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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 23rd January 1863.

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Read the following letter from G. L. MORRIS, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vellum, 26th December 1862, No. 488.

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1. With reference to the Board's order of the 23rd April last, No. 2,592, communicating the Proceedings of Government relative to the relinquishment of the one-quarter per cent. cess levied on the traffic at the port of Nagore, and the application of the proceeds of that cess which are remaining in the deposit; I have the honor, before submitting my views as to the mode of expending the amount now in deposit, to solicit the instructions of the Board on one point.

2. As the Board are aware, the cess in question was originally fixed upon the conditions that two-thirds of its proceeds should be applied to the maintenance respectively of the Hindoo Temple and the Mahomedan Mosque in the Town of Nagore, and the remaining one-third to the conservancy of the banks of the river Vettar. These conditions though not practically enforced yet were never in any way rescinded, and the Mahomedan and Hindoo population having heard that it was proposed to apply all the amount in hand to works of public utility in their town have protested against such an appropriation of the funds.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

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Copy to G. L. Morris, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore.

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