Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
18th February 1873.

No. 116. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th February 1873, Miscellaneous No. 805 :—

Read a letter from the Acting Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to Government, No. 302, dated 12th July 1872, submitting, with reference to the remarks contained in the Order of Government No. 14, dated 8th January 1873, forwarding for communication to Kandoor Narasimha Charry the decision of the Secretary of State on his appeal petition, (herewith returned) to report that, with the exception of the sluice of the Otteri Tank, all the means of irrigation which water the Pattadapachel lands that formed the subject of inquiry into K. Narasimha Charry's conduct are in excellent order.

2. The lands in question are mainly dependant on a large number of wells, the property of Government, and on several channels fed by perennial springs, all of which are in satisfactory order; and the surplus water from the large Pichanoor Tank also furnishes an ample supply of water during several months of the year.

3. The Otteri Tank is shallow and of inconsiderable size. It is supplied by streams which bring down very quickly the rainfall from the rocky hills in the vicinity; it fills very quickly, and is soon emptied. No money has been spent on the repair of this tank by Government for a very long time, and the sluice is useless; but the Pattadapachel lands which skirt the tank are irrigated from it by cuts made for the purpose in the bank by the ryots.

4. In August 1870 my tents were pitched for about a fortnight in close proximity to these lands, and I went over them often and examined them carefully. I can assure the Board of Revenue that in all my experience I have never seen finer or more fertile lands. Even at the early stage of the cultivation season at which I saw them the fields were covered with luxuriant crops, and there was a plentiful supply of water everywhere.

The Revenue Settlement has commenced its operations in the Gudiatam Taluq, and I have no doubt but that these lands, as well as many others of the same kind which were transferred from wet assessment to dry on the recommendations of Kandoor Narasimha Charry, will very shortly be properly classified and assessed once more.

5. In my letter No. 302, dated 12th July 1872, I brought to the notice of the Board of Revenue the fact that throughout this district there are hundreds of tanks on which for many years back little or no outlay has been made for repairs, and which are all more or less in a dilapidated condition, but they nevertheless still hold water and irrigate a certain extent of land; and I need scarcely observe that, if Kandoor Narasimha Charry's argument was to hold good, and Government be deprived of the right of charging wet assessment on all lands for the irrigation of which they have not incurred a regular expenditure, there would be a prodigious and permanent loss of revenue in almost every district in this Presidency.

Submitted to Government, with reference to Government Order No. 14, dated 8th January 1873.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
18th February 1873.

No. 117. ORDER THEREON, 18th February 1873, No. 191.

Miscellaneous.

THIS report will be forwarded to [illegible] Secretary [illegible]
No. [illegible] of [illegible].)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

Revenue Department

Miscellaneous No 805

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

dated 8th February 1873.

Read the following

No 33

From

W. L. Whiteside Esqr,

Actg Collector of Tanjore

To

J. Groves Esqr,

Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Madras

Sir,

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in almost every District in this Presidency.

Northcroft
Collector's Office,
Chittoor, 20th January
1873.

I have &c.
(Signed) W.S. Whiteside
Ag Collector.

Submitted to Government with
reference to Government Order No 14
dated 8th January 1873.

(True Copy & Extract)

H Stokes
Ag Sub-Secretary

To, The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department
with Memorial

W Northcroft
Esq
Collector

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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated February 1873.

Rec'd. Encl.

G. O., 18th February 1873, No. 191.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 116117.

E. Narayana Chetty, Tahsildar, Gudiattam.—Proceedings Board of Revenue, sanctioning Collector's proposal to appoint petitioner to be Tahsildar of the Gudiattam Taluq.

Submitting Govt. report of Collr. of North Arcot on Appeal Petition from Mr. Narayana Chetty, late Tahsildr. of Gudiattam.

No 191.

This Report will be forwarded to the Secy of State.
Ordered that the following order
be passed.

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Govt. Order No. 191 dated 18th Feb. 1873

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