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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
23rd November 1864.*

No. 471. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th November 1864, No. 7,353.

Read the following letter from W. M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 26th October 1864, No 342 :—

SIR,

1. As directed in the Proceedings\* of Government, under date the 6th instant, No. 2,884, communicated with the Board's order of the 10th idem, I have the honor herewith to forward a translation of the Tahsildar's report therein referred to, as also of the list of works accompanying it.

2. I would take this opportunity also of submitting, for the information of the Board, a copy of the communication addressed by myself to the Superintending Engineer on the same subject, on the 1st December 1863.

ENCLOSURE No 1.

ABSTRACT.—Translation of an Arzi from the Tahsildar of Negapatam, dated 15th June 1864, No. 409.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ABSTRACT.—List of Maramut works to be executed in the Mahanams of the Kilaiyur and Palakurchi, in Negapatam Taluq

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

From W. M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to Captain E. A. FOORD, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, dated 1st December 1863, No. 294.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to bring to your notice the following circumstances connected with the village of Karappadagai, in the Negapatam Taluq.

2. This is a large village situated on the coast, containing a very considerable extent of cultivable land. No less than Rupees 31,612 have been laid out in the course of seventeen years, from 1841 to 1857, on various projects devised by Colonel Lawford for the improvement of the drainage of this and certain other villages situated higher up, but owing to the means of drainage, as also of irrigation not having been perfected, and the occasional damages, and injuries caused to the works already executed not having been repaired, the villages have year by year been subjected to an alternate succession of drought and inundation, by which, in addition to the heavy loss sustained by the cultivators, an average loss of about Rupees 6,300 per annum has been incurred by Government on account of remissions granted for waste and damaged cultivation. Thus, the considerable outlay incurred by Government for securing an increase of revenue, has proved ineffectual.

3 From the accompanying copy of the Tahsildar's report and its enclosure, it will be seen, that by providing an efficient outlet for the large body of the drainage which at present is thrown back over the villages in question, by deepening and strongly embanking the existing surplus channels, and carrying out other subsidiary works of earth and masonry therewith connected, not only would the loss by remissions now annually granted as mentioned above, be saved, but an increased area of about 4,400 acres, yielding an annual revenue of Rupees 11,700 be brought under cultivation, thus securing, in the aggregate, an annual profit of about Rupees 18,000 in both ways. The probable cost of the improvements required to be carried out, is roughly calculated at about Rupees 10,000 only.

*With an order*  
*ex 3361-23 dated 1964*