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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th October 1873.

No. 246. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th July 1873, No. 1,215:—

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 12th May 1873, No. 86:—

A VOLUNTARY cess for the maintenance of minor distributors of water under branch channels has been in operation with successful results in this district in the Bhowany irrigated tracts, in Suttiamungalum and Perindoray Taluqs.

2. An improvement of an old anicut and channel at Kaniempolliem, in the former taluq, over the Bhowany, has lately been made, new sluices built, and cultivation extended.

3. It is proposed by the division officer to allow the people to contribute a cess of 4 Annas per acre annually for the establishment which will consist of one Neerani Monegar and four Assistants; annual cost Rupees 180.

4. By G. O. No. 1,263 of 30th August 1872, Revenue Department, communicated with Revenue Board's Miscellaneous No. 6,167 of 10th September 1872, no cesses, voluntary or otherwise, are allowed to be imposed without the sanction of the Government of India.

5. The alternative is to allot waste lands for the support of the channel establishment. At present land assessed at Rupees 76 annually is a sanctioned, but insufficient, allotment.

6. Probably, the additional allotment will commend itself to Government rather than the proposed voluntary cess.

7. In such case, I have the honour to request that waste nunjah land, assessed at Rupees 104, which has already been marked out, may be sanctioned from the ayacut of Pillerypolliem, Danakancottah, and Ravanumpolliem, the total ayacut of which is acres 472·09, and assessment Rupees 1,701-3-0.

Total ayacut under the Kaniempolliem channel, Acres 1,068·98.
Total assessment on do., Rupees 3,545-2-11.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. A channel establishment is required to keep an improved channel in repair, and the Collector proposes either that the people should be allowed (with the consent of the Government of India) to pay for it by a voluntary cess of 4 Annas an acre, or that Government should give a landed endowment of Rupees 104, in addition to the existing endowment of Rupees 76; and he thinks Government are likely to prefer this alternative.

3. The Board think "a voluntary cess" would not succeed, even if the people agreed to it at first. The system has not been successful in Coimbatore, as is shown by the papers disposed of in G. O., 1st November 1870, No. 1,680. Most of the "irrigation cess" now collected is entered in the puttas, and is therefore not a voluntary cess.

Vide Report submitted with Board's letter, 5th March 1873, No. 314.

4. The grant of a landed endowment would need the sanction of the Government of India, and they would probably prefer that the cost of the necessary establishment should be provided for in the usual way.

5. For the present, a temporary establishment paid from Imperial Funds will be wanted, but when the Village Service Cess Act is introduced it may be possible to provide for it from that source.

No. 247. ORDER THEREON, 25th October 1873, No. 1,173.

Irrigation, No. 2.

THE Governor in Council concurs with the Board of Revenue in considering that neither of the proposals made by the Collector can be adopted.

(True Extract.)

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

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PROCEEDINGS, 7TH JULY 1873, No. 1,215.

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No. 1,215.

Irrigation Conservancy Establishment—for keeping in repair an improved channel in Sattiamungalum Taluq, Coimbatore District.—Collector's proposal that ryots should be allowed to pay for—by a voluntary cess, or that Government should authorize an increase to existing landed endowment for support of channel establishment, submitted for orders of Government, with remarks.

With Order
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4. The grant of a landed endowment would need the sanction of the Government of India, and they would probably prefer that the cost of the necessary establishment should be provided for in the usual way.

5. For the present, a temporary establishment paid from Imperial Funds will be wanted, but when the Village Service Cess Act is introduced it may be possible to provide for it from that source.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" the Collector of Coimbatore.

Ext. F. R. Bantleman.