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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 8th October 1862.

No. 124. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 3rd October 1862, No. 2,132 :—

Declining to accede to the terms proposed by Náráyana Pillay for restoring an old Anicut across a branch of the Ambravaty in the Coimbatore District and offering to agree to a Cowle on liberal conditions, and requesting that the District Engineer may be directed to fix, in communication with the Collector, a period within which the Anicut must be built if the above applicant is willing to undertake the work on the above terms.

(Vide Revenue Proceedings, 3rd October 1862, Nos. 24-25.)

No. 125. ORDER THEREON, 8th October 1862, No. 2,406.

Communicated to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, for information and guidance.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department :—

Referring to this Department Board's Proceedings together with its enclosures in view to the stipulations under which the concession now authorized is to be made to Náráyana Pillay for repairing an old Anicut on the Ambravaty river in Coimbatore, being considered. } (Here enter 16th September 1862, No. 2,207.)

ORDER THEREON, 3rd October 1862, No. 2,132.

1. In the Department Public Works one Náráyana Pillay has been authorized to restore an old Anicut across a branch of the Ambravaty in the Coimbatore District, but it has been left to this Department to determine the stipulations under which this permission may be conceded.

2. In the papers noted above two schemes are submitted for consideration.

3. The terms offered by the applicant himself and supported by the local Officers are :—

(1.) That he should have the use of all the water;

(2.) That he should pay the lowest Nunjah rate for each Káni cultivated;

(3.) That he should undertake to bring 500 Kánis under cultivation in five years.

4. The conditions recommended by the Board are still more liberal :—

(1.) That he should have a preferential right to the whole Ayakut;

(2.) That he should pay Punjah rates *plus* a seigniorage of a quarter Rupee per acre of wet cultivation in recognition of the State's rights in the stream.

5. The Board's proposal, however, is nearly tantamount to giving away the water, and, if the returns are to be anything like what is anticipated, the Government would prefer to wait till they are in a position to undertake the work themselves, rather than alienate the greater part of the profits in perpetuity.

6. Moreover both schemes seem open to another objection. In either case the land under the Anicut would always be held under a more favorable tenure than other land around it, and this is by no means desirable. The neighbouring Ryots might recognize the justice of allowing favorable rates while the Petitioner's [illegible] was fresh in their minds, but they would soon forget this, and begin to regard their own assessment as excessive. This would be still more the case when the land passed into other hands.

7. For these reasons the Governor in Council prefers to grant Náráyana Pillay a liberal progressive Cowle on a principle which is universally understood, and will not be liable to the same misconstruction. The Cowle will be granted on the following terms:—The first year the land will not be taxed at all, and in the second and third years a quarter of the assessment will be sufficient. In each succeeding year the demand will be increased by a quarter of the full Tirvah, till in the sixth it reaches the full assessment.

8. The Collector will ascertain what extent of land the applicant is willing to take upon these terms, and he will also, in communication with the District Engineer, fix a period, within which the Anicut must be built and brought into efficient working order. The Cowle, and the corresponding Muchilka to be executed by the applicant, must contain a stipulation that in default it will be open to the Government to take their own measures.

(True Extract.)

Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
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