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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 16th November 1865.

No. 281. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th October 1865, No. 6,560.

Read again letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, dated 25th July 1864, recorded in the Board's Proceedings, dated 21st February 1865, No. 1,034.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 27th May 1865, No. 92 :—

1. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st February last, No. 1,031, I have the honor to forward a Statement, shewing the acreage and assessment of all land under each channel, the proposed cost of establishment, and the rate per acre that would have to be assessed on the land without "Maramut" in the four Talooks in this Division.

2. From time immemorial the Ryots in the Principal Division have contributed nothing, either by fees or by labour, towards the repairs of the several channels enumerated in the Statement. The annual clearing, and other ordinary repairs of the channels, have always been executed at the cost of Government. To [illegible] unty cess in l[illegible]ess on them, for Maramut works, will be an innovation, and would the same r[illegible] acceded to by the Ryots. Consequently no charge was mad[illegible] scheme for the Principal Division. In the Sub-Collector's Divi[illegible] annual clearin[illegible], and other ordinary repairs, have al[illegible]ted by the Ryots themselve[illegible], and it will be seen from paragraph[illegible] Mr. Sullivan's letter embodied in the Board's Proceedings under reply, the introduction of a fee system, to cover the expenses of the Channel Conserv[illegible] Establishment and "Maramut," would be cordially assented to.

3. Full and clear information co[illegible]nected with the scheme proposed by Mr. Sullivan for the three Talooks in the Su[illegible]-division, was submitted to the Board with my communication of the 25th July 1864, No. 161, and I, therefore, think it unnecessary to enter again into any furth[illegible]er details on the subject.

4. An abstract Statement, shewin[illegible] the proposed establishment of Nirguntis and other particulars connected with the [illegible] channels in the District, is enclosed.

Enclos[illegible]o. 1.

Abstract.—Statement shewing the acreage [illegible] under each chan[illegible]nel, the proposed [illegible] establishment, and the [illegible] land without Maramut in the Principal Division.

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[illegible]d that the foregoing let[illegible] nment.

2. On the Honorable Mr. Pelly requesting orders on the subject of partially introducing a fee cess into the Coimbatore District, for the payment of the Nirguntis employed on certain channels, Government, in their Order dated 15th October 1863, No. 1,882, expressed an opinion that it was very desirable that both in Coimbatore and other Districts, efforts should be made by Collectors, to induce the Ryots to consent to a Nirgunty fee cess, and desired the Board to issue instructions accordingly. The replies of the Collectors to the Board's orders on the subject having been received, the Board reported their opinion on the matter in their Proceedings, dated 29th August 1865, No. 5,290, and stated that the Collectors generally would be desired to submit distinct proposals, whenever an opportunity offered, for carrying out successfully the plan of introducing the Nirgunty fee cess, and the Board's proposals were approved by Government in their Order, dated 7th September 1865, No. 2,132.

3. The Collector of Coimbatore had, however, previously submitted a scheme, in the first letter above recorded, for the introduction of the Nir[illegible]mpose a new ce[illegible] District. As respects four Talooks the scheme proposed was [illegible]amut in th[illegible] ported on to Government by the Honorable Mr. Pelly [illegible] August 1863. The rates proposed for t[illegible]e channels in the Talooks of [illegible] sion were, however, high, and it was also observed, that in the Sub-Collector's scheme, a provision of some hundreds o[illegible] Rupees was made for "Maramut" under each channel, in addition to the cost of establishment, while no charge of the same description was made in the Principal Division. The Collector was, therefore, requested to report further on these poi[illegible]nts.

4. The second letter above record[illegible]ed is a reply to this requisition. The Collector explains, that from time immer[illegible]norial, the Ryots in the Principal Division have contributed nothing, either by fe[illegible]s or by labour, towards the repairs of the several channels, and that the imposit[illegible]ion of any new cess on that account would not be acceptable to the Ryots; but [illegible]it in the Sub-division the case is otherwise, as the annual clearance, and other [illegible]nary repairs of the channels, have always [illegible]and they have already assented to the cess [illegible]bmitted the Collector has, however, failed [illegible]nd the rate that would have to be paid if [illegible]e channels in the Principal Division.

[illegible] Sub-division, the Collector [illegible] Statements submitted therew[illegible] cost of establishment only [illegible] the figures in the Statemen[illegible]

[illegible] the rates will not be objected to by the [illegible]ld their approval.

[illegible]to the Board is the great variation in the [illegible]s will be observed in the schemes for both [illegible]l to afford opportunities for exaction, but [illegible]included in his Puttah, this will be pro[illegible]e, for the present, the Board would adopt [illegible]ture consideration whether it will not be [illegible]acre for each Talook hereafter.

[illegible]p request the sanction of Government for [illegible]rom the commencement of the current [illegible]s referred to by the Collector both in the [illegible]ccompanying Statement, prepared in the [illegible]e strength of the establishment of the [illegible]is reduced from 857 to 523 on forty-two [illegible]hment, which amounts to Rupees 18,400, [illegible]sh, in lieu of the precarious fees in grain, [illegible]cluding Maramut in the Sub-division, the [illegible] The amount to be levied, according to [illegible]nd including the assessment on Inams [illegible] Rupees 323 over the proposed cost.

[illegible]alour channel in Caroor Talook, a money [illegible]still continued. The annual collections [illegible]st of establishment is only Rupees 1,590, [illegible] appropriated for emergent repairs at the

[illegible]e the scheme now submitted, the Collector [illegible]' Irrigation cess" subordinate to "Local [illegible]Annual Report on Local Funds. In the [illegible]been opened in the accounts, to shew the [illegible]of channels in Lalgoody Talook. All [illegible]debited to the same head, and the opera[illegible]tion with the other Local Funds of the

11. The only point still requiring notice is the suggestion of the Sub-Collector, that the money for repairs of channels in the Sub-division should be expended, and the work carried out under the superintendence of the Revenue Authorities. He states that the people will not willingly contribute a fraction, if the Department [illegible]rks have the management of the Fund. The Collector also strongly [illegible]e adoption of this suggestion, and the Board see no objection to it, [illegible]y desirable to meet the wishes of the Ryots, from whom the fees are

ing abstract will shew both the rates were to be provided for:—

Talooks.	Channels.	Extent in acres.
1	2	3
		RS.
Dharapooram.	Dharapooram ...	2,309
	Virachimungalam...	2,654
	Alangiam	941
	Dalavoypatnum ...	719
	Nangi Talioor ...	276
	Soondakoypoliem ...	171
	Total ...	7,070
Caroor... ...	Chinna Dharapooram	1,609
	Pellapoliem	3,363
	[illegible]	1,089
	Vangal	808
	Neroor	1,565
	Appepolliem ...	738
	Balampapooram ...	750
	Coyempully ...	730
	Sevaperatty ...	546
	Punjamadavy ...	319
	Nunjacalacoorchy ...	259
	Total ...	11,895
Oodoomalpetta	Comararayingalum ...	1,154
	Codattoor	851
	Cullapooram ...	1,079
	[illegible] ...	384
	[illegible] ...	43[illegible]
	[illegible]	527
	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Total ...	4,7[illegible]

6. It will be seen from this abstract that the rates payable will be greatly increased in consequence of the additional provision for the cost of [illegible] in the case of the Callapooram channel in the Oodoomalpetta [illegible] hitherto been cleared annually at the expense of Government during the last five years, Rupees 635 per annum. The rates much higher than those proposed for the channels in the Pin[illegible]

No. 282. ORDER THEREON, 16th November 1865, No. 2,810.

Miscellaneous.

The Government sanction the trial of the proposed system on the assurance of the local Officers that it will meet the wishes of the Ryots concerned, as they observe that the rates are based on those in force already in the case of the Pagaloor Channel, with marked success and to the satisfaction of the Ryots.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 1,034.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 21st February 1865.

Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 25th July 1865, No. 161 :—

1. With reference to the Miscellaneous Circular of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th October 1863, No. 95, I have the honor to state for their information that on receipt of the above Circular, I requested my Sub-Collector, Mr. Sullivan, to endeavour to induce the Ryots, (who were not willing to change the existing mode of payment,) of the three Taluks in his Division, to consent to the introduction of the fee cess for the payment of the Nirgunties.

2. Mr. Sullivan, during the Revenue settlement of the Fasli just closed, impressed the Ryots with the value and advantages of the proposed arrangement, and succeeded generally in obtaining their consent to the adoption of the measure, as will be seen from the accompanying copy of his Report, dated 15th ultimo, No. 167.

3. The circumstances connected with each channel are so fully explained in his report that I think it unnecessary to enter into any further details on the subject.

4. Copies of Statements, showing the present and proposed establishment of Nirgunties framed by the Sub-Collector, with reference to the requirements of the several channels are enclosed, and I fully concur in the scale of remuneration proposed by him.

5. It will appear from the enclosed revised abstract statement, that there are forty-two channels in this District, with a staff of 857 persons as Nirgunty establishment. These servants are now paid by the Ryots partly in cash, partly in kind, and partly by Inam land allotted by Government. The total present emoluments, on account of this Sibbendy are Rupees 17,498-3-11, and the payments made to the servants from the above sum amount to Rupees 15,296-9-1, as particularized in paragraph 4 of my communication to the Honorable C. Pelly, dated 11th June 1863, No. 8. The proposed number of Nirgunties is 523, at an annual cost of Rupees 18,400 4-6, viz.,

	RS.	A.	P.
Amount of fees payable by Ryots	18,340	0	9
Inam land	383	5	10
	18,723	6	7
Difference or saving	323	2	1

7. I agree with the Sub-Collector in thinking that owing to the difficulty in exacting the proper quantum of work from the Inamdars, they should be exempted in future from the service, and that their lands should be assessed, the assessment being credited to the Nirgunty fee cess.

8. Under the peculiar circumstances noticed in the concluding part of paragraph 5 of the Sub-Collector's Report, I am of opinion that the annual clearing of the Cullapooram channel should for the present be made at the Government expense as usual.

9. Mr. Sullivan's proposal to insert in the Ryot's Puttah the fee payable by him is judicious, and may be adopted throughout the District.

10. The suggestions contained in paragraph 7 of the above report, to carry out the annual clearing of the channels under the superintendence of the Revenue authorities, ought most certainly to be adopted. Under no other system, unless at a great expense, will they be executed properly. The system is simple, and is in accordance with the wishes of the Ryots most interested; besides which it will relieve the Department Public Works of a large number of petty works on which their time, which might be profitably employed otherwise, is frittered away at present.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., Sub-Collector of Coimbatore, to P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, dated 15th June 1864, No. 167.

1. I beg to apologize for having so long delayed furnishing the report on the Nirgunty fee cess system, called for in your letters dated as per margin. I considered it advisable to postpone my reply until I had an opportunity of sounding the people on the subject, during my Jamabundy tour, which only terminated last month.

15th December, No. 653 of 1863.
19th February, No. 64 of 1864.

2. The system was introduced ten or eleven years ago, on the Nunjapagaloor Channel, in the Caroor Taluk, and works in a most satisfactory manner under the supervision of the active and intelligent Tahsildar M. R. Venkataramaniah. The people pay their cesses readily, the channel is kept in excellent order, and the Ryots appear to be thoroughly satisfied with the manner in which the money is expended. Under the old system there used to be constant complaints, regarding the conservancy of this channel, but none have been preferred since the introduction of the new one, and the people have expressed their willingness to contribute more largely if necessary.

3. During my tour through the Division, I took especial care to make the Ryots thoroughly comprehend the nature of the proposed arrangement, its object and conditions, and the obvious evils which it was intended to remedy. From the estimates which I had prepared, I was also able to give them a rough idea of the amount of cess per acre, which would be leviable, and how much it will be in excess of the value of fees at present paid by them. They were invited to express their sentiments with regard to the proposed change, and the principal objection put forward was, that it was contrary to "Mamool." It was only to be expected that the more influential Ryots and Monigars who at present avoid contributing their quota of fees and labor, would oppose any measure, having for its object a more fair apportionment of the burden, but as regards the people generally, I am convinced that the introduction of the proposed system is most desirable, and that the order to carry it out would be cordially assented to.

4. As the fee system is in full working order on the Nunjapagaloor Channel, it has not been included in the accompanying statements, but I may mention here that the cess per acre of Nunjah land varies from Rupees 1-8-0 to Annas 12. Garden land irrigated from the channel by artificial means is charged at the rate of Rupee 1 per Bullah. The result of the working of the system on this channel having proved eminently satisfactory, I have based my estimates for the other channels in the Division, on the data derived therefrom.

5. I proceed to offer a few remarks on the estimate for each Taluk.

Statement A. Caroor.

There are no Inam lands assigned in this Taluk for the maintenance of a Nirgunty establishment. The number of servants entered in column 3 of the statement is for the most part fictitious, not above half the number actually do any work.

(a.) Chinna Dharapooram Channel.

The excess leviable per acre under the new rates, as compared with the old rates, is shown in the column of remarks to amount to 2 annas and 9 pies. But the Ryots who have hitherto contributed towards the conservancy of the channel will have to pay less than they have hitherto done, as the Ryots of Tennelay, one of the four villages irrigated by the channel, will in future have to contribute their quota which heretofore they have avoided. These Tennelay Ryots, not unnaturally, offer strong opposition to any infraction of the established "Mamool." This is one of the worst kept channels in the Taluk. The item "Marahmut" in columns 5 and 6 in this and all other channels, entered in the statement, provides for the annual clearing of the channel, and for the pay of a Cummshta to keep the accounts.

(b.) Pullapolliem Channal.

The proposed rates in this instance, are less than the value of the fees at present contributed. This channel has an annual allowance from Government of Rupees 400 for cleaning it from silt. If the new system is introduced, this may be dispensed with for the future. Rupees 500 for the purpose being provided in the estimate.

(c.) Poolioor Channel.

The proposed rates for this channel show an increase of Rupees 0-8-9 per acre over the old ones. A slight pressure will be felt by those who have hitherto contributed, less than these shares, but the burdens of the smaller cultivators will be lessened.

(d.) Vangul Channel.

The rates proposed are high, but less than the old ones. The channel is a long one, and the area under cultivation comparatively small, consequently the rate per acre is somewhat heavy.

The proposed rates for the remaining channels in this Taluk, show an increase over the old rates of amounts varying from 6 to 15 anhas per acre. This is not owing to any extravagant estimate, but simply because the old rates were insufficient.

Statement B. Dharapooram.

There are no Inam lands in this Taluk assigned for the maintenance of a Nirgunty establishment.

The proposed rates in this Taluq are all higher than the old ones, the excess varying in amount from Rupees 0-6-10 to Rupees 1-0-2. The old rates were absurdly low. For instance, the amount of emolument allotted for the Nirgunty establishment of the Veerachimungalam channel is Rupees 343-8-0. This channel is 15 miles long, and irrigates an area of 2,654 acres. In the Caroor Taluk the Chinna Dharapooram channel, only 10 miles long and irrigating only 1,600 acres, had allotted to it under the old system for its Nirgunty staff, emoluments amounting to Rupees 1,215. This Taluk does not seem to call for any further remark.

Statement C. Oodoomulpetta.

In this Taluk with the exception of the two channels marginally* noted, Inam lands are allotted for the partial maintenance of the Nirgunty establishment, and the emoluments derived from this source are supplemented by fees paid by the Ryots. In preparing the estimate for the rates leviable under the proposed system, the amount derivable from the Inam lands has been deducted from the charges of the establishment, but as it is most difficult to exact the proper quantum of work from the Inamdars, I would suggest their being exempted in future from service, and that the lands should be assessed, the assessment being credited to the Nirgunty fee cess fund. The amount of such assessment is shown in column 4.

* Caratalume and Cainoor.

A glance at the Statement will show how preposterously low the old rates are. Instances of the maximum excess of the new rates over the old ones will be found under the heads of the Caratolivu and Kauroor channels, to neither of which any Inam land is allotted. In the latter instance the excess per acre is Rupees 1-2-0, in the former 0-15-6, the old rates amounting only to Rupees 0-2-3 per acre in one case, and to Rupees 0-4-0 in the other.

(e.) Cullapuram Channel.

This is the only channel in this Taluk which calls for any particular remark. It runs for nearly its entire length through a jungly and most unhealthy country, and in consideration of the difficulties, which the Ryots have to contend with, it has hitherto been cleared annually at the expense of Government at a charge averaging during the last five years Rupees 635 per annum,

For the present I think this allowance ought to be continued, in which case, the excess of the new rates over the old will be only Rupees 0-4-6 per acre. If the allowance is withdrawn, it will amount to Rupees 0-14-0.

6. From the foregoing remarks, it will be seen, that I consider the fee cess system may be introduced with advantage. An efficient and adequately paid Nirgunty staff will then be maintained, and the channels, many of which are silted up to half their depth in places, will then be kept properly cleaned. They are in a shamefully neglected state now, owing to the allotted fees being in the first place insufficient for the purpose, and in the second, because the men who are supposed to perform the service are defrauded in a great measure of even this scanty remuneration by the more influential Ryots, a slight opposition on the part of this interested class is of course to be anticipated, but there cannot be the slightest doubt, that the interests of the majority will be benefitted by the change. If the scale of rates which I have proposed is approved, and the sanction of Government obtained, there will not be the slightest difficulty in introducing the system at the next settlement. The fees payable by each Ryot will be entered in his Puttah, and collected with the regular Kists.

7. I assume of course, that the money will be expended and the work carried out under the superintendence of the Revenue authorities. The people will not willingly contribute a fraction if the Department Public Works have the management of the fund. This is easily accounted for. In the first place the relations of the Ryots with the Tashildar are of ancient standing, and of a more intimate nature than with the Taluk Overseer, who is often a European, knowing as much about the requirements of Nunjah cultivation as the Ryot does about mangold wurzel, and in the second place, the officers of the Department Public Works have not the local influence requisite for an efficient management of this fund. Moreover setting aside the fact that they have other important duties to perform, which demand their whole care and attention, this being essentially a Local Fund raised for a particular purpose, it is but fair that it should be managed in accordance with the wishes of those who contribute towards it. The Ryots recognize the Tashildar as their local head, and know that his interests and theirs are to a certain extent identical. As a rule he presides over a Taluk for many years, and is thereby enabled to acquire most useful local knowledge, which owing to their frequent transfers, the officers of the Department Public Works have not the opportunity of doing.

8. The enclosures to which your letter of the 15th December 1863 gave cover are herewith returned.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) P. GRANT,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ABSTRACT.—Statement A. Caroor.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

ABSTRACT.—Statement B. Dharapuram.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.

ABSTRACT.—Statement C. Oodoomulpetta Taluk.

ENCLOSURE No. 5.

ABSTRACT.—Statement D. Aruloor Channel and Caroor Taluk.

PRESENT ESTABLISHMENT AND PAY, &c. | PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT AND PAY, &c.

TALUKS.	Extent of present cultivation.	Amount of Revenue.	Number of Channels.	Number of servants.	Amount of annual pay.	Amount of fees paid by the Ryots in kind.	Total.	Number of servants.	Amount of annual pay.	Source of Emoluments. Inam lands granted by Government to be continued.	Amount of fees to be paid by Ryots in cash.	Total.	Saving or difference between Columns 13 and 16.
1	3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Acs.	Rs.			Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Suttinungalum ...	15,111	1,14,952	6	86	1,628 7 4	... ...	1,628 7 4	84	1,409 4 6	164 7 4	3,312 10 0	3,477 1 4	67 12 10
Perindoray ...	8,077	99,334	1	69	2,168 1 1	... ...	2,168 1 1	69	2,736 0 0	44 1 1	2,884 0 0	2,928 1 1	193 1 1
Palachy	4,521	20,182	6	16	232 8 4	116 10 8	4,369 11 11	69	549 0 0	... ...	611 4 4	611 4 4	62 4 4
Palladum ...	780	3,282	5	6	110 8 4	110 8 4	220 0 8	18	180 0 0	... ...	180 15 10	180 15 10	0 15 10
Dharapoorum...	7,073	54,635	6	31	1,169 14 0	1,169 14 0	2,339 12 0	40	1,542 0 0	... ...	1,542 0 0	1,542 0 0	... ...
Caroor	11,912	74,282	11	616	9,391 12 2	9,391 12 2	18,783 8 4	261	8,568 0 0	... ...	8,568 0 0	8,568 0 0	... ...
Oodoomulpettah ...	4,870	39,734	7	33	595 5 10	595 5 10	1,191 11 8	35	1,416 0 0	174 13 5	1,341 2 7	1,416 0 0	... ...
Total...	52,343	4,06,391	42	857	15,296 9 1	11,209 5 7	26,506 2 8	523	18,400 4 6	383 5 10	18,340 0 9	19,723 6 7	323 2 1
Aruloor Channel in Caroor Taluk*...	2,066	8,334	1	46	1,500 0 0	... ...	1,500 0 0	46	1,590 0 0	... ...	1,957 0 7	1,957 0 7	367 0 7

PRESENT SOURCE OF EMOLUMENTS.

Amount of Inam lands allotted by Government.	Amount of fees paid by Ryots in cash.	Amount of fees paid by the Ryots in kind.	Total.
8	9	10	11
Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
164 7 4	1,464 0 0	... ...	1,628 7 4
44 1 1	4,325 10 10	... ...	4,369 11 11
115 13 9	... ...	116 10 8	232 8 4
... ...	... ...	110 8 4	110 8 4
... ...	... ...	1,169 14 0	1,169 14 0
... ...	... ...	9,391 12 2	9,391 12 2
174 13 5	... ...	420 8 5	695 5 10
499 3 6	5,789 10 10	11,209 5 7	17,498 8 11
... ...	1,957 0 7	... ...	1,957 0 7

* Fee system was introduced in this Channel ten or eleven years ago.

(Signed) P. GRANT,
Collector.

COIMBATORE,
25th July 1864.

1. In the above letter the Collector recommends the introduction of a fee cess for ____y-ment of the Nirgunty Channel Establishments. As respects four Taluks, the scheme proposed is the same as that reported on by Honorable Mr. Pelly to Government on 8th August 1863, see Government Order, dated 2nd September 1863.

2. In the remaining three Taluks in the Sub-Division, the Sub-Collector appears to have made careful inquiries, and arrived at the conclusion that the scheme now proposed for the payment of the Establishment and cost of keeping those Channels clean would be generally acceptable to the people, and he strongly recommends its adoption. But it seems that in many cases the cess necessary to maintain the Channel Establishment would be a heavy rate per Acre on the land, considerably heavier in several instances than that imposed by the adoption of the system in the Taluks of the principal division reported on by Mr. Pelly.

3. This difference is shown in the table annexed to these Proceedings. But in looking into the Sub-Collector's scheme, it is observed that he makes a provision for "Marahmut" of some hundreds of Rupees under each Channel, in addition to the cost of Establishment, and no sum for "*Marahmut*" was set down in addition to Establishment for the Channels in the principal division.

4. The Collector will be requested to explain how the "Marahmut" is now done, whether at the expense of Government or not. Also, what work it is now proposed to undertake, and on what terms. It should also be made clear why no charge was made for Marahmut in the scheme for the principal division.

5. The Collector should send a Statement showing the acreage and the assessment of all land under each Channel, the proposed cost of Establishment, and the rate per Acre that would have to be assessed on the land *without* Marahmut, with an additional Column to show the estimated cost of Marahmut, and the total of Establishment and Marahmut, and the rate that would then have to be paid for the total cost.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary.

To P. Grant, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. R. H. Lee.

Coimbatore Nirgunties.

Taluks in the Sub-Division.

Taluks.	Channels.	Present rates per Acre calculated with reference to the Merah now paid.			Proposed rates per Acre by the Sub-Collector.		
		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Dharapuram	Dharapuram Channel	0	3	1	0	9	11
	Veerajimungalum	0	2	1	0	9	11
	Alingum	0	3	2	0	12	4
	Dalavoypatnam	0	2	1	1	1	9
	Nunjilaliyoor...	0	1	4	1	0	7
	Soondacoy Polliem	0	5	11	1	6	1
Caroor	Chinna Larapuram	0	12	0	0	14	9
	Pullapolliem	0	9	1	0	8	8
	Poolioor...	0	8	10	1	1	7
	Vengul Channel	2	5	5	2	3	2
	Neroor Channel	0	13	6	1	5	0
	Appipolliem	0	10	2	1	3	6
	Balambapuram	0	9	0	1	6	4
	Koyempully	0	9	3	0	15	2
	Chinnaparathy	0	10	10	1	4	7
	Punchanadevi	0	14	2	1	13	2
	Nunjacalacoorchy	0	14	9	1	12	6
Udamulpettah ...	Comaralingum	0	1	1	0	10	7
	Cadathoor	0	1	3	0	9	3
	Cullapuram	0	0	11	0	5	5
	Caratholoovoo Channel...	0	4	0	1	3	0
	Chalamadavy...	0	1	1	0	10	0
	Circar Cannadipoothoor	0	1	1	0	13	9
	Cannioor	0	2	3	1	4	3

Requesting certain information relative to the proposed introduction of a fee cess for the payment of the Nergunty Channel Establishments.

No. 1,034.

Dated 21st February 1865.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

No.

1865. Department.

6. It will be seen from this abstract, that the rate payable will be greatly increased in consequence of the additional provision for the cost of repairs, except in the case of the Callapuram channels in the Oodoomelpetta Taluk, which have hitherto been cleared annually at the expense of Government, at a charge averaging, during the last five years, Rupees 635 per annum. The rates too are of necessity much higher than those proposed for the channels in the Principal Division, but as the Sub-Collector positively states that the rates will not be objected to by the Ryots, the Board see no reason to withhold their approval.

7. The only objection which occurs to the Board is the great variation in the rates payable under each channel, and this will be observed in the schemes for both Divisions. Such variations are calculated to afford opportunities for exaction, but as the fee payable by each Ryot will be included in his Puttah, this will be provided against to some extent. At any rate, for the present, the Board would adopt the Collector's proposals, leaving it for future consideration whether it will not be advisable to introduce a uniform rate per acre for each Taluk hereafter.

8. The Board resolve accordingly to request the sanction of Government for the introduction of the Nirgunty cess from the commencement of the current Fasli 1275, in the case of all the channels referred to by the Collector both in the Principal and Sub Divisions. From the accompanying Statement, prepared in the Board's Office, it will be seen that the strength of the establishment of the Nirguntis, as proposed by the Collector, is reduced from 857 to 523 on forty-two channels. The annual cost of the establishment, which amounts to Rupees 18,400, is, under the system proposed, fixed in cash, in lieu of the precarious fees in grain, &c., which are rarely realized in full. Including Maramut in the Sub-division, the total amount of cost is Rupees 28,325. The amount to be levied, according to the proposed rates, is Rupees 28,265, and including the assessment on Inams Rupees 28,648, thus showing a balance of Rupees 323 over the proposed cost.

9. It would appear, that for the Pogaloor channel in Caroor Taluk, a money cess was introduced in 1852-53, and is still continued. The annual collections amount to Rupees 1,957, and the general cost of establishment is only Rupees 1,590, leaving a surplus of Rupees 367, which is appropriated for emergent repairs at the request of the Ryots.

10. Should the Government approve the schemes now submitted, the Collector will [illegible] been opened in the Accounts, to show the receipts [illegible] maintenance of channels in [illegible] Taluks. All charges of travelling [illegible] be brought to the same head, and the operations are annually reported on in connection with the other Local Funds of the District.

11. The only point still requiring notice is the suggestion of the Sub-Collector, that the money for repairs of channels in the Sub-division should be expended, and the work carried out under the superintendence of the Revenue Authorities. He states that the people will not willingly contribute a fraction, if the Department of Public Works have the management of the Fund. The Collector also strongly recommends the adoption of this suggestion, and the Board see no objection to it, as it is certainly desirable to meet the wishes of the Ryots, from whom the fees are collected.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary

To W. Hudleston, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.,
with two enclosures, and copy of Board's Proceedings, 21st February 1865, No. 1,034.

Copy to P. Grant, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. J. Wright.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 16th October 1865.

No. 6,560.

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Requesting sanction to introduce the Nirgunty cess from the commencement of the current Fasli in the case of the channels in the Principal and Sub Divisions of Coimbatore District, and recommending that the repair of channels in the Sub Division be entrusted to the Revenue Department.

Written Order

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To the Collector of Coimbatore

In the final orders of the Board of Revenue on the assessment proposals of the Officers that visited Coimbatore in 1863 for the purpose of introducing the Ryotwar system of assessment, Sanction was accorded to the introduction of the Nirgunty cess in those villages in which the Ryots themselves should express a desire for the same. In the case of the Kangayam Taluk the Ryots have declined to pay the Nirgunty cess, and the Board have accordingly ordered that the Nirgunty cess be levied in the Kangayam Taluk at the rate of 1 Rupee per Cawney of land.

In the case of the Dharapuram Taluk the Ryots have declined to pay the Nirgunty cess, and the Board have accordingly ordered that the Nirgunty cess be levied in the Dharapuram Taluk at the rate of 1 Rupee per Cawney of land.

In the case of the Coimbatore Taluk the Ryots have declined to pay the Nirgunty cess, and the Board have accordingly ordered that the Nirgunty cess be levied in the Coimbatore Taluk at the rate of 1 Rupee per Cawney of land.

In the case of the Pollachy Taluk the Ryots have declined to pay the Nirgunty cess, and the Board have accordingly ordered that the Nirgunty cess be levied in the Pollachy Taluk at the rate of 1 Rupee per Cawney of land.

In the case of the Udumalpet Taluk the Ryots have declined to pay the Nirgunty cess, and the Board have accordingly ordered that the Nirgunty cess be levied in the Udumalpet Taluk at the rate of 1 Rupee per Cawney of land.

In the case of the Palladam Taluk the Ryots have declined to pay the Nirgunty cess, and the Board have accordingly ordered that the Nirgunty cess be levied in the Palladam Taluk at the rate of 1 Rupee per Cawney of land.

In the case of the Erode Taluk the Ryots have declined to pay the Nirgunty cess, and the Board have accordingly ordered that the Nirgunty cess be levied in the Erode Taluk at the rate of 1 Rupee per Cawney of land.

In the case of the Satyamangalam Taluk the Ryots have declined to pay the Nirgunty cess, and the Board have accordingly ordered that the Nirgunty cess be levied in the Satyamangalam Taluk at the rate of 1 Rupee per Cawney of land.

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In the case of the Satyamangalam Taluk the Ryots have declined to pay the Nirgunty cess, and the Board have accordingly ordered that the Nirgunty cess be levied in the Satyamangalam Taluk at the rate of 1 Rupee per Cawney of land.