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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th February 1876.*

No. 321. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd February 1876, No. 319 :—

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 8th January 1876, No. 6.

With reference to the Revenue Board's Miscellaneous Proceedings, No. 11,076, of 11th December 1875, on G.O., No. 1,684, of 24th November 1875, Revenue Department, I have the honor to remark that the conservancy establishment for the Caniempolliem Channel is required for the working and regulation of the channel sluices and preservation of the banks. When in 1872 the cultivation had failed as is shown by the revenue of that year (Rupees 158), the then Executive Engineer

Mr. Nordmann remarked that the failure was due among other causes to the sand sluice having been closed when it should have been opened to scour the silt away; to the wastage of water through small breaches in the banks which the ryots neither report nor close; and to some cultivators damming up the channel at night and turning all the water to their lands; and to other irregularities, diminishing the supply to cultivation and causing the destruction of the work. He also referred to the practice of taking off water through big cuts in the banks, to remedy which sluices were provided in 1872-73; but without an adequate establishment the repairs cannot be watched and prevented. If "all the repairs made in 1873 were destroyed" in 1874, as stated by the Superintending Engineer (letter in G.O., No. 694, of 11th March 1875), this very fact demonstrates the necessity of an establishment to watch and prevent such consequences.

2. By G.O. in Board's Miscellaneous No. 4,753, of 31st May 1875, the charge of the channel has been transferred to the Revenue Department for six years from 1875-76 (*vide* the Irrigation Chief Engineer's Memorandum with G.O., No. 1,299, of 7th May 1875, Public Works Department). I would suggest that the additional

	Per Annum.	
	RS.	
Existing land assessment.	76	allotment of Rupees 104 required to
Allotment required.	104	maintain an establishment of one Monigar
	—	on Rupees 5 and four Neeranies on Rs.
Total. .	180	2½ each a-month may be sanctioned from
	—	the Imperial Agricultural allotments, so
		that the experiment of maintaining the

channel under Revenue agency may have a fair trial. The expenditure of this small sum annually will lead to saving in the cost of repair by timely prevention of injury to the works.

SUBMITTED for the favorable consideration of Government with reference to G.O., dated 24th November 1875, No. 1,684.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th February 1876.*

No. 322.

ORDER THEREON, 28th February 1876, No. 288.

Irrigation, No. 4.

It will be considered in the Public Works Department whether the small sum required for this establishment can be provided from the Irrigation Budget in addition to the maintenance allotment for the channel.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department, with copy of G.O.
dated 12th May 1875, No. 721.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Erd. F. R. Bantleman.

*File No. 2605/76. Item
the first of 27 June*

7th Dec 1876

Canjampolliem Channel, Coimbatore District.
Referring for consideration in the Public Works
Department the question whether Rs. 104 requir-
ed for an establishment for the conservancy of
can be provided from the Irrigation Budget in
addition to the maintenance allotment for the
channel.

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FEBRUARY.
Nos. 321-322.

Dated February, 28th.

G.O. 28th February 1876, No. 285.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Recd. Exd.

Obdt. of 1876

REVENUE.

No. 319.

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	Per annum.	
	RS.	
Existing land assessment.....	76	
Allotment required	104	
Total...	180	

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maintain an establishment of one Monigar
on Rupees 5 and four Neeraries on Rs.
2½ each a-month may be sanctioned from
the Imperial Agricultural allotments, so
that the experiment of maintaining the
channel under Revenue Agency may have a fair trial. The expenditure of this small
sum annually will lead to saving in the cost of repair by timely prevention of injury
to the works.

SUBMITTED for the favorable consideration of Government with reference to G. O.,
dated 24th November 1875, No. 1,684.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

W. J. Lewis
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Collector of Coimbatore.
Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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It will be considered in the Public
works Dept. whether the small sum required
for this establishment can be provided from the
Irrigation Budget, in addition to the maintenance
allowance for the channel.

1270 The Public works Dept. under order of 15th May 1875 No 721 of 29-2-76
13th of Nov. 1876

28 February 1876

BOARD OF REVENUE,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 2ND FEBRUARY 1876, No. 319.

Order of 19th Feb 1876

Encl

Received

10. Feb 1876

FEBRUARY.

No. 319.

Caniampolliem Channel — in Coimbatore
District. — Submitting, for favorable considera-
tion of Government, Collector's letter request-
ing sanction for an allotment of Rupees 104,
required to maintain an establishment for the
conservancy of —

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3 Aug 1875 of 68-64, 074
15th Dec 75
19th Aug 75
26th Nov 75
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Memo. for order

Board's Proceedings of 2d Feb 76
1876 No 319.

In 1873, the Collecting Commis-
sioner reported that an improve-
ment of an old ancient &
channel at Kaniampollam,
in the Pannamangalam taluk,
over the Bhuvang had been
made, new sluices built
& cultivation extended; that
the assessment of Rs. 76 on certain
lands which had been assigned
as an endowment for paying
the distribution of water was
insufficient & that it had
be supplemented by a sum of
Rs. 104. To provide for this estab-
lishment marginally held,
to be raised either by a volun-
tary cess or by an additional
landed endowment. The
Government refused to sanction
either of the proposals & applied

vide No. 25 of 1873
No 1173.

One Keerani moneyer
& four assistants

to the Govt. of India for the sanction
of a temporary salary grant
for the purpose pending the inter-
action of the Village Service
cess. That authority, thereupon
inquired whether the case of
Kamempollium was an
isolated one or whether there
were other instances of irriga-
tion channels maintained,
the establishment on which
cannot be paid for from the
Village Service Cess, how the
charges in such cases are or-
dinarily debited: & requested
full explanation of the matter.

In reporting on the subject the
Board of Revenue mixed up
the two points which should be
kept distinct 1. The main-
tenance of the establishment
required for distributing the
water of the channel, 2. the
maintenance of the channel
itself — This appears to have
led to some confusion in the
disposal of the whole question.
The Board pointed out in their report
that channel establishments in
these

vide G.O. 15 May 1874 No 596

G.O. 12 June 1874 No 726

vide G.O. 8 March 1875 No 377

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three distinct, Pudukkottai, Madurai
& Cumbharne are paid out
of a voluntary local cess;
(which in some cases it is
found very difficult to col-
lect.) With no irrigation cess
is levied for the Kamempollium,
channel which is a new
work with no customary
labor to be commuted into
money payments & with the
establishment must be main-
tained to prevent it from
falling into disrepair & should
be paid from Imperial & not
the Village Service Cess is un-
derstood. This report was re-
ferred to the Public Works De-
partment for consideration
as to whether the Kamem-
pollium channel cannot
under the general rule be
temporarily maintained
by the Public Works Department.
Thus the original question con-
cerning the maintenance of
a distribution establishment
came

came apparently to be con-
founded with that for main-
taining the channel itself -
The fact however is, that the
P.W. Department have been
all along carrying out the
annual maintenance repair
to the channel (vide G.O. No. 2127) & it is
in this Department the question
was raised as to the advis-
ability of keeping up the channel
at a cost out of all proportion
to the revenue derived from
the land irrigated by it; &
the agitation of this question
led to the Collector offering
to take up the maintenance
in his own Department.

In G.O. 24 November 1875 No
1686, the Government after
a full consideration of the state
of the case & the correspondence on the sub-
ject had led to, asked the
Collector to furnish them with
further explanation of the
necessity for an additional
establishment. Mr W. Robertson's
letter

~~vide G.O. 22 August 1877~~

vide G.O. 11 March 1875 No 694
P.W.D.
7th May - No. 1299
18th May - " 20721.20



Letter now before Government
sets forth that the short re-
venue commented on by the
P.W. Dept. was the result of
the absence of an establishment
to superintend effectually
the distribution of the channel
water & prevent damage
to the channel itself; & that
no real improvement can
result from the transfer
of the maintenance of the
channel from the P.W. Dept.
to the Collector
unless the establishment
originally applied for is subse-
quently obtained.

Under these circumstances
it is submitted that one of the
two courses specified below may
be followed. 1. To apply again
to the Govt. of India representing fully
on the points on which informa-
tion is called for by them -
2. To enquire of the P.W. Dept.
whether funds cannot be spared
from the Irrigation budget.

It is certainly taken the
better course & a re-
view of the upl. record
of the Govt. of India
will be made.

for the establishment as well
as for the maintenance of the
work, the necessary establish-
ment being always provided
in their budget. In any case
a letter from Govt. of India
must go in reply to their re-
ference. - If funds can be obtained
from Govt. of India, a more inti-
mation of the fact. Govt. of
India will suffice -

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note

The amount is small
being Rs 100 per annum