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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st March 1870.*

No. 159. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th December 1869, No. 9,215 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Tinnevely, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 29th November 1869, No. 464.

I HAVE the honour to forward copy of a letter from the Sub-Collector, furnishing the information called for by the Board in their Proceedings, No. 6,449, dated 27th August 1869, regarding the Kovankulam Anicut and the cultivation under existing irrigation-works depending on the Nambiar for their supply.

2. The assessment on the 1,116 Acres of land, not cultivated in Fusly 1277, amounts to Rupees 9,316.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From A. J. STUART, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to the Acting Collector of Tinnevely, dated Tenkasi, 9th November 1869, No. 293.

I HAVE the honour, in reply to your Endorsement on Board's Proceedings, No. 6,449, dated 27th August 1869, to state that Kudenkulam appears to have been wrongly written for Kovankulam; there neither exists nor is proposed any anicut at any such place as Kudenkulam.

2. At Kovankulam there exists an anicut which, with some repairs and a considerable outlay on the channels leading from it, will unquestionably supply a great deal more than 723 Acres, which is an estimate by the Tahsildar of punjah lands which might be converted into nunjah.

The fact that twelve per cent. of the old ayacut is waste is due to several causes, namely :—

(1.) To want of proper repair and clearing of irrigation-channels and the tanks fed by them, which in consequence are not able to hold so much water as formerly.

(2.) To the intercepting of water higher up the stream for use in extending cultivation. This is done gradually little by little, and the result is that lands formerly punjah become nunjah, while others lower down which used to be nunjah are abandoned for want of water.

(3.) Perhaps to deficiency of rain, though I am inclined to doubt whether any such deficiency in late years, as compared with former years, can be satisfactorily made out.

(4.) To the fact that it often happens that lands never cultivated nunjah has been entered in the old ayacut accounts as nunjah and so retained, though within the memory of man, or the time for which account exists, they have not been so cultivated.

4. The first is, I think, the chief reason, and is due, in great measure, to the Government not being able to allot sufficient money to keep existing works in a thoroughly efficient state; a natural consequence of which is that the revenue suffers. Things will all be set right in time by the new schemes for improving the irrigation of the Nambiar from Loan Funds.

5. I may mention that Mr. Grant and I calculated upon getting some 3,000 Acres of nunjah land supplied from an amount existing a few miles below Kovankulam; this land being in the bed of the Tuvuvai Tank, and the proposal to convert it into rice-fields having come from Dr. Caldwell.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government, in continuation of Board's Proceedings of the 27th August 1869, No. 6,449.

2. It will be observed that there are 1,116 Acres of waste land comprised in the nunjah ayacut, the non-cultivation of which is attributed to deficiency of water occasioned by non-repair of works, interception of water for new cultivation above, and original deficiency of irrigation-works compared to area of ayacut.

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3. In addition to this area and the 723 Acres of punjah convertible into punjah, there is, it appears, unlimited scope for utilizing any further surplus by reclaiming 3,000 Acres in the bed of Taruvai Tank, which is commanded by the Nambiar.

No. 160.

ORDER THEREON, 21st March 1870, No. 377.

Irrigation, No. 5.

COMMUNICATED to the Public Works
Department, with reference to the G.
O. in that department, dated 21st Sep-
tember 1869, No. 3,086.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Public Works Department,
the Board of Revenue.

3. In addition to this area, and the 723 acres of Punjab convertible into Nanjah, there is, it appears, unlimited scope for utilizing any further surplus by reclaiming 3,000 acres in the bed of the Peruvai Tank, which is commanded by the Nambiar.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Handwritten signature
Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Acting Collector of Tinnevely.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

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Let to the Public Works Dept
for construction of the road
with reference to the G.O. in that Dept
dated 21st Sept. 1909 No 3006.
21-9-1909

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REVENUE.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Acting Secy.

Dated March 21st.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O. 21st March 1910. No. 377.

MAJOR

No. 150100.

For the purpose of the Department of Public Works, the following is the list of the works which are to be carried out in the year 1910-11.