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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
27th January 1870.*

No. 662. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Revenue Department :—

Damages to Public Works in Tinnevelly
District.—Further expenditure of 50,000 rupees in connection with urgent repairs, sanctioned. (Here enter 5th January 1870, No. 11.)

No. 663. ORDER THEREON 27th January 1870, No. 343.

IRRIGATION, No. 20

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending
Engineer of the 8th Division.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th January 1870.*

No. 21. Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Tinnevelly, 30th December 1869, No. 491:—

REFERRING to my telegram of the 18th instant, I have the honour to forward herewith copy of a letter from the Superintending Engineer, applying for a further grant of money for completing the repairs to emergent irrigation-works now in progress, and for repairing the worst portions of the roads damaged by the late floods.

2. The sum sanctioned by Government in their telegram of the 26th ultimo, was apportioned as follows:—

	Allotment as originally proposed, vide paragraph 2 of the Superintending Engineer's letter.	Allotment actually made.	DIFFERENCE.		
			Increase.	Decrease.	
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	
Tinnevelly	10,000	8,000			Placed at the disposal of Public Works Department in the Hoozur Treasury for these talooks.
Tenkarai	10,000	7,000	.....	.....	
	.....	5,000	.....	.....	
Nanguneri	20,000	20,000	.....	.....	
Ambasamudram ...	10,000	8,000	.....	2,000	
Tenkasi	8,000	6,000	.....	2,000	
Strivelliputhoor ...	2,000	1,000	.....	1,000	
Sankaranainarkovil ...	5,000	5,000	.....	.....	
Sattur	3,000	1,500	.....	1,500	
Ottapedaram	2,000	1,000	.....	1,000	
Amount spent by Revenue Department on emergent repairs before the grant of 50,000 rupees was sanctioned		3,392			
Placed at the disposal of the Salt Deputy-Collector for repairing Salt-platforms, roads, and dams		3,000			
	52,000	49,892			
Balance...		108			

3. Thanks to the energy displayed by all. Work has been most vigorously pushed on everywhere, and payments *partially* made. All the great Tambrapurni channels in the river-irrigated valley are in working order, and the Peshanum crop under them may be considered safe; and this is saying a great deal, considering that a month ago seven lacs of revenue, representing upwards of twenty lacs of crop, was in imminent peril.

4. The twenty-two large tanks in the Wartrap valley are all repaired. The wealthy mirasidars there advanced the money themselves directly the breaches took place, and the lac of revenue on wet lands will be cheaply purchased by an expenditure of 18,000 rupees, 5,000 of which has already been advanced.

5. The extensive damages to the Cadamba, Velur, and Strivycuntum tanks in Tenkarai are repaired, and Mr. Grigg yesterday wrote me an encouraging report from that talook (Tenkarai) as follows:—"I have finished the inspection of all the river-fed tanks, and have visited many of the rain-fed. I am glad to tell you that so far things are very satisfactory, and the ryots hope to save most of the present rice-crop. There is at least one month's supply in all the tanks I have seen, and the breaches are closed. The ryots are confident that they will have sufficient water to bring the crop through."

6. The fact that so much work has been done and so rapidly is owing to the contractor for the Strivycuntum anicut having taken up most of the estimates and completed the works, leaving the balance, Rupees 20,000, for Tinnevely and Tenkarai to be paid from a fresh grant. The Sub-Collector will require at least Rupees 10,000 more for Nanguneri, which next to Tenkarai, suffered more severely than any talook. It is therefore absolutely necessary that a further grant of Rupees 50,000 be sanctioned, and I trust Government will permit me to advance this further sum. I hoped to have been able to send a detailed statement of the money advanced and the balance due on each individual work; but as I have not received this information from all the talooks, I will forward it, with a separate letter, through the Board.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Acting Collector of Tinnevely, dated Palamcottah, 18th December 1869, No. 2,156.

It is my opinion that it is now time to apply for further authority to disburse funds for the emergent works of repairs.

2. The distribution of funds that you proposed to begin with was, for:—							RS.
Tinnevely Talook	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,000
Tenkarai	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,000
Nanguneri	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,000
Ambasamudram	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,000
Tenkasi	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,000
Strivelliputhoor	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,000
Sankaranainarkovil	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,000
Sattur	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,000
Ottapedaram	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,000

3. For the Tinnevely and Tenkarai Talooks taken together, estimates have been framed for irrigation-repairs to the amount of Rupees 39,000 and more have to come in still: there is thus another allotment of Rupees 20,000 at least still required.

4. For Strivelliputhoor and Sankaranainarkovil Talooks there is a demand for 10,000 rupees additional, and for Sattur and Ottapedaram Talooks, for 4,000 rupees additional. These are the amounts as near as is ascertained at present.

5. For the imperial roads I reckon that 5,000 rupees should be disbursed, to make passable the worst damages, and about 1,600 rupees is required for rough-stone buttresses put up to try and save portions of the three large bridges; the Sulochanam bridge and those at Kalladakurichi and

Satur. Thus 40,000 rupees will be required, without including the demands by the Sub-Collector for the Nanguneri and Ambasamudrum Talooks: so far as can be judged at present, and while many of the estimates are not put in shape.

6. The works are in rapid progress everywhere; a great deal has been done as evidenced by the main channels now conveying water, and payments have been partially made. We cannot, however, wait till the money is accounted for for further funds, and they are in fact already anticipated. If we had done so, the season would have been lost in many instances, whereas, from the heavy rain that has fallen in the past week, rain-fed tanks have got a supply of water. Had these works not been taken up at once, subsequent repairs to the breaches would probably have been too late, as in all probability the monsoon must now be pretty well over.

7. Measurements of completed works will now be taken, and payment in full will be required. I think, therefore, it would be advisable in addressing the Revenue Board, to request that you may have intimation, by telegraph, of further sanction for disbursing money. The demand is imperative; the villagers have had a good deal to do in the way of throwing up ring-bunds and clearing their fields of silt; and as they have been encouraged by intimation that all fair work will be fairly paid for, it is highly desirable that there should be no interval of delay in making payments caused by want of funds.

No. 22.

ORDER THEREON, 5th January 1870, No. 11.

Miscellaneous.

The Governor in Council authorizes the further expenditure of Rupees 50,000 on emergent repairs in the Tinnevely District as desired by the Acting Collector and Superintending Engineer.

2. Ordered accordingly that the following telegram be despatched to the Acting Collector:—

"The Government sanction the further expenditure of Rupees 50,000."

(True Extract.)

M. A. J. C.

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Collector of Tinnevely.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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To
The Superintending Engineer
8th Division

Dated

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Encl.

G. O., 27th January 1870, No. 343

Nos. 662-663

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-tioning a further expenditure
of Rs 5000 on average re-
pairs in the Tannery St.
and then off. enclosed.