

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

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.

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

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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
CAROOR.	Pogaloor.....	Rs. A. P. 1,896 0 0	Rs. A. P. 1,265 0 0	Rs. A. P. 3,161 0 0	11 10 91	This channel has been given up.
	Pullapollim.....	1,830 0 0	1,993 0 0	3,823 0 0	122 12 8	Do.
	Nerur.....	1,632 0 0	787 0 0	2,419 0 0	1,618 9 5	Do.
	Vargul.....	1,020 0 0	1,003 0 0	2,023 0 0	376 14 10	This channel has been given up.
	Caroor.....	804 0 0	651 0 0	1,455 0 0		Do.
	Punchamadavy.....	564 0 0	402 0 0	966 0 0		Do.
	Coyempully.....	648 0 0	517 0 0	1,165 0 0	561 2 4	This channel has been given up.
	Puliyoor.....	1,104 0 0	470 0 0	1,574 0 0		Do.
	Senapparety.....	804 0 0	357 0 0	1,161 0 0	21 6 2	This channel has been given up.
	Tiruvannullore.....	1,104 0 0	434 0 0	1,538 0 0	373 5 6	Do.
	Chinna Dharapooram.....	750 0 0	792 0 0	1,542 0 0	38 10 10	This channel has been given up.
	Nunjacalacoorchy.....	312 0 0	229 0 0	540 0 0		Do.
	Total...	12,468 0 0	8,899 0 0	21,367 0 0	3,124 8 61	
DHARAPPOORAM.	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	
	Alungum.....	384 0 0	1,115 4 8	1,499 4 8	934 4 2	
	Dalavoypatnam.....	312 0 0	814 14 8	1,126 14 8	635 5 8	
	Nanjatalayur.....	210 0 0	248 7 3	458 7 3	200 0 4	
	Sankakkampalliem.....	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	

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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	547 0 0	1,030 0 0	59 11 8
Karatolooovo.....	378 0 0	344 0 0	722 0 0	3 3 8
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 24

This channel has been given up.
Do.COIMBATORE,
31st May 1869.(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 nirguntty 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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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

~~present system must be resorted to~~ ~~by the Acting Collector~~ ~~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.

Frd. F. R. Dantleman.

Revenue Department
No. 2369.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 19th August 1869.

Read the following Pro.
of the Council of Revenue.
(H. E. 21st July 1869, N^o 5216.)

Under the circumstances
represented by the B. Col.
the collection of the fees
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} ~~cases~~ should
be submitted to fort not
later than March next

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24, Fort St. George, Madras
26th August 1869

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Pro. of the B. Col.
Aug 19th 1869

Year of 1869

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