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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 6th November 1878.

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3. On receipt of the Government Order above referred to an estimate, amounting to Rupees 17,000, was framed by the District Engineer and the work was partly carried out and a trial channel cut at a cost of Rupees 2,894. The total amount subscribed by the ryots was Rupees 4,967, of which Rupees 3,184 was collected, and there remains Rupees 1,863 to be collected and Rupees 209 in hand out of the collections.

4. In view to helping the ryots Mr. Puckle proposed to frame an estimate for making a road along the line of the channel from Sankaranainarkoil to Vasudevanallur so as to reduce the cost of the channel to some extent. But to this the Public Works Department objected on the ground that the line was more circuitous than that proposed by them; and that part of the project was given up for the time.

5. In 1876 Mr. Stuart had the estimate reduced to a sum of Rupees 8,185, and looking to the anxiety of the ryots for the completion of the work, and to their inability to defray the entire cost, he, in his letter, No. 104, dated 12th February 1877, recommended to the Board to take it up as a famine relief-work, but the Government having in the meanwhile ordered the discontinuance of relief-works, the Board simply recorded Mr. Stuart's letter in their Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 7,170, dated 16th May 1877.

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SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G.O., dated 7th September 1878, No. 1,462.

2. Permission has been granted to the ryots to excavate the channel at their own expense, and they are prepared to carry out the work when they have recovered a little from the effects of the recent disastrous season. The project apparently is one which does not commend itself to the professional department, and no further orders seem to be called for in regard to it.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

C. A. Galton
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Tinnevelly.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

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To the Board of Revenue &c &c &c
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Board of Revenue,
1878.

To
MADRAS.

THE SECRETARY TO GOVT.,
REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated November 6th.

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PROCEEDINGS, 6TH NOVEMBER 1878, No. 2,970

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Tonukal Channel — in Tinnevelly District — Submitting to Government letter from Collector furnishing report called for on the —.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

3rd December 1878, No. 1,941.

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

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, 3rd December 1878, No. 1,941.

Irrigation, No. 1. RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under-Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. W. H. French.

Govt. of [1878] Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated December 3rd.

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DECEMBER.

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