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No. 112. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th July 1874,  
(No. 1,759:—

Read the following replies of Collectors to Board's Proceedings, dated 31st March 1873,  
No. 482:—

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| From the Collector of Ganjam,                                          | dated 10th Feb. 1874, No. 404.   |
| " of Vizagapatam,                                                      | " 21st June 1873, " 904.         |
| " of Godavery,                                                         | " 15th Dec. " 414.               |
| recorded in Board's Pro., dated 19th Feb. 1874, No. 372.               |                                  |
| " the Collector of Nellore,                                            | dated 10th June 1873, No. 1,318. |
| " of Bellary,                                                          | " 26th Aug. " 288.               |
| " of Cuddapah,                                                         | " 15th May " 65.                 |
| " of Kurnool,                                                          | " 7th Oct. " 315.                |
| " of Chingleput,                                                       | " 23rd July " 291.               |
| " of North Arcot,                                                      | " 22nd May " 287.                |
| " of South Arcot,                                                      | " 22nd Oct. " 407.               |
| " of Tanjore,                                                          | " 12th June " 203.               |
| " of Trichinopoly,                                                     | " 7th Oct. " 228.                |
| " of Madura,                                                           | " 28th May 1874, " 153.          |
| " of Tinnevely,                                                        | " 16th June 1873, " 321.         |
| " of Coimbatore,                                                       | " 16th May " 39.                 |
| Commissioner of Nilgiris,                                              | " 17th " " 40.                   |
| Collector of Salem,                                                    | " 12th " " 135.                  |
| " of South Canara,                                                     | " 6th Feb. 1874, " 236.          |
| recorded in Board's Proceedings, No. 1,315 Mis., dated 25th Feb. 1874. |                                  |
| " the Collector of Malabar, dated 11th June 1873, No. 147.             |                                  |

THESE replies will be submitted to Government, with reference to G. O., dated 5th March 1873, No. 713, Public Works Department, in which the following passage occurs:—

"Instructions will accordingly be issued in the Revenue and Public Works Departments absolutely restricting the functions of the subordinate officers of the latter department to the regulation in the water supply in channels which supply the lands of more than one village, and vesting in the village-officers the charge of the water supplied to single villages from the moment it quits the regulating sluice, over which, however, they will have no control."

2. The state of the case in the several districts is as follows:—

Ganjam.—The system is already in force.

Vizagapatam.—Do. do.

Godavery.—As regards this district, the matter is settled in G. O., dated 29th May 1874, No. 651. The transfer is to take place from the beginning of fasli 1284. No new Neergunties are allowed, though the Collector said he *might* possibly want some.

Kistna.—The case of this district will be disposed of separately, as the Collector's reply involves other subjects.

Nellore.—The system is already in force.

Bellary.—The system is already in force, except as regards the Tungabudra channels, and when the Collector wrote in July 1873 he was about to order that it should be in force in these channels also.

Cuddapah.—The village-officers have charge of all distribution channels. There are no large works.

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*North Arcot.*—The system is already in force.

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*Tanjore.*—The villagers control all field and village channels, but more than this they manage the sluices at the head of the village channels, and have always done so. This practice works well, and should not be interfered with.

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*Tinnevely.*—The case of field and village channels is provided for, as the new settlement is introduced.

*Coimbatore.*—Mr. Wedderburn introduced the same system some time ago, and finds it works well. In the subdivision all the channels are kept in repair by the ryots.

*Nilgiris.*—There are no such works.

*Salem.*—The system is already in force.

*South Canara.*—There are no such works.

*Majabar.*—Do. do.

3. It thus appears that no orders are required so far as regards Ganjam, Vizagapatam, Bellary, Cuddapah, North Arcot, and Salem.

4. In Tinnevely, the Collector does not state whether the system approved by Government is in force in those parts of the district which have not yet been settled. He will report more fully.

5. In Godavery, the matter is already settled. The case of the Kistna District will be dealt with in separate Proceedings.

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8. In Chingleput, the Collector states generally that the new system can be introduced when Government allow him 534 Neergunties in addition to the 337 which he has now for 2,672 tanks. The cost would be at Rupees 30 each, Rupees 19,506 more than the present cost. In all probability, the Public Works Department have never had anything to do with most of the tanks, and the Collector will report what work is done now by officers of the Department Public Works which the new system will impose on village-officers, and what Neergunties are required on this account.

9. The Kurnool representation that more Neergunties are wanted, etc., should be separately submitted, and the proposals should show how the necessary expenditure can be met from the Village Service Fund.

From the Hon. C. Pelly, to Government, dated 25th September 1863, No. 1,620.

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ORDER THEREON, 13th August 1874, No. 1,016.

Irrigation, No. 2.

No special orders are called for on these Proceedings. Paragraphs 6 and 7 will be considered in the Public Works Department. The further reports from Tinnevely, Chingleput, and Kurnool, will be dealt with when hereafter received.

(True Extract.)

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Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.  
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Secretary.

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No. 1016.

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