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*Public Works* DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
30th January 1877. No. 295.*

No. 606. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 28th December 1876, No. 2,209 :—

ABSTRACT.—*Proposals for starting certain works in Government Farm.*—Approving the recommendations of the Board of Revenue with reference to the — with the view of giving employment to laborers.

No. 607. ORDER THEREON, 30th January 1877, No. 295.

**CIVIL WORKS, No. 33.**

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer, Chingleput, for report with reference to the concluding sentence of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

2. It is observed that in paragraph 4 of the Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation on the estimate for the channel sanctioned in G.O., No. 1,205, of the 30th April 1875, it was noticed that "the efficiency of the channel for the purpose intended will depend upon the attention paid to it under the orders of the Farm Superintendent."

3. It appears that in March 1876 Rupees 431 were surrendered, as the compensation for land taken up had not been settled by the Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,  
Secretary to Government,

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

Exd. E. C. Shunker.  
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
28th December 1876.*

No. 710. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd December 1876 :—

Read the following letter from W. R. ROBERTSON, Esq., M.R.A.C., Superintendent of Government Farms, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 26th December 1876, No. 1,320 :—

HAVING learnt from the local newspaper that the Collector of Chingleput has been directed to report whether work can be provided within a distance of twelve miles of Madras for unemployed laborers, during the present emergency, it has occurred to me that we might on the Sydapet Experimental Farm find employment for from 100 to 120 persons during the six months ending on the 30th of June.

2. My Budget Estimates for the next official year 1877-78 contain the following allotments :—

|                                                                                | RS.   |
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| Water channels ... ..                                                          | 500   |
| Levelling the surface of land to enable it to become occasionally irrigated... | 250   |
| Sinking wells ... ..                                                           | 300   |
| Completing the main drive ... ..                                               | 400   |
| Gravelling and repairing roads ... ..                                          | 300   |
| Total ...                                                                      | 1,750 |

The whole of these works can be done by unskilled labor. Under ordinary circumstances, they would be begun at the commencement of the next official year, but, most of the land being bare and available, they could be commenced at once if the Board approve of this course. The expenditure could be met from my permanent advance and adjusted after the commencement of the next official year. This would provide employment for the before-mentioned people for three months. Employment during the other three months could be provided for by beginning the erection in April of the buildings sanctioned for the School of Agricultural, the people to be employed chiefly in digging the foundations, levelling the site, preparing the approach roads, sinking wells, &c., &c.

Or we might afford employment for 150 people for six months by extending over the Farm the channel we are now making in connection with the experimental grounds. I have roughly estimated that for something near Rs. 3,000 the channel could be cut right through the Experimental Farm and through a greater portion of what was originally the Model Farm. The cost could be met from the Rs. 3,000 due in the beginning of April as interest on the Farm Funds deposited in the Bank of Madras. If the Board approve, I will at once prepare a sketch map showing the proposed line of the channel with sections of the cuttings in different places. I would observe that I have no hope whatever of any success attending the channel to be made from the Chembrambakam Tank to the Farm. It is, I believe, to be ten miles in length and to be merely a dug trench one foot deep and about one foot wide. It will be exceedingly difficult, if not impossible, to keep it open, especially as for three miles of its length it will skirt a public road. A portion only of this trench has been made.

The foregoing would give employment to most of the laborers in this locality, who are in the habit of looking to the Farm for work. The works would not be ordinary

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28th December 1876.

"Relief Works," for we should, of course, expect a fair day's work for a fair day's wage; but they would be Relief works, in affording willing laborers the means of supporting their families at this crisis.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government with the Board's recommendation that Mr. Robertson be permitted to undertake at once the works specified and estimated to cost Rs. 1,750. An advance for the purpose might be made from Relief funds at the disposal of the Collector of Chingleput. The works will give employment under good supervision to laborers who will otherwise be thrown on the General Relief Works. The excavation of the channel might be undertaken afterwards. Inquiry should be made as to the progress which has been made with the channel from the Chembrambakam Tank.

(A true Copy and Extracts)

(Signed)

C. A. GALTON,  
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 711. ORDER THEREON, 28th December 1876, No. 2,209.

Miscellaneous.

THE Board's recommendations are  
approved.

(True Extract.)

*H. A. S. Rodgers*

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.  
„ the Financial Department.  
„ the Accountant-General.  
„ the Public Works Department.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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chart certain — Cons.  
with remarks to the Eng.  
Eng.

*Eng. in Reg.*

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