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		6	Sadiameri	Do.	63	92	Do. do.
		7	Naraikulam ...	Do.	117	51	Do. do.
			Total...	...	1,443	3,394	
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			Total...	...	2,243	2,881	
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4	3	669
4	4	435
5	1	138
5	2	491
7	2	79
7	3	381
7	4	108
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Rs. A. P.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs. A. P.
7 8 0	95	714	...	...	.....
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8. There are three rain-fed tanks irrigating 74 acres, which are classified as follows :—

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Total...	...	...	...	13,236	4,410	0 5 4

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
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40. ORDER THEREON, 5th October 1874, No. 1,266.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
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OCTOBER.

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To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
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Copy to the Director of Revenue Settlement.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Re 27 April 1874 Nos 223–24
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PROCEEDINGS, 12TH SEPTEMBER 1874, No. 2,58

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