. 1389 dated 10th October.

2. As explained in my letter No. 390 dated 26th December 1871, the people were much discontented at the imposition of the trades tax in Palamcottah last year, when I thought it high time to interfere in the matter, demand notices to the extent of 1800 Rupees had been issued, though the budget estimate of assets from this tax amounted to but 1,500 Rupees. My first step was to ascertain who could pay without inconvenience, and I found that Rupees 570 would be paid by classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 7 without a murmur, thus leaving but 930 Rupees to be paid by the remaining traders of the town in classes 6 & 8.

3. I next determined the trades that should not be taxed at all, and excused the washermen, barbers, Smiths, Musicians, itinerant Vendors, native doctors, Rope twisters, Dyers & other petty traders altogether, & called on the

Bazaarmen,
Kummalers,
Silk weavers,
Bricklayers,
Oilmongers,
Betel nut Growers,
Chunam burners,
& Chucklers - to apportion this 930 Rupees among themselves. after much discussion, this was at length effected, and the money was collected and paid; the proportions paid by these Castes were as under.

Bazaarmen	Rupees	300.
Kummalers	"	250.
Silk wears	"	200.
Bricklayers	"	70.
Oil Mongers	"	30.
Betel nut Growers	"	20.
Chunam burners	"	30.
Chucklers	"	30.
Total Rupees		930.

4. It was not so much the imposition of the tax as the injudicious and arbitrary manner in which it was being levied that gave rise to discontent, and I found no difficulty in reconciling the parties concerned and fixing the proportions to be paid

Miscellaneous No. 8526 Revenue Depr. Amnt

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 23d December 1872

Read the following.

No. 280B

From A MacGregor Esqre
Collector of Malabar

To J Grose Esqre
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir With reference to the Board's Proceedings dated 13th September 1871 No. 3243 on Government order dated 6th idem No. 1546, I have the honor to submit the following report on the result of the working of the two dams named in the margin situated on the Canal between Ponani and Chingalat

or manager
Ayinur

2. The first of these was leased out for the season from October 71 to May 1872 for a sum of Rs. 800, and the second had been managed under the agency of the revenue authorities, as the bid offered was remarkably low, being only a little over Rs. 100. It was

was accordingly worked from the 27th January to 10th June 1872, and brought in an income of Rs: 227.

3. The total receipts on account of both these dams amounted to Rs 1035-13-- while the charges aggregated Rs: 577--8.

Dams	Receipts			Charges		
	Particulars		Amount	Particulars		Amount
Anicuttys	Amount of lease		800 " "	Pay of Coolies employed in passing boats over		384 " "
	Interest levied on arrears of instalment		2 12 "	Expenses for throwing up the Dam		439 "
	Collections on 2/3 to 4th June 1872 not included in the lease		6 1 "	Registration fee of Contractor's Security bond and kychit		2 4 "
	Total		808 13 "	Total		427 13 "
	Toll Collections from 27th January to 10th June 1872		227 " "	Pay of Coolies		142 15 8
				Expenses for throwing up & removing dam		4 4 "
	Total		227 " "	Total		147 3 8
	Grand Total		1035 13 "	Grand Total		577 " 8
				Net Surplus		458 12 4

resulting in a net profit of Rs: 458-12-4 to Government, as detailed in the margin.

4. The above figures prove that the arrangement is not only self-supporting but also remunerative, and there is every reason to suppose that in time it will result more advantageously to the State, through the means of competition on the part of intending purchasers.

I have &c.
(Sd) A. MacGregor
(Master

Malabar
(Masters Office
on Circuit
Vythery 13th December 1872

Submitted

by each in the course of a few hours' discussion with the heads of the several Castes.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most Obed Servt
R. H. Puckle
President

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To. The Chief Secretary
to Government
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Enclosure None

No. 2586

Submitting the information called for in para 12 of Government Proceedings No. 1389 dated 10th October 1872 regarding the imposition of trades tax in Palamcottah municipality.

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Dated 9th January

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G O. 9th January, 1873, No. 37.

Nos. 47-48.

Recording a letter from the Presidt, submitting the information called for by Govt regarding the imposition of the Trades Tax in the Palamcottah Municipality