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on lands in some villages of the Sydapet Taluq, Chingleput District, which are likely to be hereafter brought under the benefits of the extended irrigation of the Red Hills, Cholaveram, and Chembrambakam Tanks. The rates proposed are (1) by Mr. Banbury, those imposed on second and third groups under the Red Hills Tank, as explained in the later of the two Proceedings above recorded, which gives an average of Rs. 3-5-5 per acre; and (2) by Mr. Puckle, a uniform rate of 2 Rs. per acre all round in addition to the present revised assessment.

2. The adoption of the former is advocated both by the Board of Revenue and Mr. Randall in preference to the latter, apparently, because the former is the more moderate of the two, and better suited to the nature of the lands to be assessed. The Government sanction the Board's recommendation under the presumption that the arrangement will place the lands referred to on the same footing as others similarly situated in the neighbourhood and already settled.

3. The proposal to assign to the Settlement Department duty of reserving the rights of Government to modify subsequent to settlement the wet rates of assessment, where there is any probability of considerable improvement in the means of irrigation, is approved, and it should be explained to the ryots generally that the thirty years' limit does not apply to lands whose means of irrigation are considerably improved subsequent to settlement; whether such improvement was in contemplation at the time of the settlement or not.

4. This reservation of the State right to revise the thirty years' settlement in the event of means of irrigation being materially extended or improved at the public cost should be carefully announced everywhere.

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(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Director of Revenue Settlement.
„ the Public Works Department.

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GOVT. OF INDIA
 REVENUE
 No. 1018-43
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No. 1,340.
 PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 22ND May 1876.
 Read the following letter from C. RUNIALL, Esq., Acting Director of Revenue Settlements, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, 6th May 1876, No. 1,018-43:—
 In his report on the principal division of the Chingleput District, Mr. Banbury at paragraph 125 explained that arrangements had been made for raising the

No. — dated 13th April 1874.
 groups, and consequently the wet assessment, of certain villages of the Sydapet Taluq likely to be hereafter brought under irrigation as extended. He specified the varam, and Chembrambaukam Tank in several villages, and proposed that the wet assessment should be raised to the second group appertaining to the above supply might be furnished. Major Stuar to pursuing this course, a stipulation should be inserted in the Settlement rough puttas that the wet assessment will be liable to be raised to the second group upon the improved supply of irrigation being extended to the villages in question. He remarks that some of the villages referred appears to have been included in the 69 villages settled by Mr. Puckle, and that he is not aware whether any such explanation has been entered in the puttas then issued.

2. I find that no such intimation was afforded by the puttas Mr. Puckle issued, as he seemingly contemplated adopting an entirely different course, viz., that half of the ordinary water-rate, or Rupees 2 per acre, should be charged upon the more assured irrigation being supplied. — *Vide* paragraph 22 of his report, No. 1,000-A-31-A, of 9th June 1875. It was however explained that the villagers and ryots that they would be liable to an enhanced assessment when they obtained such irrigation.

3. Of the 38 villages specified by Mr. Banbury, I find that 23 form part of the 69 villages Mr. Puckle settled. The effect of adopting the different proposals in respect to these 23 villages is explained below:—

	Water assessment.	Average per Acre.		
		Rs.	A.	P.
By Revenue Accounts ...	16,	474	0	0
By Settlement 3 and 4 wet groups ...	17,	447	0	0
If raised to 2nd group as proposed by Mr. Banbury ...	20,	875	0	0
If charged with Rupees 2 per acre as recommended by Mr. Puckle ...	29,	444	0	0
			2	14
			2	12
			3	5
			4	12

4. The course thus advocated by Mr. Puckle would result in the villages being relatively much more highly rated than the bulk of the villages already settled and assessed under those projects; for an equivalent average would amount only to Rupees 3-5-5 per acre, whilst Mr. Puckle's system would raise the average to Rupees 4-12-8, supposing the irrigation to be extended to the whole of the wet area of each village.

5. Neither proposal would seem to

Board's Proceedings, No. 2,880, of 5th October 1874, and G. O., No. 295, of 24th Feb. 1875.
Board's Proceedings, No. 2,168, of 4th August 1875, and G. O., No. 221, of 15th February 1876.

be pursued. That advocated by Mr. Banbury with those already sanctioned and applied to the foregoing sources of irrigation, and under the proposed plan, it should be carried out.

whatever course is adopted, I hold it to be essential that the occupants of land should be now informed of the revised assessment, that Government modify the assessment upon improved lands, and that a note to this effect should be added to the villages in question.

7. Unless this is done, I foresee that complications may, and probably will, arise should efforts be hereafter made to raise the rates of assessment as intended by Mr. Banbury, or to charge a water-rate of Rupees 2 per acre in addition to the wet assessment now to be imposed as advocated by Mr. Puckle.

8. Mr. Banbury evidently intended that the right should be explicitly reserved to Government, as was done in the case of the villages it is proposed to irrigate from the Sungum Project in Nellore.

9. Of course, in the case of dry land, the Government are at liberty to impose any water-rate they may see fit to order; but I consider they would not have been assessed as wet and settled for a term of 30 years, unless at the Settlement a reservation to this effect is declared and recorded, or unless the landholders concerned are prepared to acquiesce in the charge in order to secure a more sure supply of irrigation.

10. It is explained to the villagers and ryots, and generally understood,* that the revised rates of assessment when newly put in force will hold good for a period of 30 years, or throughout the currency of the Settlement, and it would be impolitic to permit any doubt in this respect to arise.

* G. O., No. 1,803, of 15th November 1870.
Board's Proceedings, No. 1,837, of 16th July 1874.

12. Should the views thus expressed be endorsed by the Board, I would suggest that it be declared to be the duty of the Settlement Department to reserve to Government the right of modifying subsequent to settlement, the wet rates of assessment then imposed; in all cases where there may be any likelihood of the irrigation being largely extended and so greatly improved as to necessitate and justify an addition to the wet rates of assessment. The duty, though it was exercised in Nellore and was intended by Mr. Banbury to be extended to Chingleput also, has never been formally imposed upon the department. The question of course should be prominently noticed in the Settlement Report of each district,

have attracted the special attention of the Board or Government, or have been commented on in the orders referred to marginally; and, under these circumstances, I have the honor therefore to solicit instructions as to the course to be pursued. Mr. Banbury would modify the rates uniformly applied to the existing irrigation under the proposed plan, and it is the more equitable proceeding, out.

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11. The question has been discussed to some extent before in the correspondence marginally detailed.

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and the reservation made in the puttas should be recorded in the descriptive memoir of each village concerned. The matter then might be said to be placed beyond doubt in the future.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Acting Director of Revenue Settlement brings to notice that a decision is required in regard to the assessment to be imposed in certain villages of the Sydapet Taluq in Chingleput, the lands of which are likely to be hereafter brought under the benefits of the extended irrigation of the Red Hills, Cholavaram and Chembambankam Tanks.

The villages are thirty-eight in number, and in his report, dated 13th April 1874, Mr. Banbury proposed that when the service of water was complete the wet assessment of these villages should be raised to the second group appertaining to the above irrigation projects. This with other proposals were accepted by Government in G.O., dated 24th February 1875, No. 295, and it is of course necessary that the parties interested should be duly advised of their liability to an enhanced assessment as the irrigation projects are matured. But it now appears that of the thirty-eight villages above referred to, twenty-three are included amongst the sixty-nine settled by Mr. Puckle,—vide G.O., 15th February 1876, No. 221, and his proposal was to levy Rupees 2 per acre all round in addition to the present revised assessment. It appears that Mr. Puckle verbally explained to the ryots that they would have to pay an enhanced assessment as soon as the irrigation reached their lands.

3. The Board consider it most important that there should be no room for doubt in this matter, and are therefore of opinion that in all villages likely to be affected by these projects, the rough puttas for which have not yet been issued, a note to the effect that an enhanced assessment for improved means of irrigation would be leviable, the thirty years' term of the settlement notwithstanding, should be inserted, and the Acting Director should call in those puttas which have been issued by Mr. Puckle in view to their being amended to this extent. Mr. Randall's proposal that the reservation of the rights of Government to modify subsequent to settlement the wet rates of assessment where there is any probability of considerable improvement in the means of irrigation should be imposed as a duty on the Settlement Department, commends itself strongly to the Board.

4. The question remaining for disposal is, whether when the water reaches these villages the proposals of Mr. Banbury or of Mr. Puckle as to the rate of additional assessment are to be adopted. The following statement shows the effect of each:—

	Water Assessment.	Average per Acre.
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By Revenue Accounts	16,474	2 14 8
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If raised to 2nd group as proposed by Mr. Banbury	20,875	3 5 5
If charged with Rs. 2 per acre as recommended by Mr. Puckle	29,944	4 12 8

Assessment.—in certain villages of Sydpet Taluk, Chingleput District, lands of which are likely to be brought under extended irrigation of Red Hills and other tanks.—Submitting to Government letter from Director of Revenue Settlement regarding enhancement of —, and recommending adoption of Mr. Banbury's proposals on the subject and insertion of some clause to the effect in rough putras.

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PROCEEDINGS, 22ND MAY 1876, No. 1,340

Board of Revenue,
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No. 1,539.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 12th June 1876.

ADVERTING to my letter, No. 1,018-43, of 6th ultimo, submitted for the orders of Government with Board's Proceedings, No. 1,340, of 22nd idem, I have the honor to state that I should have said in the first paragraph that Mr. Banbury specified the several villages likely to hereafter come under the Red Hill, &c., irrigation; and proposed that when the more certain supply might be furnished, the wet rates of assessment should be raised a *group* to accord with the villages now settled under the above irrigation, and not to the second group as detailed in my letter; for all the villages now irrigated under the Red Hills tank are not, I find, second group by settlement, but second and third groups.

2. The result of Mr. Banbury's proposal is correctly given in the statement at paragraph 3; but instead of "if raised to second group," the heading should have been rendered, if raised to second and third groups.

3. I regret that I should have stated Mr. Banbury's intentions incorrectly in this respect, but it does not alter the state of the case or affect the question materially.

4. With reference to the Board's remarks at paragraph 3 of the Proceedings quoted, as the re-call of the tickets issued at this late date would, I fear, be impracticable, and as the Collector is about to distribute for this year the regular puttās of the villages in question, I have requested him to await the printing of a note which I will have struck off and request him to attach to each puttā appertaining to the twenty-three villages under consideration. In this way, the rights of Government will be duly reserved, as the puttās now to be given are the first containing the new assessment as introduced last year.

SUBMITTED to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 22nd May 1876, No. 1,340.

2. The Acting Director brings to notice that in his letter submitted to Government with the Proceedings above quoted, he inadvertently stated that Mr. Banbury had proposed to raise those villages, to which a more certain supply of water would be ensured by improved means of irrigation, to the second group as soon as the system was extended to them, whereas he should have said "a group." It appears, however, that the calculation having been made according to Mr. Banbury's proposals, the results, as shown in paragraph 3 of Mr. Randall's first letter, are not affected and only a slight modification of the heading of the statement is necessary.

3. The measures adopted by the Acting Director to secure the prospective rights of Government detailed in paragraph 4 are approved.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Director of Revenue Settlement.

to the Collector of Chingleput.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
PROCEEDINGS OF

Dated 12th June 1876.

Read the following

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From The Director of
Revenue Settlements
To The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue.

Sir,

Adverting to my letter
of 6th ultimo, submitted
No 1018-43 of
the Director of Government
Proceedings No 1340
with Board
of 22nd idem. I have the honor
to state that I should have
said in the first paragraph,
that Mr Booby specified
the several villages likely to
be under the said
hereafter.

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Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 12TH JUNE 1876, No. 1,539.

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No. 1,539.

Assessment—in certain villages of Satalapet
Taluk, Chingleput District, lands of which are
likely to be brought under extended irrigation
of Red Hills and other tanks.—Submitting to
Government explanation of Director of Revenue
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Revenue Settlement Office
Madras
2nd June 1876
J. C. Russell
Dir. of
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Submitted to Government &c

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/ True Copy & Extract

W. L. Lupton
Acty Secretary
To the Secretary to
Government P.D.

W. L. Lupton
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June 10 96 No. 1039. —

The question submitted for the decision of Govt. in the above papers is the amount to be im-
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To the Hon. Secy. of the
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to charge the land fully at once

Assessment of lands
brought under ex. land
irrigation of the Red
Hills & other canals.

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