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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th September 1866.*

No. 528. Read the following from the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madura, 8th September 1866, No. 909:—

1. I have the honor to report, that early in last month the Collector of Madura brought to my notice that from the long continued drought, and consequent very high prices of the necessaries of life, there was a good deal of distress among the people, and that it was advisable to lay out available funds with all freedom, especially on irrigation repairs, which from their nature afford employment generally to men, women, and children. I accordingly called upon the Range Officers to use all exertions to get the scattered irrigation works pushed on, using additional petty Maistries, in order that the greater part of their funds might be expended in the dry season, which appeared likely to last during the three months, August to October, before the north-east monsoon would be expected.

2. Mr. Levinge also asked for estimates for works that he would carry on from the Local Funds, with a view not to leave any money idle in his Treasury; and he was furnished at once with—

Estimate for repairing the road between Dindigul and Butlagoondoo	Rs. 2,775
Do. for improvements to the road between Nuttam and Madura	3,663
Do. for repairing the road between Meyloor and Tiruppoovanam	4,800

In addition to these works, authority was given to the Range Officers to carry on road repairs from Imperial Funds, in anticipation of estimates being sanctioned, viz.:—

Estimate since received.	On the road between Dindigul and Pulkanooth	Rs. 1,500
Do. since sanctioned.	On the road between Amma-naickanoor and Dindigul	1,750
	On the road between Toveriman and Pullaputty, approximate amount	2,000
	On the road between Madura and Tiruppoovanam, about	1,500

3. There has thus been made the endeavour to give employment to many laborers in the Dindigul, Meyloor, and Madura Taluqs; for the Tirumungalam Budget Part II., Item No. 145, Rupees 15,000. Taluq, nothing could be done; the road from Tirumungalam through Pulney to the Coimbatore boundary is in course of construction; but unfortunately, instead of being able to allot more funds, I must reduce this allotment, in consequence of G. O. No. 2,601, of the 18th August 1866, ordering general reductions of ten per cent. for this official year.

4. The Collector of Tinnevely considered that there was not distress to that extent as to warrant exceptional measures being taken; but, from the dryness of the season, and the people being in want of labor, Mr. Puckle proposed to lay out money at once in repairing the central portion of the road between Palamcottah and Tenkasi, which is much in need of improvement. The Range Officer was, therefore, authorized to carry on this work, pending the sanction of the estimate. The Collector also was anxious to expend more money on the road between Palamcottah and Tuticorin, now under construction on the Budget allotment of Rupees Budget Part II., Item No. 147.

would be expected.

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15,000, (since reduced to 13,500,) especially for relief of the poor in Tuticorin. In my letter No. 764, dated 25th August 1866, I had therefore requested the sanction of Government for the expenditure of Rupees 2,009-2-8, balance of Income Tax Funds, on this road; and the Collector tells me he has also applied for the appropriation of Rupees 5,000 from Local Funds for the same purpose.

No. 529. ORDER THEREON, 20th September 1866, No. 3,025.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 99.

1. The Government approve of the measures which are reported in this letter to have been adopted by the Superintending Engineer, in concert with the Collectors of Madura and Tinnevely, for the relief of distress among the poor in those Districts.

2. It is presumed that Captain Prendergast has been able to provide the funds required for the repair of the roads referred to in the latter portion of paragraph 2.

3. The appropriation of Rupees 2,009-2-8 from Income Tax Funds to the road between Palamcottah and Tuticorin was sanctioned in G. O. No. 2,849, dated 6th September 1866.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Accountant General.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Superintending Engineer's Office
No. 909
Madura 8th September 1866
From
Captain H. L. Prendergast M.E.
Offg. Superintending Engineer
To
Colonel C. A. Orr M.E.
Secretary to Government
I have the honor to report, that early in last month, the Collector of Madura, brought to my notice, that from the long continued drought and consequent very high prices of the necessaries of life, there was a good deal of distress among the people, and that it was advisable to lay out available funds with all freedom, especially on irrigation repairs, which from their nature, afford employment generally, to men, women, and children. I accordingly called upon the Range Officers, to use all exertions to get the scattered irrigation works, pushed on, using additional petty maindries, in order that the greater part of their funds might be expended in the dry season, which appeared likely to last during the 3 months August to October, therefore the V. C. monsoon would be expected.

2 Mr Levinge also asked for a estimate for works that he would carry on from the Local funds: with a view not to leave any money idle in his Treasury; and he was furnished at once with.

Estimate for repairing the roads between Chindigul & Rattagoundoo Rs 2775.

Estimate for improvement to the roads between Kattam & Madurai Rs 2663.

Estimate for repairing the roads between Meylow & Tiruppoovanam Rs 1500.

In addition to these works, authority was given to the Range Officers to carry on roads repairs from Imperial funds, in anticipation of estimates being sanctioned by.

On the road between Chindigul and Pulkanth Rs 1500

Estimate received

On the road between Annamachanor and Chindigul Rs 1750

Is since sanctioned

On the road between Thourimam and Pullapetty, approximate amount Rs 2000

On the road between Madurai and Tiruppoovanam Rs 1500

3 There has thus been made the endeavour, to give employment to many labourers in the Chindigul, Meylow & Madurai taluqs; for the Tirumangalam taluq, nothing could be done, the road from Tirumangalam thro' Palney to the Coimbatore boundary, is in course of

Budget Part II Item 115 Rs 15000

construction; but unfortunately instead of being able to allot more funds, I must reduce this allotment, in consequence of G.O. 126 of the 13th August 1866, ordering general reductions of 10 percent for this financial year.

The Collector of Tinnevely considered that there was no objection to that extent as to warrant exceptional measures being taken; and, from the dryness of the season, and the people being in want of labor, Mr. Buckle proposed to lay out money at once, in repairing the Central portion of the road between Palamcottah and Tenkasi, which is much in need of improvement. The Range Officer was therefore authorized to carry on this work, pending the sanction of the estimate. The Collector also was anxious to expend more money on the road between Palamcottah and Tuticorin, now under construction on the Budget allotment of Rs 15000, (since reduced to 13500,) especially for the relief of the poor in Tuticorin. I have therefore requested the sanction of Government, for the expenditure of Rs 2009-2-8, balance of Income Tax funds, on this road; and the Collector tells me he has also applied for the appropriation of Rs 5000 from Local funds, for the same

Budget Part II Item 117

In my letter to 7th dated 25 August 1866

Same purposes.

I have the
Honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 20th inst.
and in reply to inform you that the same
has been forwarded to the proper authorities
for their consideration.

Public Works Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT
Under date the 20th Sept 1866
Read the following

From the Dy. Supt. Engineer
of the 1st Division. (Here enter No. 909 dated 8 Sept 1866)

The Government approve
of the measures which are
reported in this letter to have
been adopted by the Dy. Supt.
Engineer, in concert with the
Collectors of Madurai and
Tinnevely, for the relief
of distress among the poor
in those Districts.

It is presumed that
Capt. Prendergast has been
able to provide the funds
required for the repair of
the roads referred to in the
latter portion of Para 2.

The appropriation of

17th Sept 1866. O. 1122

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17th Sept 1866. O. 1122

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Reported that in some
of the districts the
distress among the
poor is so great that
the Government have
been obliged to order
the issue of money
for the relief of the
poor in some of the
districts.

17th Sept 1866. O. 1122

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17th Sept 1866. O. 1122

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P. W. 1866. Department.
From the fort for 6/12/1866
 No. *222*

P. W. 1866. Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT. *1862*

Dated 27/12/2015

The measures
adopted by the Superin-
tending Engineer for the
Commencement, &c, of famine
works in the Madras
and Tinnevely Districts,
approved.

N^o 528-529.

To
The Engineer & Surveyor
General
Controller &
Asst. Secy. Genl.
24. Rev. Secy. Genl.
17th Sept 1856 Or. 1856

Sept 2nd 1874