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No: 48. South West D^y Office,
Camp Plothaquoddi.
29th January 1883.

From

The Executive Engineer,
South West Division

L. The Supg. Engineer,
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In G O No 270 m. dated 31st January, 1882, the employment of a temporary establishment for the Island and Sub Division, or in other words, the retention of the Sub Div, was extended to the year 1882-83, and this sanction expires by the end of February 1883; I have now the honor to request that, under the circumstances set forth below, you will be good enough to obtain at once a sanction to the retention of the Sub Div at least, for another year.

2. The restoration of the Ancient and Head Sluice, and the construction of the Croft drainage works, together with ~~the~~ clearance of the main channel, can ^{be} now said to be completed, with the exception of some petty items and

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Rs 44 per annum year 1882-83, and this sanction expires
Rs 528 per annum by the end of February 1883; I have now

and every thing done is in a very efficient and creditable order. Water was let down the main channel on the 26th October/82 and all the Tanks have received as full and abundant supply as their present capacity can admit, and the irrigation of the season is somewhat favorable, when compared with most of the preceding years since the channel was first brought into operation in 1875-76, and considering the somewhat lateness of the season when the channel was reopened.

3. According to a statement furnished by the Revenue Inspector, the extent of lands brought under cultivation up to Decr/82 amounts to 2779 acres assessed at Rs 10579, as noted below:—

	acres	Rupes.
1. Old wet lands watered from the channel —	1451	5174
2. Dry land converted into wet —	1328	4905
3. Revenue said to be yet collected up to 31 st March/83 —	"	500.
	<u>2779</u>	<u>10,579</u>
Deduct revenue previous to the construction of the Anicut. —	"	5,981
		<u>4,598</u>
Net revenue of 1882-83 due to the Anicut System —	"	<u>4,598</u>

4. The above net revenue is certainly very

very unfavorably disproportionate, when compared with the results of Rs 60,557 from an extent of 17,007 acres originally anticipated from the system, and with the outlay already incurred thereon; but the advance made this year is a substantial one, as there can be no occasion for remission, and it promises to be more so next season, as by that time the syot will have been well and prepared a good deal more land. Considering, however, the repeated accidents which this unfortunate system met with, and its incomplete state in the way of storage works, minor distributaries and crop drainage works (if indeed the last have just been finished), as also the want of interest hitherto aroused by the syot in the system, it is no wonder that the results are not more favorable.

5. In fact, until the system is thoroughly completed in every respect, it is not likely that irrigation to any appreciable extent can be expected. The minor distributaries, for which estimates amounting to Rupees 7000 have

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have just been received, and the storage works, for which estimates are in active preparation and which are all expected very shortly, should be carried out next year, without fail. Several of the existing Tanks are not of sufficient capacity to hold the required quantity of water for the proposed additional extent. The improvements of these Tanks must cost about Rs 50,000 or so. The clearing of several of the main & branch channels should also be undertaken next year, for which estimates are being prepared.

6. The villagers under the system have not yet fully appreciated the advantages to be derived by them from the system on which the Government have laid out a very large amount, and so every trifling thing connected with this system has to be done by the D.P.W. without the least hope of getting any assistance from the villagers, until the project is brought into full development and until the latter are made to see into what has been done for them. On the whole a further outlay of some

60 or 70 thousand Rupees in the next year, both under Capital and Revenue, will still be absolutely necessary to meet the objects in view. If all these remaining works are not at once attended to, the system and the outlay already incurred thereon must certainly prove unremunerative, or, at all events, any appreciable results cannot be expected before a great many years.

7. It was on the above grounds that I have all along advocated since 1880 that the Arcut system should form a special Sub 2nd until it is brought into full development, and now it will be observed from the foregoing that at Pelandrai there is more than sufficient work for a Sub 2nd Officer and an Overseer, especially considering the great difficulty always experienced in procuring labor and materials in the neighbourhood. I therefore still very strongly adhere to my advocacy, and respectfully submit, in the interests of the Division and the unfortunate system in question, that you will take the matter into your serious consideration, and support strongly my recommendation, which, if sanctioned, will, I am sure,

be attended with very beneficial results.

8. I do not, for a moment, expect that the Sub D^e Officer, Chidambaram, could attend to the requirements of the project in question and do any justice to the same, without materially neglecting his present and the most important charge, which, as at present constituted, is certainly most unwieldy. The Chidambaram Taluk alone is a sufficient charge for a Sub D^e Officer of standing with a staff of, at least, a supervisor and an Overseer of some experience; whereas he has, in addition, the Vriddha-chellam, Meehmathur & Kottumyllore Ancient systems, each of which is in need of vast improvements, together with other Imperial Tanks and Anicuts in the Vriddha-chellam & Kallakurichi Taluks, most of which are in need of early & constant attention, especially those in the latter Taluk. In this Taluk, most of the Imperial works are petty rough stone anicuts over jungle streams or torrents from adjacent hills, which come down unexpectedly with all the force and rapidity, natural to such streams, affecting each time, more or less heavily, several of the works and

and demanding thereby special attention of the Sub D^e Officer.

9. In fact, the present Chidambaram Sub D^e has been all along the most important Range in the District, and until 1880 it formed two Sub D^s. It is therefore certainly unreasonable to expect that an officer, in charge of such an unwieldy and important Sub D^e, can do justice to his duty, if the long neglected and extensive system requirements of the Pelandurai Anicut are laid upon him, in addition, however hard working, active and willing he may be. This course, if ever attempted, at any rate until the project is brought into full development, must unavoidably result in more or less neglect of all works in the whole Sub Division.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Yours most obedient

Aldrinth Major R.E.
Executive Engineer

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From

The Executive Engineer
South Arcot Division

Submitted to the Chief
Engineer P. W. D.
I recommend that
Sanction may be given
to the retention of the
Temporary Office, Est.
Establishment of the P.
Landorai Amnicut
System during 1883-84.

No: 48.

Dated 29th January 1883
Sept^r 30th — — —
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Chamberlain
Supr^y Eng^y
5th Circle

N^o 573 Waf 22 Feb 1883

17th February 1883.
N^o 573 Waf 22 Feb 1883.
Sanctioned.
Funds will be allotted
next financial year.

Landorai Sub. Div.
— — — Requesting
that sanction may be
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at least for another
year.

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C. & for J.
E. & S. W. ✓
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