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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
7th October 1864.*

No. 62. Read the following letter from W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 26th September 1864, No. 6,292 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to Government Order, dated 17th August 1864, No. 1,483, Revenue Department, calling for the Board's opinion on the proposal to transfer the cost of certain Establishments on works of Irrigation and Navigation from the Budget of the Department Public Works to that of the Revenue Department, I am directed by the Board to submit the accompanying file of replies from the Collectors in whose Districts those Establishments are maintained to the Board's Circular Order issued in connection with Government Order, dated 27th November 1863, No. 2,148, which replies were recorded as received with intended reference to a Government Order *directing* the transfer of the charge. The Board have not been able to trace this Government Order, which however they remember to have seen, and which appears to be referred to in paragraph 10 of the Government letter to Bengal, dated 18th January 1864. The Government Order which has been erroneously quoted in the Board's Proceedings recording the Collectors' letters, had reference to Cochrane's Canal only.

2. The Government will observe that the Collectors generally are in favor of the transfer, and the Board are decidedly of opinion that it should be carried out in great part, if not entirely, in order to relieve the grant for the execution and maintenance of public works, from charges which are in no way whatever connected with those objects, but are incurred solely for the purpose of realizing the Revenue returns from the works, which revenue is not credited to the Department Public Works.

3. The only objections raised to the transfer are by Mr. Morris and Mr. Dykes.

4. The former considers that the cost ought to be debited to the Department which supervises the working of the Establishment to avoid the evils of divided authority. The Board see little force in this objection, as the mode in which the cost is debited in the Imperial account cannot possibly have any influence on the conduct of the Establishment, and the question of who shall supervise the working of the Establishments is altogether a distinct one, and may perhaps be separately considered by Government on independent grounds.

5. Mr. Dykes appears to desire that the entire cost of executing, maintaining, and working an irrigation work should be so charged as to allow of a true estimate being formed of the resulting profits; but there is nothing whatever in the proposed transfer to prevent this from being done.

6. It however appears that the Establishments in question are for some portion of the year really employed in the execution of minor repairs, and as this is a work the cost of which should properly be charged to the provision in the Department Public Works Budget for this purpose, the Board are disposed to think that the original proposal to transfer the entire charge to the Revenue Budget went somewhat too far, and that the principle on which the Government proposition proceeds will be satisfied by the transfer of three-fourths of the charge.

No. 63.

ORDER THEREON, 7th October 1864, No. 1,842.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to lie over pending the receipt of the information to be furnished by the Public Works Department, agreeably to paragraph 1 of the Order dated 17th August 1864, No. 1,483.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Public Works Department.
Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 7,883.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 15th December 1863.

Read the following:—

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following:—

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Official Memorandum from Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 17th November 1863:—

The Secretary in the Public Works Department begs to bring to the notice of Government that as the large sum for conservancy, now ordered to be added to the cost of Public Works Establishment, is intended to meet the payment of persons employed either on the management and distribution of water from Anicuts and Channels, or on the management of Locks and supervision of Canals on which all boats plying are now required to pay tolls which go to General Revenue, it appears only proper that the cost of these Establishments, instead of being made a charge against Public Works, should be debited against Revenue, in the same way as the pay of Nirgunties employed in superintending and apportioning water from village Tanks and Channels. The Secretary would suggest that the Board of Revenue be called upon to examine the Lists of the Conservancy Establishments employed on Anicuts and Channels under the control of the Department of Public Works; and to report whether the whole or what portion of the cost may properly be transferred from the Public Works to the Revenue Budget.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd November 1863, No. 3,419.

Referred to the Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

ORDER THEREON, 27th November 1863, No. 2,148.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for early report.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

Ordered that extract from the Department Public Works Budget, showing the Establishments in question, be communicated to the Collectors of the Districts concerned, with instructions to ascertain exactly how the Establishments are employed, and report how far, in their opinion, the charge should be transferred from the Department Public Works to the Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To G. S. Forbes, Esq., Collector of Ganjam,
" D. F. Carmichael, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam,
" H. Morris, Esq., Acting Collector of the Godavery District,
" E. B. Foord, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District,
" J. W. B. Dykes, Esq., Collector of Nellore,
" G. Banbury, Esq., Acting Collector of Madras,
" J. Fraser, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot,
" C. W. Reade, Esq., Collector of South Arcot,
" W. M. Calhoun, Esq., Collector of Tanjore,
" M. J. Walhouse, Esq., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly,
" V. H. Levinge, Esq., Collector of Madura,
" J. Silver, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely,

with Extract from Public
Works Budget.

Exd. J. Wright.

From the Collector of Tanjore, dated Vellum, 31st December 1863, No. 493.

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings under date the 15th instant, No. 7,883, I have the honor to state that the Conservancy Establishments therein referred to are of two descriptions, the one attached to Irrigation works at the heads of the Kaveri and its main branches, and the other to the locks of navigable Canals.

2. The duties of the Establishments first mentioned and which are termed "Niranikkam" consist in watching the Anikuts and in shutting and opening their sluices as occasion may require, in order to regulate the distribution of supply and also in watching and protecting the embankments in the immediate vicinity of the said works and the plantations therewith connected. These functions being immediately connected with the system of irrigation, seem to me to fall more legitimately within the sphere of the Revenue Department, and I conceive therefore, that the cost of these Establishments would more properly be chargeable to the Revenue than to the Public Works Department.

3. The Lock Establishments are employed in opening and closing the locks as required, and to keeping them in order, and the cost of these Establishments should in my opinion be also charged to the Revenue Department, as the duties performed by them form no part of the operations of the Public Works Department. No tolls however are levied on the traffic passing through the Canals in this District, and their importance is comparatively insignificant.

4. The whole of the Establishments in question were under the control of the Revenue Department, even for some time after the transfer of the Maramat Executive to the Public Works Department, and were only subsequently transferred to that Department under a special Order from Government. I have no hesitation however in stating my own opinion that the placing of the control of the means of irrigation in the hands of a subordinate of another Department seems to me an anomaly, and in practice leads to frequent complaints.

Exd. J. Wright

No.

1863.

Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 15th December 1863.

Despatched

Received

No. 7,883.

Communicating to certain Collectors extract from the Public Works Budget showing the Ancut and Channel Establishments, &c., and requesting to ascertain exactly how they are employed, and report how far the charge should be transferred from the Department Public Works to the Revenue Department.

From the Collector of Nellore, dated Podalakuru, 4th January 1864, No. 1.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Proceedings of the 15th December 1863, No. 7,833, calling for report on our Channel Establishments, &c., and the liability of the Revenue Department for the cost thereof.

2. In the accompanying Memorandum Colonel Orr urges, that the Nirkattis being paid by the Revenue Department, the Channel Establishments should also.

3. In Paris, it is common to build a house for several to live in, and appoint a porter to look after the arrangements requisite for these different families living under the same roof. No one would think of ignoring this item, or calculating his profits on such a speculation without taking into consideration the cost of the porter; and it seems to me, the same rule is equally applicable here, and the point mooted by the Secretary to Government in the Public Works Department, calls for a move in exactly the opposite direction to that indicated.

4. In Edinburgh where houses are let as they paradoxically term it by *flats*, they save the porter, and have a self-acting door, debiting the wear and tear of the door as the porter in France.

5. And exactly as the porter in France or the self-acting door in Edinburgh would be debited to the speculation to which indispensable, so I beg to recommend all cost of requisite Establishments be debited to the Public Works in works of Irrigation or Navigation, and with the Channel Establishment, &c, which is not large and strictly employed in the District as specified the cost of the Nirkattis, the present payment of whom by the Revenue Department is anomalous.

Exd. J. Wright.

From the Acting Collector of Madura, dated 12th January 1864, No. 6.

In reply to Board's Proceedings, No. 7,883, dated the 15th of December 1863, I have the honor to report that the only Conservancy Establishment of the nature contemplated consists in this District of three watchmen, each on a monthly salary of 4 Rupees, whose duty it is to superintend the opening and closing of the sluices in the Perannay Anicut under the immediate control of the Department of Public Works; this annual charge of 144 Rupees may, I think, with all propriety, be transferred from the Department Public Works to the Revenue Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

From H. MORRIS, Esq., Acting Collector of the Godavery District, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ramachendrapur, 11th February 1864, No. 31.

In reply to the Board's Proceedings, No. 7,883, dated 15th December 1863, I have the honor to return the List of the Conservancy Establishment, Department Public Works, in which I have stated in the column for remarks the exact manner in which each individual is employed. I do not think that this heavy charge ought to be transferred from the Department of Public Works to the Revenue Department. The entire establishment is intended, I suppose, to be continued under the supervision of the former department, and I think that the cost and payment ought both to be under them, also, that there may be no shadow even of divided authority.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—List of the Conservancy Establishment giving the exact manner in which each individual is employed.

Exd. J. Wright.

No. 1,277.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 1st March 1864.

Read the following letters :—

From the Collector of Ganjam, dated Chetterpore, 1st February 1864, No. 14.

1. In reply to Board's Proceedings, No. 7,883 of the 15th December 1863, I have the honor to state that the coolies employed in taking charge of Channels, Sluices, and Reservoirs, are distributed as follows :—

	Number of men.	Wages.		
		RS.	A.	P.
Jeymungalum Channel.....	2	4	0	0 each.
Julmoor.....	1 Maistry..... 10 Coolies..... 1 Cooly.....	7	0	0
Byrey.....		4	0	0 do.
Polaky.....		3	8	0
Boary Reservoir.....				

2. The duties of these men during the rains are those of Nirghunties; they attend to sluices, regulate supply of water, watch the channel, and report damages. In dry weather they are employed in clearing the channel and watering the trees on the banks.

3. I think the charge for this Establishment should be debited against the Land Revenue rather than against Public Works.

From the Collector of Tinnevely, dated Trichendoor, 4th February 1864, No. 43.

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 15th December 1863, No. 7,883, requesting me to ascertain exactly how the Anicut and Channel Establishments are employed, and report how far the charge should be transferred from the Department Public Works to the Revenue Department, I have the honor to report that the above Establishments are employed in this District on nine important channels. The duties performed by Neeranikums are to let water into the main channels, to distribute water from them to the minor channels and lands when needed, to close sluices when water is not required for irrigation, and to open the shutters of Calingulahs for the discharge of over abundant water during freshes for preventing any accidents occurring to the channels under the orders of the Channel Maniagars.

2. The duties of the Maniagar are, to superintend the distribution of water, and to see that the channels and other masonry works connected with them are not injured, and that the water is not wasted.

3. As the pay of the Neergantees employed in superintending and apportioning water from village tanks and channels is charged against revenue, I am of opinion that the whole cost of the Channel Establishments, whose duties are just the same as those of Neergantees, should be transferred to the Revenue Department.

Ordered that the above papers be recorded, with reference to Government Order dated 12th January 1864, Revenue Department, No. 68A.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To G. S. Forbes, Esq., Collector of Ganjam.
" J. Silver, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely.

Exd. J. Wright.

Recording with reference to Government Order dated 12th January 1864 Revenue Department No. 68 A letters from the Collectors of Ganjam and Tinnevely dated 1st and 4th February 1864 regarding the Anicut and Channel Establishments

No. 1277.

Dated 1st March 1864.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
No.

1634. Department.

No. 2,101.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 8th April 1864.

Read the following Remarks by the Acting Principal Assistant Collector of Vizagapatam, dated Nursipatam, 9th February 1864:—

1. The Gumastah looks after the several works of irrigation, makes estimates for repairs, and gets them done. The Lascars look after the several Anicuts, Sluice shutters, Embankments, &c, taking care of materials placed under their charge, and distribute water through the several Sluices and Channels in their respective portions. It is therefore very essential that these servants be placed under the control of the Revenue Department, with a view to their better and more useful employment, in making timely reports of damages, remedying them, as well as distributing water without complaints. The charge for the above should in like manner be transferred from the Department Public Works to the Revenue Department, as the advantage derived from the works go to that Department.

2. One of the two Lascars mentioned in the third item, it appears, attends on Conductor Devan, Executive Agent at Nursipatam, but he should be brought back to his regular duties.

No. 130.

In these suggestions I entirely concur, and recommend their adoption.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL, Collector.

21st March 1864.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, with reference to Board's Proceedings No. 7,883, dated 15th December 1863.

1. The Board observe that the transfer of the cost of Establishment to the Revenue Department has already been ordered by Government.
2. The proposal to transfer the charge of the works to the Revenue Department will be referred for the opinion of the Superintending Engineer 1st Division.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.

„ D. F. Carmichael, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam.

Exd. J. Wright.

Observing that the transfer of the cost of
Ancient Establishment to the Revenue Depart-
ment has already been ordered by Government, and
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Superintending Engineer.

No. 210L

Dated 8th April 1864.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

No.

1864. Department

No. 2,997.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 16th May 1864.
Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of Trichinopoly, dated 29th April 1864,
No. 74:—

1. I find that no reply to the Board's Proceedings, No. 7,883, dated the 15th of December
last, has as yet been sent from this District; I therefore lose no time in furnishing the information
called for.

2. The Neeraniccarn establishment provided for in the Budget of the Department Public
Works is the pay of certain servants entertained for the due protection of the Pudugais or Nanul
plantations in the Vetticutti, Moosere, Conad, and Laulgoody Taluks (old style), and quite separate
from the Irrigation and Corumboo establishments.

3. At present these parties are under the orders of the Department Public Works; they are
however properly speaking Revenue servants, and in my opinion should be under the direct control
of the Collector, who for some time past, as the Board are aware, has been placed in immediate
charge of the Corumboo establishment. Since this step was taken there have been no complaints
for water; and I would now take this opportunity of most earnestly soliciting that this Pudugai
establishment be also put under the control of the Collector: the Corumboos (required at a
moment's notice) cannot be erected without Nanul grass which grows in the Pudugais; and the
constant references to the Department Public Works for permission to cut Nanul is an endless
source of vexation and delay to our work.

4. I therefore propose that this small establishment be transferred to the Collector, and its
cost be chargeable direct to Land revenue.

1. The cost of this Establishment has been already transferred to the Revenue Department
by Government order dated 12th January 1864, No. 63A. The Board therefore presume that
there will be no objection to placing the establishment itself under the Collector's control.

2. Mr. McDonell should address the Superintending Engineer.
(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To AE R. McDonell, Esq., Officiating Collector of Trichinopoly.

Erd. J. Wright

Observing that as the cost of the Neeranicum Establishment has been transferred to the Revenue Department there can be no objection to placing it under the Collector's control.

No. 2,997.

Dated 16th May 1864.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
No.

1864.

Department.

No. 3,351.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 2nd June 1864.
Read the following letter from the Collector of Kistna District, dated Masulipatam, 21st May 1864,
No. 82:—

1. With reference to the Proceedings* of the Board dated 15th December last, No. 7,883, I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter and a Memorandum received from the Superintending Engineer, second Division, explaining the nature of the duties performed by the establishments referred to.
* Enclosure is herewith returned.
2. Colonel Anderson says that the Conservancy Establishment superintend the distribution and regulation of water for eight months only, and that for the remainder of the year they are employed in carrying out the annual repairs of the delta works. Two-thirds of their pay only must, therefore, be charged to the Revenue Department.
3. Working dredges and accommodation for travellers should be charged against "Works," but all the establishments enumerated under the head of Navigation in the list are properly chargeable to the Revenue Department.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Lieutenant-Colonel J. C. ANDERSON, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to G. THORNHILL, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District, dated Masulipatam, 5th May 1864, No. 4.

1. As requested in your letter No. 39, dated 28th ultimo, I have the honor to furnish you with a Memorandum explaining the nature of the duties performed by the Conservancy and Navigation Establishment in the Kistna delta.
2. The Conservancy Establishment are to a certain extent executive. They have to superintend the distribution and regulation of water to the various channels, during the period for which they are in use, that is from June till January, and for the remainder of the year they are employed in carrying out the annual repairs of the delta works. If the latter are considered to partake of the nature of duties properly pertaining to the regular establishment of the Public Works Department, the proportion of the salaries fairly chargeable to the revenue would appear to be only two-thirds of the whole amount, while the remaining one-third would be chargeable to "Works."
3. The Navigation Establishment are employed solely on the navigable canals, and I conclude that no portion of the expense can be charged to the works.
4. The enclosures of your letter under reply are herewith returned.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. THORNHILL, Collector.

MEMORANDUM.

Kistna Anicut Establishment.

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2. The Anicut Maistry, Gumastah, and two Lascars are employed under the Anicut Superintendent to assist him in the above duties, and the forty lascars, or rather coolies, are for working the shutters of head and under sluices.

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1864. Department.

No.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 16th May 1864.

No. 2,997.

Observing that as the cost of the Neeranicum Establishment has been transferred to the Revenue Department there can be no objection to placing it under the Collector's control.

2. The two Lock Maistries are in charge of locks at Bezoarah and Seetanagaram, and the sixteen lascars for working them.

Irrigation Establishment.

1. The Delta Superintendents are employed in supervising the distribution of water to the various irrigation channels during the irrigation season. They also prepare estimates for the clearances and superintend their execution.

2. The Channel Superintendents are employed solely in the delta, and have charge of the irrigation channels. Their duties are obvious. They have constantly to be moving about to distribute water, to open or close sluices. In the dry weather, they superintend the clearances under the Delta Superintendent, or an Overseer. Each Delta Superintendent has two lascars, and a Channel Superintendent one.

Navigable Canals.

1. The working dredge is not necessarily connected with the navigation of the channels, and I think it should be charged to "Works."

2. The accommodation for travellers must have been entered under head "Navigable Canals" by mistake.

Navigation Establishment.

The Lock Establishments are required for navigation purposes only, and are justly chargeable against receipts from tolls or boat licenses.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. THORNHILL, Collector.

The question discussed in this letter was disposed of in Government Order dated 12th January 1864, No. 63A, directing that the charge for the Establishment should be transferred to the Revenue Budget. The Government is now in correspondence with the Supreme Government on the subject.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary.

To G. Thornhill, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District.

Ed. J. Wright.

Stating that the question respecting charge of the Anicut and Channel Establishments has been disposed of.

No. 3,351.

Dated 2nd June 1864.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

No.

1864.

Department

No. 3,899.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 24th June 1864.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Madras, dated Sydapet, 9th June 1864, No. 255:—

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings dated 15th December last, No. 7,883, I have the honor to forward a statement showing the Anikut and Lock Establishments in this District, together with the nature of the duties performed by them. I see no objection to the cost of these several establishments being debited to Revenue instead of to the Public Works Department.

2. While recommending the transfer of the charges, I would advocate the advantage of placing the supervision also of the Anikut establishment under the Collector.

3. We have but two distinct Anikut establishments in the District, one over the Kesavaram Anikut, and the other over the Korattur Anikut. These establishments were entertained in the years 1856 and 1860 respectively, and included within their charge the superintendence of the Bungaroo Channel, and the regulating the distribution of its water. Both establishments were under the direct superintendence of the Department Public Works, but as the work of both establishments was to maintain and promote the Land Revenue dependant on the irrigation works under them, I should say that all along the Revenue officers were the proper parties to control them.

4. As it is now, these establishments not being under the Revenue officers, are either indifferent or connive at the Zemindars and other proprietors taking more water than they are entitled to.

5. The Engineer officers with their limited staff cannot possibly exercise a sufficiently close supervision over them. They visit the localities where they are employed, only when they have work there, and as they have work only once or twice a year in any one locality, the above establishment is virtually under no control.

6. If the establishment was placed under the immediate control of the Revenue officers, the Tahsildar and his subordinates, the cultivation Inspectors, and the Zilladars would, during their numerous visits to the villages where these Anikuts are situated, be able to exercise some control. The establishments themselves also would be able, if under the Tahsildar, to summon labor more quickly, to turn water down the channels, or repair any damages.

7. Any complaints also against Muttadars for misappropriating water, would be more sure of receiving a hearing from the Tahsildars, if preferred by an establishment under their own control.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Statement showing the Anikut and Lock Establishments in the Madras District.

Establishment.	SALARY.	
	Per mensem.	Per annum.
Casaveram Anikut... .. { 1 Monigar 1 Peon... ..	RS. 7 3 As. 0 8	RS. 84 42
	10 8	126
Corattur Anikut { 1 Monigar 1 Peon... ..	RS. 7 3 As. 0 8	RS. 84 42
	10 8	126
Shadayamkuppam Lock. . { 1 Lock Conicapillai.... 1 Assistant do. 1 Head Lascar 4 Lascars at 7 Rupees each ...	20 0	240
	12 0	144
	8 0	96
	28 0	336
	68 0	816

Remarks.

The Monigars and Peons are employed in looking after the anikut and the channels and to turning the water into the anicut during the monsoon. They are also required to see that water is not wasted.

The duties of the Conicapillais are to take their watch along with the Lascars alternately day and night, to see the lock gates opened without delay, and to keep the Register of boat passes issued to the boatmen, and submit the same to the Deputy Collector at Madras. They are also required to keep tidal Register of the water level, and submit an account of the same every ten days to the Executive Engineer in charge of the canal.

The Lascars are engaged in the management of the lock, in hastening the transit of the boats, and in carrying letters to and from the Toll Superintendent's office.

SYDAPET, 9th June 1864.

(Signed) E. G. R. FANE, Collector.

1. The Board observe that the question referred for the Collector's opinion was disposed of in Government Order dated 12th January 1864, No. 68A, Revenue Department.
2. The proposal regarding the supervision of the establishments will be referred for the opinion of the Superintending Engineer.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To E. G. R. Fane, Esq., Collector of Madras.

Copy to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

Exd. J. Wright.

From G. BANBURY, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 7th September 1864, [No. 214.]

1. In reply to the Board's Proceedings, dated 15th December 1863, I have the honor to state that it appears to me fair to charge to the Revenue Department that portion of the Conservancy Establishment which is not engaged in maintaining in repair the works to which the employés are severally nominated. For instance, lockmen on canals, and boatmen at ferries, might be fairly made a Revenue charge; also the shattermen at anicuts. But Lascars and others constantly employed in petty repairs to banks and locks, turfing, clearing, &c., ought, it appears to me, to have their salaries debited to the Public Works, as unless these servants were thus maintained, matters would go on from worse to worse, and an estimate would have to be prepared, and charges incurred under "Public Works, Agricultural," to which head the outlay for establishment of this nature might therefore be fairly carried.

2. As regards the superintendence, the Munisars and others in charge of the respective works supervise that portion of the task connected with the Maramut branch, as much as they do the distribution of water, closing of shutters, &c., which concerns the Revenue Department. It would not however be advantageous to pay portions of the same Establishment from different Departments, or one servant's wages from two sources.

3. As both Maramut and Revenue are mutually benefitted by the services of these employés, I would suggest, that in this District, the charge be equally borne between the two Departments; but I would certainly advocate that the control and management of these servants remain, vested as it now is, in the Engineer's hands.

Exd. J. Wright.

1864. Department.

No.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 24th June 1864.

No. 3,899.

Intimating that his proposal regarding the supervision of Anicut establishments in Madras District by Revenue officers will be referred for the opinion of Superintending Engineer.

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From C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 12th September 1864, No. 173.

1. In reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th December 1863, No. 7,883, calling for my opinion on the subject of the transfer of the cost of the Establishment for the conservancy of works of irrigation from the Department of Public Works to the Revenue Department, I have the honor to state that an amount of 2,469 Rupees appears to have been authorized by the Deputy Auditor and Accountant General for disbursement annually as advances under the above head, the particulars of which are given in the enclosed explanatory Statement, and I have been instructed to debit the same in the Treasury accounts under "Public Work remittances" in the column of Unadjusted Disbursements; but I am of opinion, on considering the question as mooted by the Secretary to Government in the Public Works Department, that while the management, the superintendence, and the apportioning of water from anicuts, channels, and locks may, with great advantage, be left to the Officers of the Public Works, the cost of this local conservancy may properly be debited to the Revenue Department as suggested by Colonel Orr.

2. The charges are strictly incurred in maintenance of the revenue which is dependant on the proper conservancy of the works of irrigation, and are therefore, I should say rather debitable to the Revenue Budget than to that of the public works; but I would express the hope that the control and management of the local conservancy may remain, as at present, in the hands of the latter Department.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Statement showing the Conservancy Establishment maintained in the District of South Arcot.

Exd. J. Wright.

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From W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
To J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

SIR,

With reference to Government Order, dated 17th August 1864, No. 1,483, Revenue Department, calling for the Board's opinion on the proposal to transfer the cost of certain Establishments on works of Irrigation and Navigation from the Budget of the Department Public Works to that of the Revenue Department, the Board to submit the accompanying file of replies from the Collectors in whose Districts those Establishments are maintained to the Board's Circular Order issued in connection with Government Order, dated 27th November 1863, No. 2,148, which replies were recorded as received with intended reference to a Government Order directing the transfer of the charge. The Board have not been able to trace this Government Order, which however they remember to have seen, and which appears to be referred to in paragraph 10 of the Government letter to Bengal, dated 18th January 1864. The Government Order which has been erroneously quoted in the Board's Proceedings recording the Collectors' letters, had reference to Cochrane's Canal only.

2. The Government will observe that the Collectors generally are in favor of the transfer, and the Board are decidedly of opinion that it should be carried out in great part, if not entirely, in order to relieve the grant for the execution and maintenance of public works, from charges which are in no way whatever connected with those objects, but are incurred solely for the purpose of realizing the Revenue returns from the works, which revenue is not credited to the Department Public Works.

3. The only objections raised to the transfer are by Mr. Morris and Mr. Dykes.

4. The former considers that the cost ought to be debited to the Department which supervises the working of the Establishment to avoid the evils of divided authority. The Board see little force in this objection, as the mode in which the cost is debited in the Imperial account, cannot possibly have any influence on the conduct of the Establishment, and the question of who shall supervise the working of the Establishments is altogether a distinct one, and may perhaps be separately considered by Government on independent grounds.

5. Mr. Dykes appears to desire that the entire cost of executing, maintaining, and working an irrigation work should be so charged as to allow of a true estimate being formed of the resulting profits; but there is nothing whatever in the proposed transfer to prevent this from being done.

6. It however appears that the Establishments in question are for some portion of the year really employed in the execution of minor repairs, and as this is a work the cost of which should properly be charged to the provision in the Department Public Works Budget for this purpose, the Board are disposed to think that the original proposal to transfer the entire charge to the Revenue Budget went somewhat too far, and that the principle on which the Government proposition proceeds will be satisfied by the transfer of three-fourths of the charge.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. Hudleston
Secretary.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Madras;

26th September 1864.

To the Secretary to Government, R. D., with a file of replies.

Ed. J. Wright

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