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READ—the following letter from M. TIRUMALAI PILLAI, Special Deputy Collector, Periyár Irrigation, to the Collector of Madura, dated 11th May 1898, Dis. No. 182 :—

I have the honour to submit my progress report for the quarter ending 31st March 1898.

2. *Disposal of darkhasts.*—As already stated in my report for the previous quarter, the five villages on the south bank of the Vaigai depending on the Chittanai have been declared as Periyár-affected and the darkhasts in these villages will be disposed of on the receipt of the necessary darkhast memoranda from Tahsildars. The sub-division work, which was undertaken by the Survey Department, has, I understand, been stopped for want of budget provision for the cost of establishment. As the work is urgent, I address you by separate letter requesting that very early arrangements may be made to start and finish the work soon.

3. *Disposal of applications for loans.*—Two hundred and ninety-two applications involving an amount of Rs. 84,037 were received during the quarter, and the total number of applications that had to be disposed of during the quarter including the cases pending at the end of the previous quarter was 683 involving an amount of Rs. 1,53,523. Of these, thirty applications involving an amount of Rs. 3,640 were rejected for various reasons, and 277 applications involving an amount of Rs. 64,858 were accepted during the quarter under report, leaving a balance of 376 applications. Payments of loans which had been stopped since October 1897 were resumed only from the middle of February 1898. An allotment of Rs. 48,312 was given to me for making advances to the ryots in the Periyár-affected area, and the whole of the allotment had to be utilized in a month and-a-half. Including the cases that awaited payment at the end of the previous quarter, the number of cases in which advances were made during the quarter was 325, and the total amount advanced including payments of second instalment was Rs. 48,364, leaving a balance of Rs. 8 which was too small to be paid to any person. An allotment of two and-a-half lakhs of rupees has been given for the current official year, and as the waste lands commanded by the Project are now being sold, there is much scope for the sum being utilized. Every endeavour will also be made to explain to the ryots the advantages of State loans and the revised rules framed with regard to the same.

4. *Laying out of distributaries.*—During the quarter under report applications from the Public Works Department for lands to be acquired for three distributaries under the 12th Branch channel were received, and the lands required for the same have also been measured. Draft declarations and schedule for the acquisition of the same are sent up for publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*. Draft declarations and schedule for the acquisition of lands required for certain distributaries under the 9th and 12th Branch channels and which were applied for previous to the quarter have since been published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, and the lands covered in these declarations, as also those applied for during the quarter under report, will be formally handed over to the Public Works Department soon. During the quarter under report, compensation for certain old cases which were pending previous to the quarter was settled and paid, and the total amount of compensation disbursed to the parties during the quarter was Rs. 103-11-2. Prompt attention is being paid for the disposal of the remaining cases.

5. *Sales of waste lands.*—During the quarter under report, an extent of 857-05 acres of assessed waste lands in thirteen villages in the Madura Taluk was sold for Rs. 83,949 and a general report on the results of the sales of lands in these villages was submitted to you in my Dis. No. 71 of 1898, dated 28th February 1898, with a programme for the next two quarters. The Government have been pleased to sanction your recommendation and the sales of waste lands in some villages of Madura and Melúr Taluks have been commenced and will be completed in September next.

6. *Whole Inam and Zemin tanks supplied with Periyár water.*—During the quarter, Periyár water was supplied on application to several villages of Nattukottah Chetties in Sivaganga and Ramnad zemindaris. The extent of land irrigated was 426 acres. Some of these villages are situated in the eastern extremity of the District, and water sent down from the 12th Branch channel in the Melúr Taluk through Manimuthanathy, a small river which falls into the sea at Vattanam on the eastern coast. Including these tanks the total number of inam and zemin tanks supplied with Periyár water comes up to 86. The general report promised in the concluding portion of paragraph 5 of my progress report for the previous quarter regarding the question of supply of water to the dry lands in whole inam and zemin villages will be submitted very shortly.

7. *Prospects of extension of irrigation and the attitude of the ryots.*—During the quarter under report 272 applications for Periyár water for converting about 500 acres of dry lands into wet were received and the total number of applications received up to the quarter was 2,747 covering an area of about 9,500 acres. The head sluice in the Periyár was closed on the 1st March 1898 and the water was running in the channel till the 10th. It was proposed to open the head sluice on the 15th May which has since been altered into 25th. The ryots are informed of this and every effort will be made to induce them to raise a short crop first. There is every prospect of extension of wet cultivation as soon as the distributaries are laid out and are in working order. The Public Works Department have already been addressed to make early arrangements for laying out distributaries and channels in the villages in which waste lands have already been and are to be sold.

8. *General remarks.*—The quarter under report was the close of the official year, and on account of the sales of waste lands in the first two months of the quarter, and payments of large sums on account of loans in a very short time in the latter part, the special establishment had very heavy work to cope with. Increase in number and pay has recently been sanctioned to my establishment and the additional hands were entertained in April.

Endorsement by J. G. D. PARTRIDGE, Esq., Collector of Madura, dated 23rd May 1898, Ref. on Cur. No. 166-Pdl.

Submitted to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, Madras.

2. As the Government has recently sanctioned the amounts required for carrying out the sub-division of darkhast lands in Periyár-affected villages, the Assistant Superintendent of Revenue Survey in charge of No. V Division will be requested to push on with the work.

RESOLUTION—No. 267, dated 26th July 1898.

With the endorsement read above, the Collector of Madura submits the progress report of the Special Deputy Collector, Periyár Irrigation, for the quarter ending 31st March 1898.

2. During the quarter under review, no darkhast applications were disposed of as no darkhast memoranda were received from Tahsildars. The Deputy Collector refers to five villages on the south bank of the Vaigai as those in which darkhasts remained to be disposed of. But, it would appear that the work was also pending in the village of Kurichipatti in Melúr Taluk referred to in the Deputy Collector's reports.

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for the quarters ending 30th June and 30th September 1897. The work of subdividing portions of fields assigned on darkhast was stopped for want of budget provision for the special survey establishment sanctioned for the purpose. The necessary provision having since been made by Government, the Collector states that the Assistant Superintendent of Survey will be requested to push on with the work.

3. The loans work of the quarter compares favourably with that of the previous quarter as will be seen from the following abstract:—

Period.	Applications for loans received during the quarter.		Applications pending and received.		Applications rejected.		Applications sanctioned.		Amounts advanced.
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	
Quarter ending 31st December 1897	177	Rs. 47,518	686	Rs. 1,11,751	123	Rs. 16,865	172	Rs. 25,400	22,115
Quarter ending 31st March 1898	202	84,037	683	1,53,523	30	3,640	277	64,858	48,364

An allotment of Rs. 2-10 lakhs has been sanctioned for the current official year, and the Special Deputy Collector expects that the amount will be utilized.

4. Applications for lands required for three distributary channels under the 12th Branch channel were received during the quarter. The necessary notifications for the acquisition of lands required for certain other distributaries have been published in the Gazette. The Deputy Collector hopes to be able to transfer all these lands to the Public Works Department at an early date. A few old claims to compensation were also settled during the quarter.

5. Eight hundred and fifty-seven acres of assessed waste lands in thirteen villages of the Madura Taluk were sold for Rs. 83,949. Similar sales in certain other villages in the Madura and Melur Taluks are expected to be completed by September next.

6. Six tanks situated in the Ramnad and Sivaganga zemindaris were supplied with Periyar water during the quarter and the total number of inam and zemindari tanks for which water was supplied up to the end of the quarter stood at 86. It does not appear that any application was received for water for dry lands in inam or zemin villages.

7. During the quarter under review, 272 applications for converting 500 acres of dry lands into wet were received against 938 and 1,446 applications for 3,000 and 5,000 acres respectively, received in the quarters ending 30th September and 31st December 1897. The decrease is not explained. The Deputy Collector should be required to supply the omission.

8. The Periyar head sluice was expected to be opened on the 25th May last, and effects were being made by the Deputy Collector to induce the ryots to raise a short first crop. The Board understands that the head sluice was actually opened on 29th May.

(True Copy and Extract.)

Dy. Dir., L. Rds. and Agri.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

" Collector of Madura.

" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

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Erd. C. Parthasarathy.

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