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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 29th August 1866.

No. 774. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th August 1866, No. 5,783.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Salem, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 31st July 1866, No. 140:—

I have the honor to forward, for the Board's orders, copy of a letter* from the Sub-Collector, stating that the inhabitants of Cusbah Denkencottai suffer very much for want of water, and requesting that a portion of the Ayacut under the tank at that place, which may be taken for the preservation of drinking water, may be assessed at Punjah rates.

* 14th July 1866, No. 332.

From the Sub-Collector of Salem, to the Collector of Salem, dated Oossoor, 14th July 1866, No. 332.

1. The inhabitants of Cusbah Denkencottai and its neighbourhood suffer very much for want of drinking water, the only tank (Davarajam tank) upon which the people are dependent having this year totally failed in consequence of the drought.

2. The distress is so much felt that the Ryots who hold land under the tank in question have petitioned the Sub-Magistrate, expressing their willingness to forego Nunjah cultivation of a portion of the Ayacut, so that the quantity of water which may be required for cultivating that extent may be reserved for drinking purposes. Sinking wells in Denkencottai is quite out of the question. The high position and the substratum of rock render it hopeless.

3. The wells that are already in existence are all empty. To meet the want, I see no other course than that indicated by the people.

4. The people of Denkencottai are so alive to the necessity for preserving water, that, in addition to the loss they are willing to sustain by consenting to convert a portion of their wet (Nunjah) lands into dry (Punjah), they are also prepared to pay at the rate of one anna per house for making good to Government the amount of taxation remitted for preserving the water of the tank, besides further engaging by a deed (Mohsernama) to confine themselves to raising only one crop (or bogam), and to cultivate no sugar-cane henceforward.

5. The total Ayakut under the Devarajayam's tank is Acres 73-4-8, assessed at Rs. 543-9-7; of this, the extent proposed to be taxed at dry rates is Acres 15-5-9, assessed at Rupees 102-3-2, which reduced to Punjah or dry rates returns only Rupees 34-2-4. Thus the loss caused to Government by this concession is only Rupees 68-0-10 annually.

6. I have several times seen the place, and can support the prayer of the inhabitants of Denkencottai as well founded. I believe you are also in a position to do so from personal experience.

7. The Tahsildar's Arzi and the papers which accompanied it are herewith sent, to be returned when no longer required.

Recommended for the favorable consideration of Government.

No. 775. ORDER THEREON, 29th August 1866, No. 2,266.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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No. 2676.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 16th *August* 1866.

No. 5,783.

Recommending for favorable consideration proposal of Sub-Collector of Salem that a portion of Ayacut under tank at Denkencottai Cusbah, which may be taken for preservation of drinking water, be assessed at Punjah rates.

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