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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
23th November 1876. No. 3,181.*

No. 490. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 15th November 1876, No. 1,687:—

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th November 1876, No. 2,788.

Read the following letter from R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Saidapet, 4th November 1876, No. 615.

ADVERTING to paragraph 2 of the Proceedings of the Board, No. 1,491, dated 6th June last, and, with reference to my Nos. 249 and 316, dated respectively 1st and 30th May 1876, in which I reported on the agricultural prospects of the district and the relief works which might be required hereafter, though not then necessary, I regret now to have to inform the Board that the total failure of the north-east monsoon *up to date*, following a loss of dry crops and the bad seasons of the previous year, makes the opening of relief works in certain localities imperatively called for at once.

2. The parts where relief is most required are, as I anticipated at paragraph 10 of my No. 316 above quoted, the northern portion of the district and the western part of Conjeveram Taluq; to these I must add the southern part of the Trivellore Taluq and the part of Saidapet bordering on Conjeveram and Trivellore.

3. I have just returned from Ponnery, and have visited some of the principal villages, where distress was reported to be most felt, and there can be no question that things are in a critical state; the poorer classes are on short fare and cannot get work, and are beginning to leave their villages; while the well-to-do are pinched and cannot afford to help them. This was only what I anticipated and what I was watching carefully, if we did not have a good north-east monsoon. Last year, though heavy remissions were granted, the ryots lost all profit; this year the dry crops are an utter failure as a rule, and now there is no north-east monsoon and no wet crops. I passed fields and fields of manavary (rain-fed) lands, of which there is so much in the Ponnery Taluq, planted with wet crops in anticipation of heavy rainfall, withered or withering; in fact those who have not planted nunja are better off than those who have, as they have saved their seed.

4. I enclose a table (A) showing the cultivation of this and the past three years. The falling off this year as compared even with the last, a bad season, is most marked. I enclose translations of extracts (B, C, D, E, F, G, and H) from arzis and season reports received from the Tahsildar of Ponnery. I propose the following relief works*

Vide Tabular Statement marked L. in the Ponnery Taluq, and request an immediate grant of Rupees 15,000. No ponds will be deepened or repaired, unless they have springs and are near roads, and therefore useful to the general public:—

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5. The Superintending Engineer has suggested that the embankments to the Cortilliar and Naranaveram rivers, for which estimates have been already sanctioned, but the execution whereof is deferred, pending the receipt of certain revenue information called for by the Chief Engineer, should be proceeded with, and I should be glad to see this done also if funds are available.

6. I further propose, with the permission of the Board, to postpone for the present all collection of ryotwari revenue by coercive process, both as regards arrears and the approaching kistbundies; this will be a great boon to the ryots and will lighten the present pressure considerably. In every village I passed through some without any notice ryots turned out of their own accord and made one and the same complaint—want of water even for drinking purposes, high prices, and total loss of crops.

7. I shall visit Trivellôre and the western part of Saidapet next week, and report on the necessity for commencing the road from Sathialed to Tadda from the northern end and the two minor roads entered in the list, which accompanied my No. 219, after consulting the Tahsildars. The following week I propose going again to the Ponnery Taluq, and in the meantime I trust money will be placed at my disposal. I should note here that I have had to add relief works to those entered in the original list owing to the total failure of wet and manavary cultivation in and around Ponnery itself.

8. I enclose copy (J) of a letter from the Acting Sub-Collector reporting on the state of parts of the Conjeveram Taluq and asking for an immediate grant of Rupees 5,000. It requires no comment, except that I strongly support the application and approve of the measures for relief proposed, though I doubt whether the sum asked for will be sufficient. I visited all this locality recently at the close of what should have been the south-west monsoon; the ryots were complaining bitterly of the failure of their dry crops, and water was scarce for men and cattle. A heavy shower or two, however, while I was there, put a little water into the pools and encouraged the ryots to plough, and I was in hopes that, if the north-east monsoon set in early, the crisis might be tided over, but total failure of rain has ensued instead. I have been expecting this report from the Sub-Collector, who had been requested to watch this locality narrowly, but I made no special reference to him since, and he has arrived at his conclusion that the time has come for starting relief works quite apart from mine. I observe further that the Sub-Collector apprehends the necessity for relief in the Madurantakum and Chingleput Taluqs also, and promises details and definite proposals hereafter.

9. As regards supervision, the Board will observe from the map (K) herewith forwarded that the roads all lie so as to be convenient of access from the northern trunk road. I hope to be able to visit them all about once a week; while as regards Trivellôre and the western part of Conjeveram, I have exceptional advantages as regards transit by rail, and the last will have the benefit of the Sub-Collector's personal supervision

as well. I shall put each Tahsildar in immediate charge of the works in his taluq, the Sheristadar managing at head-quarters, with a picked Revenue Inspector to assist him.

10. If more details are required, I will furnish them hereafter, but I hope I have sufficiently shown that assistance is necessary. I only returned from Ponnery late last night, and am anxious that this report should be in the hands of the Board on Monday, as work should be commenced without delay.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Board regret to learn that the prospects of the Chingleput District are so bad. The Collector proposes to start relief works at once in the Ponnery Taluq and asks for a grant of Rupees 15,000 (Rupees 9,000 for road works and Rupees 6,000 for works of water-supply) for expenditure in that taluq. He also supports the application of the Sub-Collector for a grant of Rupees 5,000 for relief works in the Conjeveram Taluq. The Sub-Collector asks in addition for Rupees 5,000 for works in Chingleput.

3. The Board resolve to place the sum of Rupees 25,000 at the Collector's disposal. The works so far as specified by Messrs. Barlow and McCarthy are approved; but as regards works of water-supply, the orders conveyed in G.O., No. 929, dated 11th July 1876, should be observed. Details of the appropriation of the grants of Rupees 5,000 each for the taluqs of Conjeveram and Chingleput should be reported.

4. Mr. Barlow anticipates necessity for further relief works in the southern part of Trivellôre and in the parts of Saidapet bordering on Conjeveram, but promises further report on these tracts after personal inspection and inquiry.

5. In paragraph 5 the Collector recommends, in accordance with the suggestion of the Superintending Engineer, that, if funds can be made available, the embankments of the Cortilliar and Narnaveram rivers, for which estimates have been sent to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, should be proceeded with. These are very important works, and the Board support the Collector's recommendation, to which they request the attention of Government.

6. The Collector is authorized with reference to paragraph 6 to suspend collections of ryotwari land revenue for the present, and while the pressure continues.

7. Board's Proceedings, No. 2,764, dated 7th November 1876, containing suggestions by the Director of Revenue Settlement for the organization of village relief works will be communicated to the Collector. The arrangements proposed for the supervision of the works proposed for execution at once have the Board's approval.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

THE Governor in Council is of opinion that it would be preferable to employ the distressed laboring population of the Chingleput District in the conversion of the Arcunum-Conjeveram line to the metre gauge; sanction for which was conveyed in G.O., Public Works, No. 2,634, of 30th September last.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
23th November 1876. No. 3,131.

2. The South Indian Railway Company's Agent will be requested, through the Department Public Works, to avail himself of this sanction. The work, it is presumed, would afford all the relief desired by the Collector.

(True Extract).

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secy. to Govt., R.D.

No. 491.

ORDER THEREON, 23th November 1876, No. 3,131.

RAILWAY, No. 63A.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, who will call on the Agent of the South Indian Railway to at once set in

hand the conversion of the Arcunum-Conjeveram line so as to afford employment for the distressed poor of the Chingleput District.

2. It is understood that the estimates for the Narnaveram river embankments have been returned* to the Superintending Engineer for revision. Those for the

* In February last.

Cortiliar embankments are with the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, and will be reviewed shortly. Until these estimates have been approved, it is not desirable that any work in connection with them should be undertaken, but should it be absolutely necessary to start them as famine relief works, the Superintending Engineer will take care that the details are carried out in accordance with the instructions on which the Narnaveram embankment estimates are being revised.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Superintending Engineer, Chingleput
" Revenue Department.

Exd. A. Grubert.

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No. 3181- Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 28 Nov 76.

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Signed J. W. H. Clark May 2nd 1862.
Surg. to Genl. S. H. B.

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Chinglapur District
Collector's Office
Lydapet
4th November 1876

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Lt Col R. W. Barlow
Collector

Submitted

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(True Extract)

[Signature]

Secretary to Govt.

To,
The Department Public Works.
with a map to be returned -

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6029-3-76 No 803 & 804.
 " 28-6-76 " 1633.
 " 30-9-76 " 2634.
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Revenue Department
 Dated 15th November 1876
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Regarding the employ-
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 people of the Chingleput District
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 Conjeveram Line to the metre gauge

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 20th Nov 1876
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Pro: in the Rev. Dept: (P.W.D. No 5299 of 15th Nov 1876)

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To
The Chief Eng^r of the Govt.
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