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G.O. No. 2435
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Famine Relief Works.

No. 309. Read the following letter from L. R. BURROWS, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 21st December 1876:—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of G.O., 13th December 1876, No. 2287, Financial Department, advancing Rupees 5,000 for expenditure in Famine Relief.

2. On Monday morning last I commenced two works in the Municipality, viz., a tank in the waste ground to the north of the Egmore Parcherry, and a tank on the esplanade south of the Madras Railway and west of the native burial and burning grounds at Washermanpettah.

3. The following is a statement of the numbers employed, and the relief distributed on each work up to date:—

Date.	WASHERMANPETTAH.				EGMORE.				TOTAL.	
	Men.	Women.	Rice, Measure.	Money.	Men.	Women.	Rice, Measure.	Money.	Rice, Measure.	Money.
				RS. A. P.				RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.
18th December...	84	154	140	5 2 0	60	83	86½	3 4 6		
19th „ ...	163	143	193½	7 6 9	170	260	257½	9 8 6		
20th „ ...	162	497	288½	2 13 0	196	314	241½	3 6 6		
21st „ ...	314	511	389½	5 3 6	178	329	235½	3 2 0		
Total ...	...	...	1,011½	20 9 3	...	...	821½	19 5 6	1,833	39 14 9

The wages granted on the first two days though calculated not to exceed 2 Annas 6 Pice for a man, and Anna 8 Pice for a woman were so attractive that it was found necessary to reduce them on the third day after giving notice on the second. Notwithstanding the reduction of the above rates to 2 measure of raw-rice and 3 Pice for a man equal to a money value of about 2 Annas, and to 1 measure of rice for a woman equal to a money value of about 1 Anna 1 Pice, the number of applicants for work was largely in excess of the number that could be employed.

5. A relief camp was also opened at Sakkadu, and on Tuesday fifty persons coming from the north by the coast road were stopped and sent there by the Police. Preparations are complete for housing and feeding 1,000, and a larger number can, if necessary, be accommodated.

6. I have applied to the Collectors of Chingleput and Madras for certain unoccupied waste lands by the canal side in Chingleput and in Tondiarpet in the Madras Collectorate.

7. These lands are conveniently situated for forming a farm and depôt for the disposal of the night-soil and rubbish of the Black Town and the north portion of

the Municipality, and I have to request that Government will be pleased to direct that the lands may be made over to the Municipality free of assessment for the purpose of forming a farm.

8. I went over the land on the morning of the 20th instant in company with Colonel Moberly, District Engineer of Chingleput. He was of opinion, and I entirely agreed with him, that the coolies from the relief camp at Sattankadu should be employed at first in cutting a drainag channel parallel with the canal on the west side for the purpose of carrying off the flood waters which in ordinary monsoons collect in the low lands west of the canal and north of the Madras Railway; as Colonel Moberly will have explained his proposal in detail to Government in the Public Works Department it is unnecessary for me to say more than that I think the work is excellently adapted for the employment of famine coolies, and that it will prove beneficial to the inhabitants of Veyasurpady and Perambore as well as facilitate the cultivation of the lands taken up for the sewage farm.

No. 310. ORDER THEREON, 27th December 1876, No. 2435.

Assuming that the waste land in question is at the disposal of Government, the assignment of it to the Madras Municipality for the purpose stated is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Madras.
„ Public Works Department.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Board of Revenue.
„ Collector of Madras.
„ „ Chingleput.
„ Police Commissioner.

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