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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
31st July 1875.*

No. 340. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th June 1875, No. 1,590:—

Read the following letter from W. McQUHAE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Shembaganoor, 8th May 1875, No. 193:—

With reference to my letter* of 25th March 1875, No. 135, I have the honor to request instructions on the question whether any steps can be taken for collecting the pay of the Nelayur Channel establishment which is in arrears since September 1873. This establishment was entertained with the consent of the ryots, but no formal written agreement was taken from them. When quarrels among the villages irrigated by this channel first caused difficulty in the collection of the cess, the ryots never absolutely refused to pay, but always made promises and excuses. The consequence was that the establishment continued working without pay, though I believe the coolies must have obtained their daily food from the ryots. The doubt now is whether payment of the voluntary cess can be legally enforced in order that arrears of wages may be paid to the Peishcar and coolies. I am afraid the payment was voluntary and cannot be enforced.

2. I think it is established by experience in Coimbatore, Madura and other places, that the voluntary system will not work in large channels. The different villages are sure to have disputes, and it is impossible to meet the wishes of all. As soon as one party in a village refuse to pay the cess, all the other ryots refuse to pay unless all pay and the whole arrangement falls in pieces.

THE Board fear that the collection of the arrears cannot be legally made. The measures approved in Board's Proceedings, dated 30th April 1875, No. 1,089, should be strictly enforced.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 340A. MINUTE BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

I must venture again (*vide* Minute Proceedings of Madras Government, 12th May 1875) to ask my Honorable Colleagues to reconsider this matter.

2. I submit that very serious inconvenience and great loss arise to an agricultural people from the ordinary channel clearances and ditching of the country not being readily, seasonably, and well done year by year; that the State cannot possibly and ought not to attempt to do what is a popular and legal obligation; that the people are generally willing to carry out the thing, and, in fact, do a great deal by a communal arrangement; but that being practically voluntary arrangements, they cannot be enforced under many circumstances.

3. I think, therefore, that if comprehensive compulsory law in this behalf be inexpedient at present,—I would myself go considerable lengths in this direction,—at least we should provide the people with the means of legally combining for these useful objects, with power to maintain such obligations against a few selfish recusants and to commute the obligations, if they so desire, in such a way as may enable Government servants to carry out the work.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
31st July 1875.*

4. If my Honorable^d Colleagues will go no further, I submit that we might ask the Board and Collectors to report on some such small project of law as will provide for these objects.

8th July 1875.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON.

No. 341. ORDER THEREON, 31st July 1875, 1,155.

Irrigation, No. 7.

THE Governor in Council agrees with the Board that the law does not admit of the enforcement of the collection of arrears in cases of this kind.

2. It is, however, undesirable that serious inconvenience and loss arise to the agricultural community from the failure to effect ordinary channel clearances seasonably year by year. The duty is one which the State ought not to, and cannot undertake, and although a majority generally admit the obligation and are willing to perform the work they are in the present state of the law unable to combine for the common good owing to the opposition of a few recusants.

3. His Excellency the Governor in Council accordingly resolves to call on the Board for their opinion, after consulting a few selected Revenue Officers, as to the expediency of legislation on the subject, and as to the form it should take, whether amendment of existing law or original legislation.

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary to Government.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 11th June 1875.

WITH reference to my letter* of 25th March 1875, No. 135, I have the honor

• Recorded in Board's Proceedings, No. 1,089,
dated 30th April 1875.

2. I think it is established by experience in Ocimbatore, Madure and other places, that the voluntary system will not do for large channels. The different villages are sure to have disputes, and it is impossible to meet the wishes of all. As soon as one party in a village refuse to pay the cess, all the other ryots refuse to pay unless all pay and the whole arrangement falls in pieces.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

To the Collector of Madura.

Exd. W. H. French,

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MINUTE BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

I must venture again (vide Minute Proceedings of Madras Government, 12th May 1875) to ask my Honorable Colleagues to reconsider this matter.

2. I submit that very serious inconvenience and great loss arise to an agricultural people from the ordinary channel clearances and ditching of the country not being readily, seasonably, and well done year by year; that the State cannot possibly and ought not to attempt to do what is a popular and legal obligation; that the people are generally willing to carry out the thing, and, in fact, do a great deal by a communal arrangement; but that being practically voluntary arrangements, they cannot be enforced under many circumstances.

3. I think, therefore, that if comprehensive compulsory law in this behalf be inexpedient at present, I would myself go considerable lengths in this direction,—at least we should provide the people with the means of legally combining for these useful objects with the power of maintaining the obligations against a few selfish recusants and of commuting the obligations, if they so desire, in such away as may enable Government servants to carry out the work.

4. If my Honorable Colleagues will go no further, I submit that we might ask the Board and Collectors to report on some such small project of laws *will provide for these objects*
(Signed) W. ROBINSON.

8th July 1875.

(to)

*The Govt. cannot in his opinion expressed in
No. 7 R.R.*

*The question of arrears of pay due to his
necessaries Establishment with receive
consideration in the Public work, Sept*

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BOARD of AGRI-CULTURE,
MADRAS.

1875.

*Dec: 1875: 24th
N. 2365*

PROCEEDINGS, 11th JUNE 1875, No. 1,590.

Day 24 June 1875
Encl.

Received 21: June

Dec. 11/75: 21 July 1875

JUNE.
No. 1,590.

*Cess—voluntarily paid by ryots of the
villages irrigated by Nelayur Channel in Madras
District, for the maintenance of an establish-
ment for clearing it, but afterwards withheld,
owing to certain dispute regarding the appoint-
ment of Peishcar.—Opinion expressed that col-
lection of the arrears cannot be legally made.
The measures approved in Board's Proceed-
ings, 30th April 1875, No. 1,089, should be
strictly enforced.*

for order

No. 2365

From

B^d of Rev.

Dated

11th June

1875.

FOR ORDERS.

Memorandum I much venture again (vide
 Minute Proceedings of Madras Govt 12th May/75)
 to ask my Honble. Members to reconsider
 this matter.

I submit that any season of
 inconvenience and great loss would be
 an agricultural people from the ordinary
 channel clearances and watching of the
 Country not being ready, seasonably and
 well done year by year - that the State
 cannot possibly and ought not to attempt

to do what is a popular & legal obligation:
that the people are generally willing to
carry out the thing and in fact do a
great deal by a communal arrangement
but that being practically voluntary
arrangements, they cannot be enforced
under many circumstances.

I think therefore that if
a Comprehensive Compulsory law in the
behalf be unopposed at present, I
would myself go considerable lengths
in this direction - at least we should
provide the people with the means
of legally combining for these useful
objects with the power of maintaining the
obligations against a few selfish persons
and of commuting the obligations, if they
so desire, in such a way as may enable
Govt

Govt: Servants to carry out the work.
If my Honble: Colleagues will
go no further I submit that we ought
ask the Board and Collectors to report
on some such small projects of law.
8/7 J. W. W. W.

This suggestion I will
for ~~the~~ instructions of
a law going further than Act I of 1868
& the refusal of remissions - when you
neglect "Kudimaramut" is rather a
serious matter just now when we are con-
templating a considerable increase to
local taxation for the purpose of
elementary instructions. - We may

Rev. Dept.

FOR ORDERS.

however ask the B^d,
in communication with
a few selected Revenue
officers, to advise as
as to the necessity of
legislation on the
subject and as to
the form it should
take. i.e. amendment
of existing law - or
original legislation

R.I.E.

12 July 75

31 July 75 No 1155

31 July 75 No 1155

G.O. No 1155-8 31st July 1875

Order: B^d of Rev

Expressing opinion that collection of money
from, & maintenance, & repair of village, & village
channel. & for maintenance of the State for clearing it
but afterwards with this view to a dispute, cannot be legally made to

No 1155 31st July 75 Rev Dept

11. 8. 11. June 75 No 1590

The Governor in Council
agrees with the Board
that the law does not
admit of the payment
of the collection of arrears
in cases of this kind.

It is however understood
that serious inconvenience
& loss arise to the
agricultural community
from the failure to
effect ordinary channel
clearance seasonably
year by year - The duty
is one which the State
ought ^{not} to, & cannot
undertake, & although

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to inquire personally
admit the obligation
I am willing to perform
the work. They are in
the present state of
the law unable to
combine for the common
good owing to the
opposition of a few
vessels.

His Excellency the
Governor in Council
accordingly resolves to
call on the Board
for their opinion,
after consulting a

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few selected Revenue
Officers, as to the
expediency of legislation
on the subject. as to
the form it should
take - whether amended
existing law - or
original legislation.

14 To the Board of Revenue 19 August

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