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Famine Expenditure

Issuing orders on the proposals of the Collector Bellary and the Board of Revenue to meet—from the Surplus balances of the Cattle Pound Fund and Agricultural Loans.

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Famine Expenditure.

Passing orders on the proposals of the Collector of Bellary and the Board of Revenue to meet — from the surplus balances of the *Cattle Pound Fund* and *Agricultural Services*.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following papers :—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Mis. No. 1374, dated 12th April 1897.

Read—the following letter from H. A. STUART, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 12th March 1897, Cur. No. 128 :—

I find that there is in the villages of this district a great want of good sources of water-supply—a want which is felt every hot weather and exists in an intensive form this year. The funds of the district and taluk boards are wholly inadequate to meet the cost of deepening existing, or sinking new wells in even a fraction of the villages in which these improvements are required, and it has occurred to me that the surplus pound funds might legitimately be devoted to supplementing the other resources available for supplying these grievous needs.

2. The surplus pound funds of the Bellary district have of late years been considerable.

In 1894–95 Rs. 10,000 were contributed to agricultural services and in the following year the amount was Rs. 8,000, these sums being, respectively, 36·52 and 34·10 per cent. of the total receipts. The revised estimate for 1896–97 provides a surplus of Rs. 6,835, and the budget for 1897–98 gives a surplus of Rs. 6,041. I would ask, therefore, that no further credits be taken to agricultural services and that, with effect from the current quarter, the surplus funds be set aside for the improvement of wells and drinking ponds for cattle. As President of the District Board I have already received estimates which exceed in amount the whole of the funds that may thus be made available and many more estimates are coming in.

3. Under section 18 of the Cattle Trespass Act, the surplus pound funds may, with the sanction of the Government, be utilized for any purposes of public utility. I can imagine no purpose of greater public utility than the supply of drinking water in the dry and dusty villages of the Deccan.

I trust, therefore, that the Board will support my proposal and forward it for the sanction of the Government. It would be a double boon if that sanction could be given at an early date.

Resolution—Mis. No. 1374, dated 12th April 1897.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Board strongly supports the Collector's proposal that the surplus pound receipts of the Bellary district may be devoted to the improvement of the drinking-water sources. Mr. H. A. Stuart suggests that the existing wells may in some cases be deepened, whilst new wells may be sunk in places where water is otherwise unobtainable. The Board understands Mr. Stuart to contemplate the improvement of the drinking-water supply for both man and beast, and is of opinion that the money in question may well be devoted to so laudable an object.

3. The surplus at present stands at between Rs. 6,000 and Rs. 7,000 *per annum* and, as in other districts, is credited to Provincial Revenues under the form of a contribution to agricultural services. The accounts of "Agricultural services" at the end of 1895–96 showed a closing balance of Rs. 2,65,109. The Board notes that, under section 18 of the Cattle Trespass Act I of 1871, the surplus pound funds may be devoted to any object of public utility at the discretion of Government.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Bellary.

Endt. Mis. No. 2397, Revenue.

Transferred to the Financial Department.

Ootacamund, 12*th May* 1897.

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

G.O., No. 399, Revenue, dated 28th May 1897.

Abstract.—Passing orders on the fortnightly review of the Bellary district for the period ending 15th April 1897, and asking for early orders on the proposal to utilise Surplus Pound funds for improving the sources of water-supply.

Order—No. 466, Financial, dated 10th June 1897.

The Government agrees with the Board in its opinion as to the expediency of devoting public funds to the improvement of drinking-water sources, but considers that the expenditure should be debited to *33. Famine Relief.*

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
" Famine Commissioner.
" Accountant-General.
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SUBJECT

Submitting for the orders of Govt. letter from the Collector of Bellary recommending the utilization of the Surplus Pound Funds of the District in the improvement of the drinking water sources.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue)

No.1374 Misc.,dated 12th April 1897.

Read letter from H.A.Stuart,Esquire,Collector of Bellary,to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue,Madras, Cur.No.128,dated 12th March 1897.

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Resolution

Submitted for the orders of Government.

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Cattle Trespass Act I of 1871, the Surplus Pound Funds may be devoted to any object of public utility at the discretion of Government.

4. The paper (foolscap cream wove) on which the Collector's letter is written has completely given way at the folds. The Collector's attention is invited in this connection to the remarks of the Superintendent of Stationery communicated with Board's Proceedings No. 1387 Routine, dated 25th May 1893.

(True Extract)

Secretary

To

The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with letter in original to be returned.

The Collector of Bellary.

Md.R.H.

BOARD OF REVENUE (LAND REVENUE), No. 28, 22ND JANUARY 1897.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE (LAND REVENUE).

READ—the following Government Order, No. 856, Financial, dated 10th December 1896 :—

Read—endorsement of Government, Revenue Department, No. 4506, dated 12th November 1896, transferring the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Mis. No. 4735, dated 19th October 1896 :—

Read—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Mis. No. 3516, dated 31st July 1896 :—

Read—the following letter from G. STOKES, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated 19th July 1896, Ref. on Cur. No. 36 (B. and G.) S.F. :—

I have the honour to inform you that out of Rs. 5,000 provided in the current year's budget for construction and repairs of pounds in this district, estimates to the value of Rs. 4,706–12–0 have already been passed.

2. Estimates to the extent of Rs. 1,584–0–6 have now been received for sanction from the Sub-Collector and Head Assistant Collector and some more are expected from other Divisional officers. The sanction of these will be necessary.

3. I have therefore the honour to request that the Board will be good enough to accord sanction for an additional allotment of Rs. 2,000 for construction and repairs.

4. I beg to add in this connection that the balance of Pound Fund on 1st July 1896 was Rs. 6,446–4–3, and the increased expenditure can be met from the surplus balance of the fund for this district.

Resolution—Mis. No. 3516, dated 31st July 1896.

The Collector's application for an additional allotment will be considered when the revised estimate of the cattle pound fund for the current year is prepared.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Acting Secretary.

To the Collector of Tanjore.

Resolution—Mis. No. 4735, dated 19th October 1896.

With reference to the Board's Proceedings read again above and to the note at foot of the cattle pounds budget estimate for 1897–98 regarding the difference between the totals of the revised and the sanctioned estimates of expenditure, the sanction of Government is requested for an additional allotment of Rs. 5,000 under "20. Police Cattle Pounds" for 1896–97.

The excess in the revised estimate occurs under "Establishments," "Supplies and services—Construction and repair of Pounds" and "Other charges." The only item in which it would be possible to effect a reduction is "Construction and repair of Pounds," but the Board does not consider it desirable to restrict the outlay under this head.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with copy of Board's Proceedings, No. 3516,
dated 31st July 1896.

Copy to the Collector of Tanjore.

Read—endorsement of the Accountant-General, No. 3682, dated 30th November 1896.

Retransmitted to the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department, with the following remarks:—

The actuals booked up to the end of October 1896 under construction and repair of pounds are Rs. 8,200 only against the grant of Rs. 96,000. During 1895–96 an outlay of Rs. 76,900 was incurred, of which Rs. 47,000 were spent solely in the month of March. A saving of Rs. 10,000 may safely be expected under this item.

Order—No. 856, Financial, dated 10th December 1896.

The Accountant-General's endorsement will be communicated to the Revenue Department, with the remark that there has been considerable slackness in utilising the annual grants for expenditure on "cattle pounds" during the last five years as shown by the subjoined figures:—

Years.	Expenditure. Budgets.	Actuals.
1887–88	1·49	1·97
1888–89	2·02	2·18
1889–90	2·23	2·26
1890–91	2·32	2·32
1891–92	2·45	2·46
Average	2·10	2·24
1892–93	2·59	2·52
1893–94	2·75	2·58
1894–95	2·75	2·58
1895–96	2·85	2·64
1896–97	2·81	...
Average	2·75	2·58

Revised is 2·84 but this is unlikely to be reached.

The Government of India has accordingly proposed to reduce the contract grant for the next five years by ·15 lakh.

2. Sufficient check does not appear to be exercised over the expenditure and accounts, *e.g.*, the revised estimate for 1896–97 has apparently been placed too high, whilst the Accountant-General anticipates large savings. A full investigation should be made and explanation called for in regard to the heavy expenditure in March which is alluded to by the Accountant-General.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. L. HANNAY,
for Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department with original enclosures.

Endorsement No. 87.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for full report.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
7th Jan. 1897.

(Signed) LIONEL DAVIDSON,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).

RESOLUTION—No. 28, dated 22nd January 1897.

Communicated to all Collectors in continuation of Board's Proceedings, No. 100, Press, dated 12th March 1896, with the request that steps may be taken to effect the utilization in full of the annual grants for expenditure on "cattle pounds."

2. The first statement appended to these Proceedings shows the expenditure incurred in the several districts in March 1896 as well as the total expenditure of 1895–96, while the second statement shows the outlay incurred up to the end of November last as compared with the sanctioned grant for 1896–97. The Collectors of districts other than Ganjám, Nellore, Cuddapah, Nilgiris, South Canara and Malabar are requested to report fully why no steps were taken until March 1896 to utilize the amounts allotted to their districts for 1895–96, and also what steps they propose to take so as to prevent the recurrence of similar neglect in future. With regard to statement No. II, which shows that nearly 90 per cent. of the sanctioned grants remained unutilized at the end of November last, Collectors are requested to report at once whether the grants are likely to be utilized in full before the end of the year, and if not, what the probable savings will be. The Collector of Tanjore should also state whether he still requires the additional allotment of Rs. 2,000 which has been applied for by him. The Collector of Nilgiris does not appear to have obtained the Board's sanction for incurring expenditure in excess of the grant sanctioned for his district.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Secretary.

To all Collectors (except Madras,) Divisional Officers and Tahsildars.

APPENDIX.

STATEMENT I.—Outlay on the construction and repair of pounds during 1895–96.

Districts.	* In March 1896.	* Up to 31st March 1896.	Percentage of column 2 to column 3.
1	2	3	4
	RS.	RS.	
Ganjám	200	1,270	15·7
Vizagapatam	2,665	3,544	75·2
Gódávari	1,375	1,863	73·8
Kistna	5,215	6,857	76·1
Nellore	1,453	5,378	27·0
Cuddapah	94	1,628	5·8
Anantapur	2,558	3,043	84·1
Bellary	875	1,737	50·4
Kurnool	879	1,275	69·0
Chingleput	2,019	3,388	59·6
North Arcot	5,883	5,889	99·9
South Arcot	5,920	6,551	90·4
Tanjore	3,847	4,020	95·7
Trichinopoly	5,025	5,983	84·0
Madura	1,273	3,421	37·2
Tinnevelly	3,162	6,755	46·8
Coimbatore	2,618	5,702	45·9
Nilgiris	..	1,616	..
Salem	2,706	5,661	47·8
South Canara	60	353	17·0
Malabar	16	809	2·0
Total ..	47,843	76,743	62·3

* As reported in Collectors' monthly statements.

STATEMENT II.—Showing the outlay on the construction and repair of pounds up to 30th November 1896 as compared with the sanctioned grants.

Districts.	† Up to 30th November 1896.	Sanctioned estimate for 1896–97.	Balance.
1	2	3	4
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Ganjám	263	2,000	1,737
Vizagapatam	698	3,800	3,102
Gódávari	322	6,000	5,678
Kistna	155	8,000	7,845
Nellore	389	8,000	7,611
Cuddapah	359	2,000	1,641
Anantapur	365	3,000	2,635
Bellary	712	3,000	2,288
Kurnool	153	3,500	3,347
Chingleput	410	3,700	3,290
North Arcot	129	7,500	7,371
South Arcot	175	7,000	6,825
Tanjore	804	5,000	4,196
Trichinopoly	465	6,000	5,535
Madura	428	3,600	3,172
Tinnevelly	318	6,700	6,382
Coimbatore	1,029	8,000	6,971
Nilgiris	720	500	— 220
Salem	1,731	7,000	5,269
South Canara	202	500	298
Malabar	791	1,200	409
Total ..	10,618	96,000	85,382

† As reported in Collectors' monthly statements.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
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Proceedings, No. 28, 22*nd January* 1897.

Communicating to all Collectors Government Order noticing slackness in utilising the annual grants for expenditure on cattle pounds and calling for a report regarding the heavy expenditure in March 1896 in connection with the construction and repair of pounds.

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Read the following papers:-
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Printed May th.

Proceedings, No. 118, 7th April 1897.

APRIL.

Submitting to Government a report regarding the causes which tend to relegate payments on account of the construction and repair of cattle pounds to the closing months of the official year and issuing certain instructions to Collectors on the subject.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

(LAND REVENUE).

READ—Replies from Collectors to Board's Proceedings, No. 28, dated 22nd January 1897, regarding the utilization of the annual grants for expenditure on cattle pounds.

RESOLUTION—No. 118, dated 7th April 1897.

With reference to Government Order, No. 856, Financial, dated 10th December 1896, received with the endorsement in the Revenue Department, No. 87, dated 7th January 1897, relative to the utilization of the annual grants for expenditure on cattle pounds, the Board submits for the information of Government a copy of its Proceedings, No. 28, dated 22nd January 1897, in which Collectors were requested to take steps to utilize the annual grants in full and to explain why no steps had been taken until March 1896 to utilize the allotments for 1895–96 for the construction and repair of pounds.

2. The delay in utilizing the grants for pounds may generally be classified as follows:—

(1) Delay in the selection of works and sanction of estimates. As a rule no definite programme is settled when works are proposed in the budget estimate. The preparation of estimates, thus delayed, is further put off by Tahsildars in the press of collection work and of jamabandi which engage them during the first half of the official year.

(2) Delay on the part of contractors in the execution of the sanctioned works. This delay is often due to the setting in of the north-east monsoon.

(3) Delay in the inspection of the works when completed.

The rule that no payments should be made until the works are completed, in other words, that advances should be discouraged as much as possible, also tends to relegate payments to the closing months of the year.

3. The Board considers that a fair distribution of expenditure over the whole of the year will be possible only if Collectors make it an invariable rule to have programmes of expenditure definitely settled before preparing the budget estimates. In some districts the progress of expenditure is reviewed from month to month; such a review is the only effectual means of checking delays on the part of Tahsildars and contractors, and the Board hopes that this system will be introduced in all districts.

4. The Collectors of Kistna and Kurnool have not yet submitted their replies to Board's Proceedings, No. 28, dated 22nd January 1897. They will be requested to submit them as early as possible.

5. Collectors should see that no expenditure in excess of the sanctioned allotments for their districts is incurred without the Board's previous sanction and that the portion of the allotment which is not likely to be utilized is surrendered not later than 1st February in each year.

(True Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with a copy of Board's Proceedings, No. 28,
dated 22nd January 1897.

„ all Collectors (except Madras), Divisional Officers and Tahsildars.

Exd. P. Seetharam.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue, dated 7th April 1897. No. 118.

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Order thereon this No. 2406 dated 12th May 1897

Transferred to the Financial Department with reference to G. O. No. 856 Financial Department, dated 10th December 1896.

(True extract)

A. B. Knapp

For Ag: Secy to Govt.

To,

The Financial Department.

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SUBJECT.

Recording with remark B.P. submitting fortnightly narrative of the Bellary Dt. for the period ending 15th April 1897.

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Board of Revenue

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture),

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Proceedings, 7th May 1897, No. 346.

MAY.

Fortnightly Narrative.—Submitting to Government, with remarks, — of the Bellary district for the period ending 15th April 1897.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).

Read—the following fortnightly narrative for the Bellary district during the period ending 15th of April 1897 :—

State of the Country.

Rainfall and water-supply.—During the fortnight there was a slight rainfall as noted in the margin. In south of Harpanahalli and Hadagalli it is reported to have been heavier. Two tanks in Hadagalli received a month's supply and there were freshes in some of the streams. Though there was but a drizzle in Bellary town, there was a pretty smart shower of rain in a few villages in the eastern part of the taluk, the fall being estimated at from 25 to 50 cents. The scarcity of drinking water is much felt in parts of Alúr, Bellary, Hospet, Kúdligi and Sandur. Elsewhere the supply is generally sufficient. The recent rain will do some good in the matter of drinking-water. The Tungabhadra and Hagari channels and the tank at Kamalapur in Hospet taluk contain an adequate supply for irrigation purposes. The supply in irrigation wells is moderate. Other sources of irrigation are either dry or contain an inadequate supply.

	Inches.
Yemmiganur	0·15
Adóni	0·42
Alúr	0·28
Kúdligi	0·03
Harpanahalli	0·35
Hadagalli	0·72
Sandur	0·32

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops—Adóni Division.—Ploughing and clearance of nuth grass are the only agricultural operations in progress. Garden crops are in good condition; there are no other standing crops. *Bellary Division.*—Land is being prepared for sowing next season. Second-crop paddy is being harvested with an outturn of 8 annas. Sugar-cane is still being cut in Siruguppa and a few other villages of Bellary taluk. Crops under wells and streams are in good condition, while those under the Kanekal tank are fading. Nuth grass is being removed in both the taluks. *Hospet Division.*—Lands are being tilled in Hadagalli, and manured in Harpanahalli and removal of nuth grass is going on in the villages of the Hadagalli and Hirehadagalli firkas of Hadagalli taluk. Wheat and bengal-gram are being harvested in tank-beds in Harpanahalli, the yield being middling. Under river channels in Hospet sugar-cane planting and the sowings of second crop paddy are proceeding. Garden crops are generally in fair condition and will be improved by the recent rains. *Sandur State.*—Lands are being prepared for next season. There are no standing crops except betel and vegetables.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle—Adóni Division.—Pasture, there is none. Fodder is scanty in Alúr and may last for about three months in Adóni. The condition of stall-fed cattle is good and that of others is fair in Adóni and poor in Alúr. Cattle disease is reported from two villages in Alúr taluk, the number of deaths being 17. It is reported that 210 head of cattle were brought to the Adóni market for sale, of which 28 were purchased by agriculturists and 19 by butchers and the remaining 163 found no sale. *Bellary Division.*—Pasture is very limited. Fodder is sufficient in wet villages and scanty elsewhere. Hill grass and prickly-pear are much used in Bellary. The condition of cattle is not good in Bellary. There is some little cattle disease in three villages of Rayadrug and among the municipal cattle in Bellary town. The latter were treated with success by the Stock Inspector Santayya. *Hospet Division.*—No pasture. Fodder is insufficient except in Harpanahalli taluk, in river side villages in Hospet and in Hirehadagalli firka of Hadagalli taluk.

Condition of cattle is generally good, but deteriorating in east of Hospet taluk and in Kadlabal firka of Hadagalli. *Sandur State.*—Fodder and pasture sufficient, but there is now some difficulty in getting grass from the hills.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—The late rain induced the cultivators in some villages to plough their red-soil lands. To alleviate the difficulty of water-supply for drinking purposes small amounts have already been advanced in Hospet division for removing silt and deepening of wells and for digging water holes in streams. The attention of the Divisional officers of Bellary and Adóni has also been repeatedly drawn to the importance of this work in their divisions, but though something has been done the progress is not so satisfactory as it should have been. Their serious attention has again been drawn to the matter and I have personally ordered a number of works to be started in villages in the south of Alúr visited by me during the fortnight as also in villages in the Antapur valley in the Hospet taluk. Both these tracts suffer badly for want of water even in ordinary years and just now their difficulties are very great. The permanent solution of the problem is not easy, but it will have to be found. Meanwhile no pains will be spared to give the people such relief as is possible. In some villages, there is no lack of water within a short distance of the surface, but it is brackish and undrinkable. In Sandur, wells are being deepened and cleared of silt, and a large number of wells have been dug in the bed of the Vanka.

Food supplies and the state of the markets.

Prices of principal food-grains at principal markets in the affected tracts, in seers of 80 tolas per rupee, for the period ending 15th of April 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		White cholam.		Yellow cholam.		Ragi.		Remarks.
	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	
Adóni	9·13	9·13	10·75	11·55	12·90	12·63	17·20	17·20	Prices are rising and the stocks of yellow cholam are failing. The grain imported from Rajahmundry is of inferior quality. Tahsildars have been ordered to calculate wages on the basis of white cholam when no good yellow cholam is available. Many of the relief workers are now eating white cholam.
Alúr	8·37	8·10	11·88	10·30	12·88	11·33	..	..	
Bellary	9·18	8·64	10·30	10·82	12·36	12·36	15·52	16·49	
Rayadrug ..	9·72	9·72	13·39	12·36	13·91	13·39	15·52	14·55	
Hospet	8·64	8·64	10·30	11·33	11·33	12·36	13·58	14·55	
Kúdligi	8·64	7·56	..	..	12·36	12·36	14·55	13·58	
Harpanahalli ..	9·72	9·72	..	..	13·39	13·39	15 52	15·52	
Hadagalli ..	9·72	9·72	..	..	12·36	12·88	..	..	
Sandur	9·45	9·45	..	..	12·60	13·04	15·90	16·80	
Average ..	9·17	8·96	11·32	11·27	12·67	12·64	15·39	15·52	

Activity of trad .—Private trade is reported to be active in Adóni, Alúr, Rayadrug and Kúdligi. The Divisional Officer states that trade in Bellary is dull. This is not borne out by the statistics, the quantity imported during the fortnight being 27,857 maunds. There was a large import of cholam to Adóni particularly from Gódávari.

From the following rail-borne trade figures it will be seen that the imports are greatly increasing. This is a satisfactory feature :—

Stations.	Imports during week ending			Exports during week ending		
	27th March 1897.	3rd April 1897.	10th April 1897.	27th March 1897.	3rd April 1897.	10th April 1897.
Hospet	188	626	590	953	150	309
Bellary	9,225	15,165	12,692	194	1,054	1,011
Adóni	5,945	9,041	2,721	485	149	229
Others	4	2½	86	..	..	44

Condition of the people.

On works.—Generally good except a few cases on Daroji-Metri road work where wages of workers were found to be shared by the non-working dependants. Orders of the Board have already been solicited for the appointment of a Circle Inspector to introduce grain doles in this part of the taluk. In the meantime all such cases are being relieved by the Indian Famine Charitable Relief fund.

[Since the above was written, the appointment of Circle Inspectors has been sanctioned; and grain doles will at once be given wherever needed.]

In villages.—Generally good. A kitchen was opened at Chintacunta on the 9th instant with great success as regards attendance. I then went on to Yerur and a kitchen was opened there on the 11th. The attendance was very satisfactory. This additional relief should prove of great assistance to the people, and it is being steadily extended throughout the affected tracts. Orders have been issued for the distribution of grain doles in villages in Alúr taluk. The taluk has been divided into six circles and for the time being one Circle Inspector is placed in charge of two circles. An additional Circle Inspector was appointed in Adóni taluk to investigate cases for gratuitous relief in Adóni and Yemmiganúru firkas. Divisional Officers have been requested to submit immediate proposals wherever it is found necessary to open central kitchens or issue grain doles.

Sickness and mortality.—The public health is generally good. No deaths reported from starvation.

There were 24 attacks and 14 deaths from small-pox in Gundagatte and Uchangidrug villages of Harpanahalli taluk. The outbreak of small-pox on Madhavaram road work in Adóni taluk seems to have been arrested.

It is reported that there is some little small-pox in three villages of Kúdligi, but the particulars of attacks and deaths are not available.

There was one case of suspected cholera on Madhavaram work, but it did not prove to be a real case of cholera and there are no fresh cases.

Remarks.—The Head Assistant Collector states that there is no need at present to open central kitchens or to adopt special measures of relief to weavers. In Yemmiganúru and the surrounding villages, the condition of the weavers having been reported to require immediate attention, I have, in anticipation of sanction, ordered relief to be started on the same lines as at Adóni. Employment is still available in villages in clearing nuth grass, but only the able-bodied males can find labour on this work and rain will soon put a stop to it. In Bellary and Hospet taluks sugarcane cutting and the conversion of its juice into jaggery employs a large number of men and cattle. In Sanduru State the local demand for labour not being sufficient, the Administrator has opened an ordinary road work, and the authorities of the Komaraswamy temple have also opened some forest works. Some are also employed in clearing and deepening wells. I shall visit the State next week.

Measures of relief.

On works.—In what taluks open and comparison of numbers.

Taluks.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Adóni	14,995	19,122	The increase is large but this must be expected owing to diminished local demand for labour. My estimate was a daily average of 50,000 throughout April.
Alúr	21,913	23,879	
Bellary	4,398	5,437	
Hospet	2,975	3,892	
Hadagalli	1,437	1,596	
Kúdligi	..	235	
Total ..	45,718	54,161	

Gratuitous Relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise :—

Taluks.	Number relieved							
	At kitchens.				In poor-houses.		In villages.	
	Dependants.		Others.					
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Adóni	1,209	1,355	..	145	Increase due to opening of central kitchens and the location of kitchens on works in suitable centres.			
Alúr	898	1,547	50	403				
Bellary	187	356	..	145				
Hospet	328	351	..	18				
Hadagalli	91	57	..	10				
Kúdligi	..	42	..	..				
Total ..	2,713	3,708	50	721				

Taluks.	Weavers' relief.					
	Number of villages in which relief was given		Number of persons relieved.		Number of cloths manufactured.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	In the period.	Up to date.
Adóni	Adóni ..	Adóni ..	780	848	1,013	8,764

Note.—Increase due to decrease of local demand for cloths.

Private charity.—The Bellary public kitchen was closed from the 1st instant and a Government kitchen has been opened in its stead. There are upwards of 240 on its rolls.

Paramma continues to feed daily about 150 paupers chiefly children. Thirty persons were relieved in Adóni from the Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund and a few in Alúr.

General Remarks.

The Kowtalam-Kupgal road in Adóni taluk, the Gowripore-Kúdligi road in Hospet taluk and the Bandri-Somalapur road work in Kúdligi taluk were opened as relief works during the fortnight. The Holagundi-Hebbatam road work was to have been opened on the 15th instant, but report of the actual opening has not yet been received. One more kitchen was attached to the Madhavaram and Nandavaram works, respectively. The Nandavaram work having proceeded farther to the north, the Yemmiganuru-Kosgi road has been ordered to be opened so as to afford employment nearer their homes to the people round Yemmiganur. The Adóni Municipal work having been completed, the gangs have been transferred to the section of the Madhavaram road near Adóni. A kitchen has been ordered on the Siruguppa road at Sanvarpuram but it has not yet been opened. The Tahsildar of Hadagalli proposes to open one or two more works in his taluk but the Head Assistant Collector promises to report later after personal inspection.

LOAN TRANSACTIONS.—Statement showing particulars of loan transactions under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Act.

Taluks.	Repair and construction of wells.						Other purposes.						Total.						Number of wells.	
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Under construction or repair.	Constructed or repaired.
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
Adóni ..	7	1,060	4	330	73	15,916	78	6,165	57	4,590	685	62,315	85	7,225	61	4,920	758	78,231	1	2
Alúr ..	16	3,700	5	800	69	24,300	1,028	1,12,015	846	88,650	1,414	2,05,900	1,044	1,15,715	851	89,450	1,488	2,30,206	..	5
Bellary ..	6	600	5	475	46	9,660	220	20,445	182	19,155	1,014	1,42,225	206	21,045	187	19,670	1,060	1,51,875	..	5
Rayadrug ..	22	4,950	22	2,475	74	19,000	109	13,640	109	13,640	163	28,165	131	18,590	131	16,115	237	47,165	..	22
Hospet ..	7	1,400	7	700	26	5,360	11	860	9	650	48	3,780	18	2,250	16	1,850	74	9,140	..	7
Kúdligi ..	1	160	..	..	8	1,460	..	..	..	..	3	450	1	160	..	..	11	1,900	..	..
Harpanahalli ..	..	..	..	..	2	500	31	3,980	30	3,730	45	5,100	31	3,980	30	3,730	47	5,600	..	..
Hadagalli ..	2	200	2	100	41	9,000	33	4,790	30	4,355	196	32,190	35	4,990	32	4,465	237	41,190	..	..
Total ..	61	12,070	45	4,880	339	86,176	1,490	1,61,985	1,263	1,34,810	3,568	1,80,125	1,551	1,92,955	1,308	1,39,690	3,907	5,65,301	1	41

Taluks.	Purchase of fodder.						Cattle, seed-grain and iron ploughs.						Total.							
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.			
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		
1	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39		
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
Adóni ..	..	..	..	..	33	2,140	..	..	..	..	85	2,860	..	..	..	..	118	5,000		
Alúr ..	41	2,047	87	1,817	254	19,584	13	1,785	..	..	2	1,800	54	3,832	53	3,812	256	21,384		
Bellary ..	17	625	16	505	406	16,450	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	625	16	505	416	16,450		
Rayadrug ..	..	..	..	..	10	760	..	..	..	..	6	360	..	..	..	..	16	1,110		
Hospet ..	..	..	..	..	86	3,569	..	..	..	..	..	..	41	1,820	40	1,300	86	3,569		
Kúdligi ..	41	1,320	40	1,300	58	1,983	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	150	3	150	58	1,983		
Harpanahalli ..	3	150	3	150	9	490	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	455	6	400	9	490		
Hadagalli ..	8	455	6	400	56	2,355	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	56	2,355		
Total ..	110	4,497	102	4,172	922	47,321	13	1,785	..	..	92	5,020	123	6,262	118	6,167	1,014	62,341		

INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Taluks and places visited—By the Collector.—Tumati, Avinamadugu, Vitlapur, Hirehalu, Virapur, Antapur-Vaddu road work, Ganglapuram, Chintakunta, Yerur, Sirugapuram, Námakkal, Chippigiri Beldona, Nagardona and the Alúr-Chippagiri work.

Deputy Collector, Adóni.—Peddatumbalam, Chinnatumbalam, Rachmori, Sugur, Chilakaladona, Nandavaram, Yemmiganur, Adóni-Madhavaram road work (two sections) and Nandavaram road work and six kitchens.

Deputy Collector, Bellary Division.—Bodavahal, Somalapuram, Hiradahal, Halakundi, Kolur, Somasamudram, Paramadevanahalli, Kukkabevinahalli, Bevinahalli, Bisalahalli, Sanganakal, Marur, Korlagundi and Dummur; the kitchens attached to Siruguppa, Gooty and Moka road works.

Head Assistant Collector, Hospet.—On account of the accumulation of arrears both in the Revenue, Magisterial and Local Fund work consequent upon the jamabandi of Harpanahalli taluk, he was not able to make much touring. He has disposed of the arrears and promises to go out on tour.

RESOLUTION—dated 7th May 1897, No. 346.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. During the fortnight under report showers fell throughout the district, and the Collector reports that they "will do some good in the matter of drinking-water." The supply is generally sufficient, except in parts of Alúr, Bellary, Hospet, Kúdligi and Sandur where want of water is much felt. The Board notes with satisfaction that the Collector recognises the need for action in improving the sources of supply, and that he is not satisfied with what is being done. He is hampered by want of funds. The early orders of Government are requested on B.P., dated 12th April 1897, No. 1374, Land Revenue, wherein the Board strongly supported the Collector's proposal to utilise surplus pound funds for this purpose. The rain has encouraged ryots to prepare their fields for the next sowings, nuth grass is being removed in parts, and second-crop paddy has been harvested, but there appears to be but little agricultural employment.

3. Pasture is *nil*, except in Sandur, and fodder is generally scanty, but the better class of cattle is reported to be still in good condition. Inferior classes are showing signs of deterioration. There is a tendency to sell, but the supply is far greater than the demand.

4. Prices are rising, and stocks of yellow cholam are failing. Importation is fairly brisk, but the grain brought in is said to be of inferior quality. The following statement shows the position of prices:—

	Measures per rupee.	
	Rice.	Cholam (average of white and yellow).
Standard rate	13·2	30·0
Warning „	10·6	22·5
Scarcity „	7·9	15·0
Current „	9·0	11·9
April 1892	8·9	15·3

5. The condition of the people is reported to be generally good, except where relief-workers have been sharing wages with dependants. It is satisfactory to note that the latter are now more ready to attend kitchens than they have been, and this tendency, together with the higher rate of wages lately sanctioned and the organisation of village relief, should stop any further deterioration. Under the present policy of relief, all those who have lately been supported by the Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund will be transferred to Government relief, leaving the fund to be devoted to other more appropriate objects. The numbers on relief-works have increased by 8,443 or

18 per cent., and there can be no doubt that with agricultural operations practically at an end, and the higher wages now offered (the effect of which has not yet had time to be felt), these numbers will swell very considerably in the next few weeks. Small-pox and cholera have broken out in parts. It is to be hoped that the measures adopted by the Collector will keep the relief camps free from infection.

6. The Collector's action in opening relief for weavers in Yemmiganur and its neighbourhood is approved.

7. The condition of the Head Assistant Collector's division is critical, and it is probable that an extension of relief is necessary there. The Divisional Officer has been unable to tour sufficiently to keep himself in touch with his charge owing to the pressure of office work, and the Collector should report whether he ought to be relieved of his ordinary duties. The Head Assistant Collector has reported his opinion that there was no need to open central kitchens. This matter probably will be reconsidered.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Bellary.
Copy to the Sanitary Commissioner.
" " Collectors of other affected districts.

Erd. A. F. Ecclestone.

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Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

FINANCIAL.

Read Proceedings o
Board of Revenue, Revenue Settlement etc. No. 346 dated
May 1897.

Order No. 399 dated 28th May 1897.

Recorded.

2. The Financial Department will be requested to
early orders on Board's Proceedings 1374 dated 12th A
1897 (Land Revenue.)

(True Extract.)

G.O., No. June 1897.

Ag. Secy. to Govt.

To the Board of Revenue, Rev. Sett.
.. P.W.D.
.. L & M Dept.
.. Financial Dept.
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G.O., No. **June 1897.**

N. B "Read again" papers occupy pages 2-5
Currents under disposal " " " 5-7
Draft order is on pages 7 & 8.

JUNE.

Passing orders on the proposals of the Collector of Bellary and the Board of Revenue to meet — from the surplus balances of the *Cattle Pound Fund* and *Agricultural Services*, and directing the discontinuance of the use of these terms in future.

Famine Expenditure.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following papers :—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), No. 28, dated 22nd January 1897.

Read—the following G.O., No. 856, Financial, dated 10th December 1896 :—

Read—again the following papers :—

Endorsement of Government, Revenue Department, No. 4506, dated 12th November 1896, transferring the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Mis. No. 4735, dated 19th October 1896 :—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Mis. No. 3516, dated 31st July 1896.

From G. STOKES, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated 19th July 1896, Ref. on Cur. No. 36 (B. G.) S.F.

I have the honour to inform you that out of Rs. 5,000 provided in the current year's budget for construction and repairs of pounds in this district, estimates to the value of Rs. 4,706–12–0 have already been passed.

2. Estimates to the extent of Rs. 1,584–0–6 have now been received for sanction from the Sub-Collector and Head Assistant Collector and some more are expected from other Divisional officers. The sanction of these will be necessary.

3. I have therefore the honour to request that the Board will be good enough to accord sanction for an additional allotment of Rs. 2,000 for construction and repairs.

4. I beg to add in this connection that the balance of pound fund on 1st July 1896 was Rs. 6,446–4–3, and the increased expenditure can be met from the surplus balance of the fund for this district.

Resolution—Mis. No. 3516, dated 31st July 1896.

The Collector's application for an additional allotment will be considered when the revised estimate of the cattle pound fund for the current year is prepared.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Acting Secretary.

To the Collector of Tanjore.

Resolution—Mis. No. 4735, dated 19th October 1896.

With reference to the Board's Proceedings read again above and to the note at foot of the cattle pounds budget estimate for 1897–98 regarding the difference between the totals of the revised and the sanctioned estimates of expenditure, the sanction of Government is requested for an additional allotment of Rs. 5,000 under "20. Police—Cattle Pounds" for 1896–97.

The excess in the revised estimate occurs under "Establishments," "Supplies and services—Construction and repair of pounds" and "Other charges." The only item in which it would be possible to effect a reduction is "Construction and repair of pounds," but the Board does not consider it desirable to restrict the outlay under this head.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Collector of Tanjore.

Read—also the following paper :—

Endorsement of the Accountant-General, No. 3682, dated 30th November 1896.

Retransmitted to the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department, with the following remarks :—

The actuals booked up to the end of October 1896 under construction and repair of pounds are Rs. 8,200 only against the grant of Rs. 96,000. During 1895–96 an outlay of Rs. 76,900 was incurred, of which Rs. 47,000 were spent solely in the month of March. A saving of Rs. 10,000 may safely be expected under this item.

Order—No. 856, Financial, dated 10th December 1896.

The Accountant-General's endorsement will be communicated to the Revenue Department, with the remark that there has been considerable slackness in utilising the annual grants for expenditure on "cattle pounds" during the last five years as shown by the subjoined figures :—

Years.	Expenditure.	
	Budgets.	Actuals.
1887–88	1·49	1·97
1888–89	2·02	2·18
1889–90	2·23	2 26
1890–91	2·32	2·32
1891–92	2·45	2·46
Average ..	2·10	2·24
1892–93	2 59	2·52
1893–94	2·75	2·58
1894–95	2·75	2·58
1895–96	2·85	2·64
1896–97	2·81	..
Average ..	2·75	2·58

Revised is 2·84 but this is unlikely to be reached.

The Government of India has accordingly proposed to reduce the contract grant for the next five years by ·15 lakh.

2. Sufficient check does not appear to be exercised over the expenditure and accounts, *e.g.*, the revised estimate for 1896–97 has apparently been placed too high, whilst the Accountant-General anticipates large savings. A full investigation should be made and explanation called for in regard to the heavy expenditure in March which is alluded to by the Accountant-General.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. L. HANNAY,
for *Chief Secretary.*

To the Revenue Department.

Endorsement No. 87.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for full report.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
7th January 1897.

(Signed) LIONEL DAVIDSON,
Under Secretary to Government.

Resolution—No. 28, dated 22nd January 1897.

Communicated to all Collectors in continuation of Board's Proceedings, No. 100, Press, dated 12th March 1896, with the request that steps may be taken to effect the utilization in full of the annual grants for expenditure on "cattle pounds."

2. The first statement appended to these Proceedings shows the expenditure incurred in the several districts in March 1896 as well as the total expenditure of 1895–96, while the second statement shows the outlay incurred up to the end of November last as compared with the sanctioned grant for 1896–97. The Collectors of districts other than Ganjám, Nellore, Cuddapah, Nilgiris, South Canara and Malabar are requested to report fully why no steps were taken until March 1896 to utilize the amounts allotted to their districts for 1895–96, and also what steps they propose to take so as to prevent the recurrence of similar neglect in future. With regard to statement No. II, which shows that nearly 90 per cent. of the sanctioned grants remained unutilized at the end of November last, Collectors are requested to report at once whether the grants are likely to be utilized in full before the end of the year, and if not, what the probable savings will be. The Collector of Tanjore should also state whether he still requires the additional allotment of Rs. 2,000 which has been applied for by him. The Collector of Nilgiris does not appear to have obtained the Board's sanction for incurring expenditure in excess of the grant sanctioned for his district.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Secretary.

To all Collectors (except Madras), Divisional Officers and Tahsildars.

APPENDIX.

STATEMENT I.—Outlay on the construction and repair of pounds during 1895–96.

Districts.	In March 1896.*	Up to 31st March 1896.*	Percentage of column 2 to column 3.
1	2	3	4
	Rs.	Rs.	
Ganjám	200	1,270	15·7
Vizagapatam	2,665	3,544	75·2
Gódávari	1,375	1,863	73·8
Kistna	5,215	6,857	76·1
Nellore	1,453	5,378	27·0
Cuddapah	94	1,628	5·8
Anantapur	2,558	3,043	84·1
Bellary	875	1,737	50·4
Kurnool	879	1,275	69·0
Chingleput	2,019	3,388	59·6
North Arcot	5,883	5,889	99·9
South Arcot	5,920	6,551	90·4
Tanjore	3,847	4,020	95·7
Trichinopoly	5,025	5,983	84·0
Madura	1,273	3,421	37·2
Tinnevelly	3,162	6,755	46·8
Coimbatore	2,618	5,702	45·9
Nilgiris	..	1,616	..
Salem	2,706	5,661	47·8
South Canara	60	353	17·0
Malabar	16	809	2·0
Total ..	47,843	76,743	62·3

* As reported in Collectors' monthly statements.

STATEMENT II—Showing the outlay on the construction and repair of pounds up to 30th November 1896 as compared with the sanctioned grants.

Districts.	Up to 30th November 1896.*	Sanctioned estimate for 1896–97.	Balance.
1	2	3	4
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Ganjám	263	2,000	1,737
Vizagapatam	698	3,800	3,102
Gódávari	322	6,000	5,678
Kistna	155	8,000	7,845
Nellore	389	8,000	7,611
Cuddapah	359	2,000	1,641
Anantapur	365	3,000	2,635
Bellary	712	3,000	2,288
Kurnool	153	3,500	3,347
Chingleput	410	3,700	3,290
North Arcot	129	7,500	7,371
South Arcot	175	7,000	6,825
Tanjore	804	5,000	4,196
Trichinopoly	465	6,000	5,535
Madura	428	3,600	3,172
Tinnevelly	318	6,700	6,382
Coimbatore	1,029	8,000	6,971
Nilgiris	720	500	— 220
Salem	1,731	7,000	5,269
South Canara	202	500	298
Malabar	791	1,200	409
Total ..	10,618	96,000	85,382

* As reported in Collectors' monthly statements.

G.O., Mis. No. 2406, Revenue, dated 12th May 1897.

Read—the following paper:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), No. 118, dated 7th April 1897.

Read—Replies from Collectors to Board's Proceedings, No. 28, dated 22nd January 1897, regarding the utilization of the annual grants for expenditure on cattle pounds.

Resolution—No. 118, dated 7th April 1897.

With reference to G.O., No. 856, Financial, dated 10th December 1896, received with the endorsement in the Revenue Department, No. 87, dated 7th January 1897, relative to the utilization of the annual grants for expenditure on cattle pounds, the Board submits, for the information of Government, a copy of its Proceedings, No. 28, dated 22nd January 1897, in which Collectors were requested to take steps to utilize the annual grants in full and to explain why no steps had been taken until March 1896 to utilize the allotments for 1895–96 for the construction and repair of pounds.

2. The delay in utilizing the grants for pounds may generally be classified as follows:—

(1) Delay in the selection of works and sanction of estimates. As a rule no definite programme is settled when works are proposed in the budget estimate. The preparation of estimates, thus delayed, is further put off by Tahsildars in the press of collection work and of jamabandi which engage them during the first half of the official year.

(2) Delay on the part of contractors in the execution of the sanctioned works. This delay is often due to the setting in of the north-east monsoon.

(3) Delay in the inspection of the works when completed.

The rule that no payments should be made until the works are completed, in other words, that advances should be discouraged as much as possible, also tends to relegate payments to the closing months of the year.

3. The Board considers that a fair distribution of expenditure over the whole of the year will be possible only if Collectors make it an invariable rule to have programmes of expenditure definitely settled before preparing the budget estimates. In some districts the progress of expenditure is reviewed from month to month; such a review is the only effectual means of checking delays on the part of Tahsildars and contractors, and the Board hopes that this system will be introduced in all districts.

4. The Collectors of Kistna and Kurnool have not yet submitted their replies to Board's Proceedings, No. 28, dated 22nd January 1897. They will be requested to submit them as early as possible.

5. Collectors should see that no expenditure in excess of the sanctioned allotments for their districts is incurred without the Board's previous sanction and that the portion of the allotment which is not likely to be utilized is surrendered not later than 1st February in each year.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
„ all Collectors (except Madras), Divisional Officers and Tahsildars.

Order—Mis. No. 2406, Revenue, dated 12th May 1897.

Transferred to the Financial Department, with reference to G.O., No. 856, Financial, dated 10th December 1896.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Financial Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Mis. No. 1374, dated 12th April 1897.

Read—the following letter from H. A. STUART, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 12th March 1897, Cur. No. 128:—

I find that there is in the villages of this district a great want of good sources of water-supply—a want which is felt every hot weather and exists in an intensive form this year. The funds of the district and taluk boards are wholly inadequate to meet the cost of deepening existing, or sinking new wells in even a fraction of the villages in which these improvements are required, and it has occurred to me that the surplus pound funds might legitimately be devoted to supplementing the other resources available for supplying these grievous needs.

2. The surplus pound funds of the Bellary district have of late years been considerable.

In 1894–95 Rs. 10,000 were contributed to agricultural services and in the following year the amount was Rs. 8,000, these sums being, respectively, 36·52 and 34·10 per cent. of the total receipts. The revised estimate for 1896–97 provides a surplus of Rs. 6,835, and the budget for 1897–98 gives a surplus of Rs. 6,041. I would ask, therefore, that no further credits be taken to agricultural services and that, with effect from the current quarter, the surplus funds be set aside for the improvement of wells and drinking ponds for cattle. As President of the District Board I have already received estimates which exceed in amount the whole of the funds that may thus be made available and many more estimates are coming in.

3. Under section 18 of the Cattle Trespass Act, the surplus pound funds may, with the sanction of the Government, be utilized for any purposes of public utility. I can imagine no purpose of greater public utility than the supply of drinking water in the dry and dusty villages of the Deccan.

I trust, therefore, that the Board will support my proposal and forward it for the sanction of the Government. It would be a double boon if that sanction could be given at an early date.

Resolution—Mis. No. 1374, dated 12th April 1897.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Board strongly supports the Collector's proposal that the surplus pound receipts of the Bellary district may be devoted to the improvement of the drinking-water sources. Mr. H. A. Stuart suggests that the existing wells may in some cases be deepened, whilst new wells may be sunk in places where water is otherwise unobtainable. The Board understands Mr. Stuart to contemplate the improvement of the drinking-water supply for both man and beast, and is of opinion that the money in question may well be devoted to so laudable an object.

3. The surplus at present stands at between Rs. 6,000 and Rs. 7,000 *per annum* and, as in other districts, is credited to Provincial Revenues under the form of a contribution to agricultural services. The accounts of "Agricultural services" at the end of 1895–96 showed a closing balance of Rs. 2,65,109. The Board notes that, under section 18 of the Cattle Trespass Act I of 1871, the surplus pound funds may be devoted to any object of public utility at the discretion of Government.

4. The paper (foolscap cream wove) on which the Collector's letter is written has completely given way at the folds. The Collector's attention is invited in this connection to the remarks of the Superintendent of Stationery communicated with Board's Proceedings, No. 1387, Routine, dated 25th May 1893.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
„ Collector of Bellary.

Endt. Mis. No. 2397, Revenue.

Transferred to the Financial Department.

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

OOTACAMUND,
12th May 1897.

ORDER—No. , Financial, dated June 1897.

The Government observes that, under the provisions of section 33 (*b*) of the Famine Code, the Pound fund is regarded as one of the *Local* resources which can be partially utilised for famine relief in the distressed districts.

2. As a matter of fact, however, the existence of such special or local resources as the *Surplus Pound Fund* and *Agricultural Services* is a pure fiction, which is maintained solely in the administrative accounts; the receipts and charges connected with the Cattle Trespass Act (I of 1871) are, in the finance accounts, merged with general revenues and no surplus balances are available for specific reappropriation in the manner contemplated by the Collector of Bellary and the Board of Revenue. In other words, nothing beyond the sanctioned grants under *20. Police—Cattle Pounds—Provincial* is at the disposal of Government for expenditure during the year.

3. His Excellency in Council has, however, no objection to the ordinary outlay on the construction of cattle pounds being restricted or postponed for some time, and the funds thus liberated being diverted for the improvement of drinking-water

sources as proposed in the papers read above; sanction is therefore accorded to the transfer to *33. Famine Relief* of such allotments as the Board may deem necessary from the sanctioned grants under *20. Police* in the famine as well as in other districts.

4. With a view to avoid future misapprehensions regarding the exact nature of cattle-pound transactions, His Excellency the Governor in Council directs that the use of the terms "Special fund," "Pound fund," "Agricultural services," &c., shall be dropped, even in administration reports and departmental accounts, although separate statistics may continue to be maintained as heretofore, showing the receipts, charges and balances in each district, and carried forward from year to year.

5. It is presumed that the instructions issued in paragraph 5 of the Board's Proceedings, No. 118, dated 7th April 1897, regarding surrenders of unutilised grants before the 1st February of each year will not have the effect of swelling the large lapses that have characterised past accounts.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
" Accountant-General.
Editors' Table.

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The Govt agree with the Board in opinion as to the expediency of devoting public funds to the improvement of drinking water sources but consider that the expends should be debited to 33 Famine Relief

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