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No. 20. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd October 1857.

In Consultation 3rd October 1857. Read letter from the Acting Collector of Nellore, dated 19th May 1857.

(Here enter No, 73.)

Resolved that the above letter be laid before Government with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation 12th February last, No. 299, P. W. D. (Railway.)

2. In these Minutes the Board were required to report on the probability of the cost of revetting the tanks eastward of the Pennar with stone being repaid by extension of cultivation consequent on the contemplated reduction of the Nunjah Assessment of Nellore.

3. From the Statement forwarded by the Acting Collector it appears that (excluding pasturage lands acres 8,287) the Ayacut Assessment of the villages to the Eastward of the Pennar and within its influence is 1,03,567 Rupees. Of this, lands assessed at Rupees 72,868 are occupied, 60110 being under cultivation and 12,758 Waste. The unoccupied waste therefore amounts to Rupees 30,707, but much of this as well as a portion of the occupied waste is liable to submission from the Jaffer Saib channel. Of the sum of Rupees 12,758 above mentioned nearly 8,000 Rupees were remitted on this account in Fusly 1266.

4. The different rates of Assessment prevailing in these villages are also given in the Acting Collector's Statement and it will be seen that when the average rate is highest the extent of waste is also generally largest no correct inferrence however can be drawn without knowing the area of land subject to each rate of tax.

5. The Board see no reason to doubt that a reduction of Assessment will lead to a considerable extension of cultivation, but it cannot be expected that the entire Ayacut will be brought under cultivation.

6. The Board are disposed to concur with the Chief Engineer that the revetment of the tanks unless necessary for their security should be postponed until it is seen what the effect of reducing the Assessment is likely to be. They would however suggest that early measures be adopted for preventing the annual inundations mentioned by the Acting Collector and for extending the means of irrigation to the 5 villages which are still unsupplied with water from the Pennar.

(Signed) **J. D. SIM,**
Acting Secretary.

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, No. 1985; dated 22nd October 1857.

In these Proceedings, the Board of Revenue submit, with their own views, the reply of the Collector of Nellore to the question, whether the cost of revetting with stone the bunds of the tanks situated eastward of the Pennar annicut, estimated at Rupees 1,82,175, was likely to be covered by the increase to be expected in the cultivation from a reduction of the Nunjah Assessment.

2. The Board shew that the lands of the villages to the eastward of the Pennar annicut still remaining unoccupied, are of limited extent, the Assessment being only Rupees 30,707, and of this extent, they say, a large portion is annually liable to submersion from the Jaffer Sahib channel. They have no doubt that a reduction in the Assessment will extend the cultivation but even then, they do not calculate on the whole Ayacut being occupied. On the whole therefore they think with the Chief Engineer that the proposal of the revetment is not immediately called for, and the Government agree with them in this opinion.

3. The Board however suggest that early measures should be taken to prevent the annual inundation mentioned by the Acting Collector, and to extend the means of irrigation to the five villages which are still unsupplied with water. These points are alluded to in para. 5 of the Acting Collector's letter, and the Government resolve to call the Chief Engineer's attention to that Officer's representation.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Revenue Deptt.

No. 3324

Extract from the Proceedings of the Bd. of Revenue, dated 3d October 1857.

Read letter from the Actg. Collector of Nellore dated 19th May 1857. In Con 3d Oct. 1857. 1 Rece Entor No 731

Resolved that the above letter be laid before Government with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation 12th February last. No 299. P. No 2, Railway.

In these Minutes the Board were required to report on the probability of the cost of revetting the Tank Eastward of the Pennar with stone, being repaid by extension of cultivation consequent on the contemplated reduction of the Nunjah Assessment of Nellore.

3. From the Statement forwarded by the Acting Collector it appears that (excluding pasturage lands Acres 8287), the Ayacut Assessment of the Villa

to the Eastward of the Pennair and within its influence is 1,03,576 Rs. Of this, lands assessed at Rupees 72,868 are occupied, 5,110 being under cultivation and 12,758 Waste. The unoccupied Waste therefore amounts to Rupees 30,707, but much of this as well as a portion of the occupied waste is liable to submersion from the Jaffer Sait Channel. Of the sum of 12,758 Rs above mentioned nearly 8000 Rupees were remitted on this account in Fusly 1256.

4. The different rates of Assessment prevailing in these Villages are also given in the Acting Collector's Statement and it will be seen that where the average rate is highest the extent of waste is also generally largest. No correct inference however can be drawn without knowing the areas of land subject to each rate of tax.

5. The Board see no reason to doubt that a reduction of Assessment will lead to a considerable extension of cultivation, but it cannot be expected that the entire ayacut will be brought under

cultivation

6. The Board are disposed to concur with the Chief Engineer that the revetment of the Tombs unless necessary for their security should be postponed until it is seen what the effect of reducing the Assessment is likely to be. They would however suggest that early measures be adopted for preventing the annual inundations mentioned by the Acting Collector and for extending the means of irrigation to the 5 Villages which are still unsupplied with water from the Pennar.

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J. Blunt

Acting Secretary

To H. Forbes Esq

Acting Secretary to Government

Revenue Department.

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Public Works Department

No. 1985

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
(Under date the 22d October 1857

Read the following
Extract from the Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue.

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In these proceedings
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the reply of the Collector
of Nellore to the question,
whether the cost of revetting
with stone the bunds of
the Tanks situated
eastwards

Public Works
Consultation 29th Oct. 1857
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Dated 22nd October 1857
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No. 3324

Sch. No. 1988. 22nd October
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the opinion thereon of
Mr. Collector of Nellore
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for revetting the Tanks
and the Pennaur with
stone, the cost to be repaid
by the ryots according
to the provisions of the
Act of Parliament
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