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From,

The Hon'ble C. Pelly,
Member of the Board of Revenue

To

J. D. Sim Esqre.
Secretary to Government.
Rev. Dept.

Sir,

I have the honor, with reference to my Report on the Village Establishments of North Arcot (para 25) to supply the information respecting the irrigation of that district. The number of irrigation works in the district is great and to supply all on the tentative scale applied to the ceded Districts would require no less than 1762 men, who on 2 Rs. each would entail a cost of £2,288 Rupees. The number of men at present entertained is 1154, whose remuneration by lands and fees, which together yield an income valued at about 8620 Rupees but the fees are not regularly paid - and if a fee cess is introduced the present

fees

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fees will of course be abolished.

2. The Collector has taken considerable pains to ascertain what number of men are required. At first the Tahsildars recommended a large number of Nirgunties, but as complaints about the distribution of water are rare Mr. Fraser thought it might be modified, and directed the Tahsildars to reconsider the matter, and to fix the number of Nirgunties with reference to the peculiar circumstances of each tank, independent of any scale. The result is that the number required for the whole district is 1123 men - or 31 less than the present number - and the cost, at 24 Rupees per annum for each man, is Rs-26952.

3. I have had two of the Tahsildars up to explain their recommendations - and I believe that if an effective establishment is to be maintained at all, less than they have now recommended will not answer. They have proposed men only for those Tanks, which from one circumstance or another, either from the withdrawal of the Potail talary who formerly looked after the tanks, or from the fact that the Vettyans of the village not being now sufficient to undertake the duty of looking after the tanks, or from other cause, seemed to require a separate man to attend to the work. The number is less by 639 than the scale of the Ceded Districts would have given - and 31 less than the existing number.

4 Nirgunties have not been allotted to many tanks where, in the opinion of the local officers, they could be dispensed with, though the cultivation under them is larger in several instances, than under other tanks for which it has been deemed necessary to provide Nirgunties.

5. The cost of 26952 rupees will have to be added to the estimated cost of the village establishment reported on in my letter dated 11th July 1862. In this

this amount is not included, it seems, the cost of establishment for the three Arnicuts noted in the margin under the immediate charge of the Department of Public Works, and for which the Chief Engineer has submitted an estimate amounting to Rupees 3960 per Annum. So that the whole cost for tending Arnicuts, Tanks and Channels in this District will be 30,912 Rupees.

1 Palar Arnicut Rs. 160
1 Poinai — do — 90
1 Cheyar — do — 80
3 Pershouk 330
Per year 3960

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
P. Kelly
Member.

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