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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceeding of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), Mis. No. 10177, dated 28th December 1897 :—

Read—the following letter from the Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated 22nd December 1897, Ref. No. 2680-Ver. :—

In continuation of this office letter, Ref. No. 953-G.B.—Ver., dated 17th December 1897, and with reference to Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 9923, dated 14th December 1897, I have the honour to forward herewith two statements—A and B—one showing the probable expenditure on works during the next six months and the apportionment thereof under the several heads, and the other giving a list of works proposed to be undertaken to meet distress. An abstract statement showing the probable expenditure in 1897–98 and 1898–99 is also enclosed.

2. In this office letter, No. 3968-Ver., dated 4th December 1897, I have given the estimated number requiring relief both on works and gratuitously. The areas therein treated were the Government taluks of Kandukur, Kanigiri and Udayagiri and the zamindari divisions of Podili and Darsi. Since writing the above letter, the prospects in the above tracts have not improved. On the other hand, the Atmakúr taluk, which was considered safe in the previous report, is likely to call for relief operations. The crops, both wet and dry, in that portion of the taluk which is north of the Pennér are reported to be in a very precarious condition and lack of demand for labour is greatly felt. I expect that a test-relief work will have to be opened in this taluk also very shortly, or probably one of the large major irrigation works might be executed under the intermediate system. I shall report later on regarding this taluk.

3. I have assumed throughout that 4 per cent. of the population on the average will have to be relieved on works in all the taluks and divisions above named. The maximum number attained in 1891–92 on works in the Udayagiri and Kanigiri taluks and Podili and Darsi divisions was 23,404. There are already 1,000 coolies working at the test-relief work at Udayagiri. On the whole I estimate that an approximate expenditure of Rs. 3,80,445 will be required on works.

4. As regards gratuitous relief, it will be enough to attach a kitchen for children and other incapacitated persons to each work and to open one or two additional kitchens in each taluk. A lump sum of Rs. 15,000 may be allotted for this purpose.

5. *Establishments.*—As to extra establishments, the requirements of the affected taluks and divisions will probably be—

(*a*) One Special Assistant Collector to relieve the Collector; cost for six months, say, Rs. 4,200.

(*b*) One Deputy Collector to assist the Sub-Collector in routine, magisterial and famine work; cost for six months, say, Rs. 1,800.

(*c*) One Deputy Collector to give similar assistance to the Atmakúr Deputy Collector; cost for six months, say, Rs. 1,800.

(*d*) Five Deputy Tahsildars (for Udayagiri, Kanigiri, Kandukúr, Podili and Darsi) to assist the Tahsildars or Deputy Tahsildars in magisterial and routine work; cost for six months, say, Rs. 3,000.

(*e*) Establishment connected with kitchens—cost for 16 kitchens at Rs. 38 each for six months, Rs. 3,648—

	Rs.
16 kitchen superintendents at Rs. 15 each for six months	1,440
16 warders at Rs. 4 each for six months	384
32 water-women at Rs. 3—cost for six months	576
32 cooks at Rs. 5 each for six months	960
16 scavengers at Rs. 3 each for six months	288
Total ...	3,648

(*f*) Paymasters, Rs. 2,500.

(*g*) Gratuitous relief apart from that at kitchens on works may be required to some small extent in a few villages, but I am doubtful if any special establishment will be wanted and have therefore not provided for it in the estimate.

(*h*) Extra clerical establishments would probably cost not less than Rs. 268 a month, or Rs. 1,608 in all as detailed below :—

	Rs.
(i) Clerical establishment for two Special Deputy Collectors—one clerk on Rs. 20 and two peons on Rs. 7 each for each Deputy Collector for six months	408
(ii) Clerical establishment for five Special Deputy Tahsildars—one clerk on Rs. 20 and one peon on Rs. 6 for each Deputy Tahsildar for six months	780
(iii) Additional establishment at the Collector's office—	
	Rs.
One clerk on	50
One „	20
	70
	420
	1,608

6. My estimate under establishments excluding travelling allowances, thus amounts to Rs. 14,908.

7. Loans under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Acts were granted extensively in 1891–92, and I do not expect that, having regard to the indifferent expenditure under that head during the previous five years, there will be any great demand for that purpose during the ensuing year. I have called upon Divisional officers to submit estimate of probable requirements and am awaiting their replies. A lump sum of Rs. 50,000 is however provided for in the present estimate, which will be about the maximum that will be spent.

8. The totals under all the heads are—

	Rs.
Works	3,80,500
Gratuitous relief	15,000
Extra establishments	14,908
Loans	50,000
Total ...	4,60,408

9. Steps are being taken to enlarge the works in Kanigiri. The necessary establishment required by way of Public Works Department officers and subordinates has not been provided for in the estimate.

Enclosure.

A. Forecast of outlay on works proposed to be executed from January to June 1898 as famine-relief works in the Nellore district.

Taluk.	Population as per census of 1891.	Average number of persons who will probably require work up to end of June 1898 at 4 per cent.	Cost of providing work for the persons in column 3 at As. 1-4 per head per diem for six months.	Heads under which work is proposed to be provided and cost under each head.					
				Public Works Department.	Minor Irrigation works.	Local Funds.			Grand total.
						Repair and construction of roads.	Village sanitation and water-supply.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Udayagiri ..	100,227	4,009	60,135		15,080	45,134	1,000	46,134	62,014
Atmakúr ..	101,154	4,046	60,690	47,110	2,986	12,188	..	12,188	62,284
Kandukur ..	148,475	5,935	89,025	20,000	..	73,046	..	73,046	93,046
Kanigiri ..	131,222	5,249	78,735	4,700	30,056	37,883	..	37,883	72,639
Podili	68,466	2,739	41,085	..	..	33,733	5,361	39,094	39,094
Darsi	84,631	3,385	50,775	..	..	64,807	..	64,807	64,807
Total ..	634,175	25,363	3,80,445	71,810	48,922	2,66,791	6,361	2,73,152	3,93,884

B. Statement showing the names of works proposed to be undertaken during 1898-99 up to end of June 1898.

Taluk.	Name and cost of work proposed to be executed.			Remarks.
	Name of work.	Amount of estimate.	Estimated expenditure up to June 1898.	
1	2	3	4	5
	Minor Irrigation Works.	Rs.	Rs.	
	1. Repairs to Kondareddipally tank ..	2,990	2,990	Items 1 to 7 included in the famine programme for 1897-98.
	2. Do. to Guvvadi old tank ..	2,950	2,950	
	3. Constructing a tank at Venkatadripollem.	1,390	1,390	
	4. Repairs to Vadlamudipalli tank ..	620	740	In all cases estimates are ready in the Huzur office. *Item No.* 5.—Board of Revenue already addressed for sanction—*vide* this office No. 4136-Ver., dated 11th December 1897.
	4-A. Supply channel	120		
	5. Repairs to Timmayapallem tank ..	1,075	1,075	
	6. Do. to supply channel of Appasamudrum.	320	320	
	7. Do. to Guvvalavarigunta of Duttalur.	185	185	
	8. Bhímavaram tank	2,450	2,450	*Item No.* 8.—Board of Revenue already addressed for sanction—*vide* this office No. 4192-Ver., dated 18th December 1897.
	9. Repairs to Udayagiri big tank ..	650	650	
	10. Do. to the supply channel of big tank.	1,700	1,700	
	11. Do. to Appasamudram tank ..	1,430	1,430	
Udayagiri ..	Total ..	..	15,880	
	Local Fund Roads.			
	1. Duttalur-Bhata road	8,734	8,734	Included in the famine programme. Estimates ready in the Huzur office. Estimate ready.
	2. Do. Pamur road	25,000	25,000	
	3. Udayagiri-Seetharampuram road ..	8,400	8,400	
	4. Repairs to Vinjamur tand bund ..	3,000	3,000	
	Total ..	..	45,134	
	Village Sanitation and water-supply Works.			
	Prickly-pear work at Udayagiri ..	1,000	1,000	
	Total, Udayagiri taluk ..	..	62,014	

B.—Statement showing the names of works proposed to be undertaken during 1898-99 up to end of June 1898—*cont.*

Taluk.	Name and cost of work proposed to be executed.			Remarks.
	Name of work.	Amount of estimate.	Estimated expenditure up to June 1898.	
1	2	3	4	5
	Public Works Department Works.	Rs.	Rs.	
	1. Repairs of Atmakur tank-supply channel.	8,100	8,100	
	2. Excavating channel from Beeraperu to Anamasamudram Pandipad tanks.	12,510	12,510	Estimate will be ready very shortly.
	3. Ananthasagaram tank main channel.	26,500	26,500	Estimate is reported to have been sent for sanction. *Note.*—All the above three works are included in the programme.
	Total ..	..	47,110	
	Minor Irrigation Works.			
	1. Repair to Pedda Annaber tank ..	935	935	
Atmakúr ..	2. Do. to Kakarlapad tank	620	620	
	3. Do. to Pongur tank bund and sluice.	300	300	
	4. Do. to Kotitheertham tank ..	391	391	
	5. Do. to Nagula Vellatur	280	280	Included in the famine programme. Estimates are ready in the Huzur office.
	6. Do. to Budamagunta	360	360	
	7. Supply channel of Sallapalli tank ..	100	100	
	Total ..	..	2,986	
	Local Fund Roads.			
	1. Nellore-Someswaram road, last section	1,568	1,568	Included in the famine programme. Estimates ready in the Huzur office.
	2. Sangam-Kaligiri road ..	10,620	10,620	
	Total ..	..	12,188	
	Grand total ..	..	62,284	
	Public Works Department Works.			
	Pakala tank-supply channel from Paleru.	20,000	20,000	The project is reported to be under investigation. It is included in the famine programme.
	Total ..	..	20,000	
	Local Fund Road Works.			
Kandukur ..	1. Kandukur-Chundi road	4,000	4,000	Estimate ready in the Huzur office.
	2. Kandukur Sudlur-Thettu road ..	20,000	20,000	Estimate nearly ready.
	3. Oollapalem-Vemulapadu road ..	19,046	19,046	Estimate ready.
	4. Chundi-Kaligiri road	30,000	30,000	Estimate under preparation.
	Total ..	..	73,046	
	Grand total ..	..	93,046	
	Public Works Department Works.			
	Nandanavanam tank repairs	4,700	4,700	Estimate sanctioned. The work is being started as a test relief-work.
	Total ..	..	4,700	
	Minor Irrigation Works.			
	1. Repairs to Pedacherlopalli tank ..	622	622	Estimate unper preparation.
Kanigiri ..	2. Construction of a tank in Gudipodu..	5,348	5,348	Estimate ready.
	3. Do. do. in Hanumanthapuram.	4,500	4,500	Estimate under preparation.
	4. Construction of a tank in Sankavaram	4,500	4,500	
	5. Do. do. in Chinnalavalapodu.	6,240	6,240	Estimate ready.
	6. Construction of a tank in Ravigunta-palli.	8,846	8,846	
	Total ..	..	30,056	

B.—Statement showing the names of works proposed to be undertaken during 1898-99 up to end of June 1898—*cont.*

Taluk.	Name and cost of work proposed to be executed. Name of work.	Amount of estimate.	Estimated expenditure up to June 1898.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5
	Local Fund Roads.	Rs.	Rs.	
Kanigiri—*cont.*	1. Kanigiri-Podili road	4,327	4,327	Included in the famine programme. Estimates ready in all cases.
	2. Kanigiri-Pamur road	13,800	13,800	
	3. Ollapolem-Vemulapodu road ..	19,756	19,756	
	Total ..	..	37,883	
	Local Fund Roads.			
Podili ..	1. Special repairs of Ongole-Cumbum road.	28,773	28,773	Included in the famine programme. Estimates ready in all cases.
	2. Kanigiri-Podili road	3,960	3,960	
	3. Darsi-Podili road	1,000	1,000	
	Total ..	..	33,733	
	Village Sanitation and Water-supply Works.			
	Digging and improving drinking-water ponds and wells.	5,361	5,361	Included in the famine programme. Estimates ready in all cases.
	Total ..	..	5,361	
	Grand Total ..	..	39,094	
	Local Fund Road Works.			
Darsi ..	1. Darsi-Podili road	8,300	8,300	Included in the programme. Estimate ready in the Huzur office, not included in the famine programme. Estimate very nearly ready.
	2. From Darsi-Kurichedu road to Kocherlakota, *vid* Chandalur and Donekonda.	56,507	56,507	
	Total ..	..	64,807	
	Grand Total of all taluks and divisions ..	..	3,93,884	

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Abstract statement of expenditure from January 1898 to June 1898.

Particulars.	Probable expenditure in 1897-98, January to March 1898.	Probable expenditure in 1898-99, April to June 1898.	Total expenditure.
1	2	3	4
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Works	1,26 833	2,53,667	3,80,500
Gratuitous relief	5,000	10,000	15,000
Extra establishments	9,278	9,278	18,556
Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans ..	..	50,000	50,000
Total ..	1,41,111	3,22,945	4,64,056

Resolution—Mis. No. 10177, dated 28th December 1897.

Submitted to Government, in continuation of Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 10143, dated the 22nd instant.

2. The Collector estimates the expenditure likely to be incurred for the relief of distress at Rs. 4,60,000, of which Rs. 1,39,000 is to be incurred during the current official year and the balance during the ensuing year. He bases his estimate mainly on the supposition that relief would be required for 4 per cent. of the inhabitants in each of the marginally-noted taluks and divisions of the district. The approximate expenditure on relief works would, on this basis, amount to Rs. 3,80,000.

Udayagiri.	Kanigiri.
Atmakúr.	Pódili.
Kandukur.	Darsi.

3. As regards the provision for kitchens, it is observed that, if the "intermediate system" of works recommended in Board's Proceedings, No. 10009, dated the 17th instant, is adopted, there will be no necessity for opening relief kitchens on such an extensive scale as that contemplated in paragraph 4 of the Collector's letter. The provision under this head will, accordingly, be reduced to Rs. 10,000.

4. The cost of the extra establishment required is fixed at Rs. 14,908, but, according to the details furnished in paragraph 5 of the letter, the total cost would amount to Rs. 18,556. No provision has been made for accountants for the examination of vouchers and preparation of detailed bills, and the Famine Commissioner considers that an accountant on Rs. 20 should be entertained at once in each taluk and two in the Collector's office. The total cost under "establishments" will thus stand at Rupees 19,396, or in round figures Rs. 19,400.

5. The further report promised by the Collector in paragraph 2 of his letter, regarding the condition of the Atmakúr taluk, is awaited; the provision made under "Loans under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Acts" will be retained, pending receipt of estimates from Divisional officers.

6. A statement showing the estimate under each head, as revised by the Famine Commissioner, is appended to these proceedings.

7. Provision for the charges to be incurred during the next official year will be made in the estimate asked for in G.O., Mis. No. 6359, dated the 10th instant, which will shortly be submitted to Government.

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Enclosure.

Estimate of Famine Expenditure in Nellore.

Items.	Total estimate.	Estimate for 1897-98.	Estimate for 1898-99.
1	2	3	4
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
33-A. Salaries and establishments	6,150	2,050	4,100
33-B. Relief works in charge of Civil officers ..	3,80,500	1,26,833	2.53,667
33-C. Relief to people employed otherwise than on relief works	50,000	..	50,000
33-D. Gratuitous relief	10,000	5,000	5,000
33-G. Expenditure debited to service heads other than famine	13,250	4,417	8,833
Add for rounding figures	100	..	100
Grand Total ..	4,60,000	1,38,300	3,21,700

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government (Revenue Department),
with four statements (three in original, to be returned).
„ Collector of Nellore (with one statement).

Order—No. 20, Revenue, dated 11th January 1898.

Miscellaneous.

With the Proceedings read above, the Board of Revenue submits a list of works available for the relief of distress in Nellore and an estimate of the expenditure likely to be incurred under 33. Famine Relief in the district in the current and the next official year. The tracts where test works have been opened or will soon have to be opened are the taluks of Udayagiri, Kandukur, Kanigiri and Atmakúr and the zamindari divisions of Podili and Darsi. The aggregate population of these portions of the district is 634,000 but there is no clear information as to the distribution or the intensity of the anticipated distress throughout the areas named. It is expected that relief measures will have to be gradually extended and continued till next July.

2. The list of works submitted with the above Proceedings is approved, but the estimates call for the following remarks :—

33-A. The estimate of Rs. 18,556 given by the Collector under this head includes provision for a Special Assistant to the Collector, two Deputy Collectors and five Deputy Tahsildars for six months ; and the Board raises it to Rs. 19,400 by adding provision for extra accountants. Extra accountants will no doubt be required, but the Government does not think that a Special Assistant Collector will be needed in a light district like Nellore. Nor will there be any necessity to appoint an extra Deputy Collector for the Sub-Collector's division, a Special Deputy Tahsildar for Darsi or a second clerk for the Collector's office till distress becomes more pronounced than it is at present. The provision made for these three officers in the current year's estimate will therefore be omitted. On the other hand, the estimate should provide for the entertainment of some circle inspectors as village relief may possibly become necessary later on in Udayagiri and Kanigiri. The estimate for establishments and its distribution between the current and the next official year will then stand as noted on the margin. The salary of paymasters is debitable to the Public Works Department.

	1897-98.	1898-99.
33-A. Paragraph 5 (*e*) of Collector's letter		
Ten circle inspectors for four months	1,216	2,432
33-G. Paragraphs 5 (*a*), (*b*), (*c*), (*d*) and (*h*) of Collector's letter and paragraph 4 of Board's Proceedings modified as above ..	2,056	4,112

33-B. The Collector's estimate of 3·8 lakhs for relief works, which makes provision for 4 per cent. of the population of the affected tracts, will be cut down to 3 lakhs and this amount distributed between the current and the next official year in the ratio of one to two. Further, as only petty works will be carried out by the Civil department all but half a lakh of this amount will be transferred to 33-F.

33-C. The sum of Rs. 50,000 shown under this sub-head is the Collector's estimate for loans which are not famine expenditure and are not debitable to "Famine Relief." The amount will be excluded from the statement.

3. The estimates, revised in accordance with the above observations and aggregating Rs. 3,16,148, will be transferred to the Financial Department.

(True Extract.)

Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Accountant-General.
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Local and Municipal Department.

APPENDIX.

Estimate of probable Expenditure under 33. Famine Relief in the Nellore district.

Items.	Total estimates.	Estimate for 1897-98.	Estimate for 1898-99.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
33-A. Salaries and establishments	6,048	1,216	4,832
33-B. Relief works in charge of Civil officers	50,000	15,000	35,000
33-C. Relief to people employed otherwise than on relief works	..	..	..
33-D. Gratuitous relief	10,000	5,000	5,000
33-E. Miscellaneous	100	..	100
Total, Civil Department ..	66,148	21,216	44,932
33-F. Relief works in charge of Public Works Department	2,50,000	75,000	1,75,000
Total, Famine Relief ..	3,16,148	96,216	2,19,932
33-G. Expenditure debitable to other service heads	6,168	2,056	4,112
Grand Total ..	3,22,316	98,272	2,24,044

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