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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 19th August 1869.

No. 231. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st July 1869, No. 5,216:—

Read the following letter from A. McC. WEBSTER, Esq., Acting Collector of Coimbatore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 31st May 1869, No. 109.

With reference to paragraph 8 of the Board's Proceedings of 1st May 1869, No. 2,955, recommending the sanction of Government to the continuance of the nirgunty cess for another year, I have the honour to report that since the Collector addressed you on the subject, the funds to the credit of each channel have in most instances been expended. No fresh collections have been made, and, as payment could not be enforced, the channels have been given up to the villagers from the impossibility of obtaining the necessary funds for their management by the Government.

2. I have the honour to forward a list of the channels, showing the amount to the credit of each on 31st March, and the amount required for expenditure in the current year.

3. The Board will perceive that, with the exception of the Vangul and Nerur channels in the Caroor Talook, and the channels in the Dharapooram Talook, the assets are quite inadequate for the continuance of the present system. I am not at all sanguine that any more payments will be made in the Dharapooram or Oodoomulpettah Talook, for the ryots are strongly opposed to the system. As soon therefore as the available funds are expended, the channels will have to be given up to the villagers.

4. In the Caroor Talook I had expected that the system would have been continued in the Cauvery channels, and in some of the anicut channels under the Ambravaty. The Board will notice that on only two of the former channels is there any present prospect of continuing the cess. I believe, however, that in all the Cauvery channels the cess modified, as I proposed, would be acceptable to the majority of the ryots, and that there would not be the slightest difficulty in carrying out the system, could the payment of arrears be legally enforced. Were an Act similar in its provisions to the Education Act passed, the villagers would at once agree to have it extended to their channel. At present those who are in favour of a cess have refused to pay, because a general payment cannot be enforced.

4. Although I have thought it right to bring the above circumstances to the notice of the Board, I will use my best endeavours to prevent the necessity of giving up the channels for which we have still funds available, but at the same time I must state that I am not at all hopeful of success. The villagers know that payments cannot be enforced, and as the cess is not voluntary, they can ensure its abolition by refusing to supply Government with the necessary funds.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Statement showing the amount required for expenditure from April 1869 to March 1870, and the balance of cash available.

Talooks.	Names of the Channels.	On account of the pay of the Establishment.	On account of repairs.	Total.	Balance of cash on 1st April 1869.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	
CAROOR.	Pogaloor	1,896 0 0	1,265 0 0	3,161 0 0	11 10 9½	This channel has been given up.
	Pullapolliem	1,830 0 0	1,993 0 0	3,823 0 0	122 12 8	Do. do.
	Nerur	1,632 0 0	787 0 0	2,419 0 0	1,618 9 5	
	Vangul	1,020 0 0	1,003 0 0	2,023 0 0	376 14 10	
	Carcor	804 0 0	651 0 0	1,455 0 0	.....	This channel has been given up.
	Punchamadavy	564 0 0	402 0 0	966 0 0	.....	Do. do.
	Coyempully	648 0 0	517 0 0	1,165 0 0	.....	Do. do.
	Puliyoor	1,104 0 0	470 0 0	1,574 0 0	561 2 4	
	Senapparetty	804 0 0	357 0 0	1,161 0 0	.....	This channel has been given up.
	Tirumannelliore	1,104 0 0	434 0 0	1,538 0 0	21 6 2	Do. do.
	Chinna Dharapooram	750 0 0	792 0 0	1,542 0 0	373 5 6	
	Nunjacalacoorchy	312 0 0	228 0 0	540 0 0	38 10 10	This channel has been given up.
	Total...	12,468 0 0	8,899 0 0	21,367 0 0	3,124 8 6½	
DHARAPOORAM.	Dharapooram	852 0 0	1,804 12 8	2,656 12 8	2,195 2 5	
	Colingivady	990 0 0	2,115 0 0	3,105 0 0	2,479 10 9	
	Alungium	384 0 0	1,115 4 8	1,499 4 8	934 4 2	
	Dalavoypatnam	342 0 0	844 14 8	1,186 14 8	635 5 8	
	Nunjatalyur	210 0 0	248 7 3	458 7 3	200 0 4	
	Sundakkampolliem	156 0 0	169 8 3	325 8 3	132 10 1	
	Kattangany	72 0 0	72 8 6	144 8 6	96 5 0	
	Total...	3,006 0 0	6,370 8 0	9,376 8 0	6,673 6 5	
OODOOMULPETTAH.	Kullapoorum	728 0 0	70 0 0	798 0 0	419 0 7	
	Komaralingum	507 0 0	1,178 0 0	1,685 0 0	448 7 1	
	Kannadipoottoor	321 0 0	529 0 0	850 0 0	90 1 7	
	Cholamadavi	311 0 0	460 0 0	771 0 0	239 9 11	
	Kaniur	288 0 0	250 0 0	538 0 0	86 4 9	
	Kadattoor	483 0 0	587 0 0	1,070 0 0	59 11 8	This channel has be[illegible]given up.
	Karatoloovoo	378 0 0	344 0 0	722 0 0	3 3 8	Do. [illegible]o.
	Total...	3,016 0 0	3,418 0 0	6,434 0 0	1,346 7 3	
	Grand Total...	18,490 0 0	18,687 8 0	37,177 8 0	11,144 6 2½	

COIMBATORE,
31*st May* 1868.

(Signed) A. McC. WEBSTER,
Acting Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information and orders of Government with reference to Board's Proceedings, dated 1st May 1869, No. 2,955, and to the order of Government thereon, dated 5th June 1869, No. 1,591.

2. In that order Government sanctioned the continuance for a year of the voluntary system of nirgunty cess in the sub-division of Coimbatore, the trial of which was previously sanctioned in Government order of 16th November 1865, No. 2,810.

3. The Collector now reports that the funds at the credit of each channel are, in most cases, exhausted, and that many of the channels have been relinquished by the ryots.

4. From the statement appended to Mr. McC. Webster's letter, it appears that Rupees 37,178 are required to meet the necessary expenses in the way of cost of establishment, repairs, etc., while only Rupees 11,144 are available with little hope of any further collections.

5. The Collector is of opinion that an Act to enforce the payment of the cess would be willingly accepted by the majority of the ryots, many of whom withhold payment of the cess owing to the refusal of others to pay, and from a fear of the chief burden thus falling on the shoulders of a few.

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No. 282. ORDER THEREON, 19th August 1869, No. 2,369.

Miscellaneous.

UNDER the circumstances represented by the Acting Collector the collection of the cess must be abandoned and the [illegible] must be reported to [illegible] to Mr. Webster to continue the present system in the cases of those channels for which funds are still available, but a further report upon the working of the system should be submitted to Government not later than March next.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.

Fad. F. R. Dantleman.

Revenue Department
No. 2369.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 19th August 1869.
Read the following Proc.
of the Board of Revenue.
(H. E. 21st July 1869, No. 5216.)

Under the circumstances represented by the Bd. Colr. the collection of the less must be abandoned and the grain fees must be reverted to. It will be open, however, to Mr. Webster to continue the present system in the cases of those channels for which funds are still available, but a further report upon the working of the system should be submitted to Govt. not later than March next

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REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated August 19th.

Recd.

G. O., 19th August 1869, No. [illegible]

Pro. of the Board of Revenue of 16th August 1869 No. 2362

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Pro. of the Bd. of Rev. 18 Aug. 1870 No. 2606