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from the Gatananadi at an ancient head known as the Pandiyan Anicut, 040 feet above the adjoining plain where the river debouches from the mountains and thick jungle. I visited the place during settlement and permitted a ryot at his own expense to reopen this abandoned head and old channel for irrigation, so that the remarkable facilities for the reservoir project may be perceived at once at an inspection of the site. The Acting District Engineer, Mr. Grant, has promised to examine into the project on the spot and to report to you on its capabilities, and I have handed to him the levels and plans connected with it. The scheme was too indefinite to bring forward at the time when my report on the settled villages on the northern portion of the taluq was written.

23. I hope that arrangements may be found practicable for the early construction of the minor works I have mentioned above. After my departure on furlough my successor will unfortunately have no personal knowledge of these villages and no need to visit them as the settlement is practically finished. The District Engineer is already so short-handed that it is doubtful whether he will be able to do much for these minor works, and unless the Sub-Collector can spare time from his regular duties to take them up, I fear they must fall through to the detriment both of the ryots and of Government.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. J. STUART,
Acting Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government with reference to G.O., dated 6th December 1875, No. 1,760.

2. With the foregoing letter, the Collector submits a report from the Additional Sub-Collector, giving the information called for at paragraph 15 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 1st September 1875, No. 2,457, as to the extent and character of the lands, the occupancy right of which has been sold, and the number of trees disposed of to raise funds for public purposes during the settlement of the northern portion of the Ambasamudram Taluq. The extent of land sold was 65 acres, and the number of trees disposed of 748, the proceeds amounting to Rupees 8,073.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

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Acting Secretary.

No. 45.

ORDER THEREON, 5th July 1876, No. 902.

Land Revenue, No. 2.

THE Government fully agree with the Board that, under the present altered conditions, the works of public improvement hitherto carried out by the Settlement Department should be transferred from them to the Collector.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
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Exd. W. H. French.

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22. *Sivasalem and Ambur*.—These villages are in the northern portion of Ambasamudram already settled. It is proposed to build here a large reservoir between four and five miles in length between the river Gatananadi and the hills to supplement the uncertain supply of some fifteen villages irrigated by the Gatananadi and yielding a revenue of Rupees 64,000 on the irrigated land alone. A considerable extent of land including the beds of some small tanks would also come newly under irrigation. The supply for the reservoir would be by a new channel taken from the Gatananadi at an ancient head known as the Pandiyan Anicut, 400 feet above the adjoining plain where the river debouches from the mountains and thick jungle. I visited the place during settlement and permitted a ryot at his own expense to reopen this abandoned head and old channel for irrigation, so that the remarkable facilities for the reservoir project may be per-

ceived at once at an inspection of the site. The Acting District Engineer, Mr. Grant, has promised to examine into the project on the spot and to report to you on its capabilities, and I have handed to him the levels and plans connected with it. The scheme was too indefinite to bring forward at the time when my report on the settled villages on the northern portion of the taluq was written.

23. I hope that arrangements may be found practicable for the early construction of the minor works I have mentioned above. After my departure on furlough my successor will unfortunately have no personal knowledge of these villages and no need to visit them as the settlement is practically finished. The District Engineer is already so short-handed that it is doubtful whether he will be able to do much for these minor works, and unless the Sub-Collector can spare time from his regular duties to take them up, I fear they must fall through to the detriment both of the ryots and of Government.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. J. STEWART,
Acting Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government with reference to G.O., dated 6th December 1875, No. 1,760.

2. With the foregoing letter, the Collector submits a report from the Additional Sub-Collector, giving the information called for at paragraph 15 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 1st September 1875, No. 2,457, as to the extent and character of the lands, the occupancy right of which has been sold, and the number of trees disposed of to raise funds for public purposes during the settlement of the northern portion of the Ambasamudram Taluq. The extent of land sold was 65 acres, and the number of trees disposed of 748, the proceeds amounting to Rupees 8,073.

3. Mr. Arundel at the same time adverts to an order issued by the Acting Director of Revenue Settlement, directing that future operations should be confined to ordinary settlement duties, and that the employment of the establishment on works of public improvement should be discontinued, and deprecates the reversal of a policy which has been approved by the Board and Government, and has been attended with such excellent results. The Collector expresses his concurrence in the views of the Acting Director, and promises that schemes for village improvements shall continue to receive attention and be carried out through the officers of the Revenue Department.

4. The good service done by the self-imposed labors of Messrs. Puckle and Arundel is beyond question and has been deservedly recognized, but there does not appear to be any reason why the work should cease in consequence of their departure. The present Collector has a thorough knowledge of the district; he expresses his willingness to continue the improvements initiated by his predecessor, and he has been authorized by Government to do so. The Board agree with

Mr. Rundall in thinking that the work of the Settlement Department is likely to suffer if the establishment is employed on works of village improvement, and the

conduct of operations should now be left to the Collector with such aid as the Settlement Officers can afford without detriment to their legitimate duties in bringing to notice desirable projects.

(True Copies and Extract.)

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Tinnevely.

„ to the Director of Revenue Settlement.

W. H. French
Acting Secretary.

Exd. W. H. French.

The Govt. fully agree with the Board that, under the present altered conditions, the works of public improvement hitherto carried out by the Settlement Department should be transferred from them to the Collector.

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Settlement of northern portion of Amba-
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I thoroughly agree with Mr Randall and the Board that Settlement Officers should do Settlement work only and leave the improvement of the districts to the proper officers, the Collector & his subordinates. Great care & great confidence in the officers concerned is required before such collections as were successfully made. Suggested by Mr. Puckle in Tinnivelly become general. No 25/6

I wish this circulated to my Honble. Members as an instance of what may be done in the direction of Consigning minor works to the ordinary Land Agency and the efficiency which may be anticipated.

Mr. Arundel merely reports his share of the effective work done by the Collector and

and Sub Collectors
in Summerville while
engaged also as
Settlement Officers.
It may be said of
Mr. Puckles far
greater tale of useful
work done.

I believe that a
hard loss of power
occurs by not using
more extensive
in land Agency in
all its grades.

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