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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 19th August 1872.

Read the following letter from C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Shevaroy Hills, 1st August 1872, No. 188 :—

WITH reference to the G. O., of the 25th January last, No. 249, I have the honour to enclose the copy of a communication received from the Acting Head-Assistant Collector relative to the Andyapanúr project. Mr. LeFanu is of opinion that it is "unadvisable at present to undertake a work, the advantages of which are so open to question" and I entirely agree with him. Having seen the locality myself, I consider that it will be a great risk to carry out the work. It is situated so close to the Hills that I doubt if any bund would stand the great rush of water there must be from the hills in any heavy fall of rain.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From W. J. H. LEFANU, Esq., Acting Head-Assistant Collector, to the Collector of Salem, dated Tripatur, 12th July 1872, No. 272.

WITH reference to your letter No. 404, dated 13th May 1872, I have the honour to state, that if the tank referred to could be restored, the Punjah lands as shown in the margin, might be converted into Nunjah, which at Rs. 5, per acre, would give Rupees 700 to Government. Also about 300 acres of Peramboke might be brought under wet cultivation, which would give Rupees 1,500 at the same rate.

	A.	G.	A.	Assessment. Rs.	A.	P.
Cultivation ...	79	12	8	117	1	2
Podugal	40	35	10	76	7	4
Inam	20	0	0	18	15	11
	140	8	2	212	8	5

2. These statements are very couleur de rose. On the other hand it must be taken into consideration that the tank bed would have to be cleared at great cost and a first class bund would have to be constructed to withstand sudden and heavy pressure. It is very problematical whether after the necessary outlay had been made, the revenue derivable from the tank, would give a fair rate of interest on the money spent.

3. I think it unadvisable at present to undertake a work the advantages of which are so open to question. I of course have no approximate idea of what the actual expense might be, but it is sufficiently apparent from the Superintending Engineer's letter forwarded with the Government Proceedings that it would be very heavy, and this thought was evidently uppermost in the mind of that officer when he wrote.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. T. LONGLEY,
Collector.

THESE letters will be submitted to Government with reference to G. O., 25th January 1872, No. 249.

2. The Board are of opinion that as, both the Revenue and the Department Public Works Officers are in doubt as to the probable stability of the work and as to its proving remunerative even if successful, its restoration should be abandoned for the present at all events.

(True Copies and Extract.)

J. Grose
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, D. P. W.

Copy to the Chief Secretary to Government, R. D.
,, to the Collector of Salem.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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