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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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28th March 1883, No. 940 W., Public Works.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

No. 181.

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(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
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To the Public Works Department.

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Acting Secretary.

No. 182.

Order—dated 28th March 1883, No. 940 W., Public Works.

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(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To Superintending Engineers.
,, the General Superintendent, Public Works Stores.
,, the Revenue Department.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.
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Famine Tools

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Board of Revenue,

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No. 5747.

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No. 9338 20 Miscellaneous.

Subject.

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L. Gilson.
Ag Secretary

To.

The Collector of Chingleput with
Copy of Board's Pro: 22nd November/82 No. 2857

Copy to the Secretary to Government
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Revenue Department

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Ag. Secy. to Govt.

To The P. W. Deptt

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J.C. No. 668 W. 15-3-82
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No. 794

Tinnevelly Collector's Office
22nd December 1882

BOARD'S GEN. REG. No 789 / OF 1882

From,

J. B. Pennington Esquire
Collector of Tinnevelly

To

E. Gibson Esquire 9/12
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras.

Sir,

In reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 22nd November 1882, No. 2857, I have the honor to submit a list of famine tools kept in the Huzur Cutcherry.

2 They are in good condition and serviceable.

As they may deteriorate there is no objection to their being utilized on Government works.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt Servant
J. B. Pennington
Collector

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List of Famine tools kept in the Huzur Treasury, Tinnevelly

Description of Tools	Number	Remarks
Mammoties	13	
Pickaxes	87	
Total	100	In good condition

J. B. Pennington
Collector

Enclosure in a letter
from the Collector of
Tinnevelly to the
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
dated 22nd December
1882 No 794

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TINNEVELLY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

BOARD'S GEN. No. 7891 OF 1882

FROM

THE COLLECTOR OF TINNEVELLY.

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE
BOARD OF REVENUE
MADRAS.

Dated 22nd } December 1882
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No. 794

Enclosure. 1

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SUBJECT.

Reporting that the Famine tools as per list enclosed may be utilized on Govt. works.

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No. 2802 / General

Salem Collector's Office
8th December 1882

BOARD'S GEN. No. 7440 OF 1882

From,

A. W. Maclean Esqr.
Collector of Salem

To,

The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue, Madras.

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Sir,

With reference to Board's Proceedings No. 2857 dated 22nd November last, I have the honor to enclose herewith 2 Statements shewing the number and description of famine tools now in hand of Govt. as per G. O. No. 995 dated 21st August 1880 Revenue Department, and the places where they are stored.

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in the open market suffi-
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Collector

Copied by

From the Collector

and District Magistrate,

Salem.

BOARD'S OFFICE 7410 OF 1882

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue Madras.

Dated 8th December 1882.

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No. 2802

SUBJECT.

Submitting Statement showing the number and description of tools on hand and the places where they are stored.

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List showing the tools reserved for the use of the P. W. Department in the Taluk Catchery at Kristnagiri and stated to be not required for that Department.

Description of tools	No.	9440 / 17
Anvils small	1	
Augars of sizes	50	
Bellows forge 24/30	1	
Buckets iron Picotta	5	
Hand Carts	12	
Slope guage wooden 1¼ to 1	6	
Do Do Do 1½ to 1	11	
Do Do Do 2 to 1	6	
Brick moulds of sizes	19	
Mason level, large	5	
Do Do small	1	
Goorsoor lime scrapers	3	
Billhooks including Country	25	
Pick, quarry	3	
Mort mill iron fittings	7	
Saws hand of sizes	11	
Do pit 7 feet	2	
Priming spoons	3	
Standing vice large	2	
Do Do small	1	
Iron weights from 1 lbs to 25	6	
Do 50 lbs	19	

Sharpening stone 29	1
Rods measuring 10 feet	3
Scales beam iron large	1
Blacksmiths box	1
Carpenters' tools box	1
Pickaxes	2,000
Felling axes Europe broad	36
Do do do narrow	20
Bars tamping Copper	13
Do do Brass	12
Crowbars	312
Sledge hammers large	86
do do small	81
do do stone breaking	2,000
Jumper steel.	93
Mammaties	2,000
Cast iron rammers	72

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Salem Collector's office
8th December 1862

C. J. McLean
Collector

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Sd [illegible]
Copied by

[illegible] number and description of tools in the hands of Gov
in the District of Salem and the places where they are stored.

Talugs.	Tools left unsold.										Where stored.
	Pick axes.	Mammaties.	Hammers.	Crow-bars.	Sledge hammers	Felling axes.	Jumpers	Rammers	Ring guages	Bars tamping	
Salem	14,940	14,495	31,256	867	28	14	"	"	"	"	Stored in a room in the Talug Catcheri.
Atur	-	-	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	None
Namakal.	443	406	1,205	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Stored in the Cutcheri
Trichengod.	200	111	840	18	12	"	5	"	"	"	Stored in the Talug Cutcheri
Tripatoor	1,636	2,353	4,549	514	75	113	"	150	100	"	Do & in Cockburn Choultry
Uttankarai	110	128	"	10	"	"	"	"	"	"	Stored in the Talug Catcheri
Hosur	1,710	1,670	2,205	98	"	"	"	"	"	"	Do
Dharampuri	1,458	2,680	1,730	101	"	58	35	436	24	"	Do
Kristnagiri	4,003	5,062	3,900	312	167	69	93	72	105	25	Stored in an old Subjail building.
Total	24,600	26897	45,685	1,920	282	254	133	658	229	25	

C. J. McLean
Collector

Sd [illegible]
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No. 6438

Nellore Collector's Office,
30th November 1882.

BOARD'S GEN. REG. No. 729 OF 1882

From,

J. Lee-Warner Esquire, 29/13
Ag Collector of Nellore.

To,

E. Gibson Esquire
Ag Secretary, Board of
Revenue.
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to Board's Proceedings No. 2857 dated 22nd November 1882, I have the honor to state that the serviceable famine tools of the District have been stored in Taluq and Division offices. As their number is small except in two taluqs they cannot be said to occupy much valuable space. I would however suggest that they be handed over to the D. P. W. Captain Henderson has informed me person . that he has room for them; and it is out of the question to dispose of them in the market, as in the first place they would not fetch their price; and in the second place I understand that they have the broad arrow mark. In the latter case if they are bought in by an "ingenious" contractor opportunity is furnished of changing the older for the new and [illegible] serviceable tools issued for D. P. W. work.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servt.

J. Lee Warner
Ag Collector.

Mr

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Nellore Collector's Office

BOARD ... No. 7297 1882

From

THE Ag COLLECTOR OF NELLORE,

To

THE Ag SECRETARY TO the Board of Revenue, Madras.

Dated 30th November 1882

Despatched 3rd December 1882

Received 5 5

No. 6438 Enclosures. a

SUBJECT.

States that the "Serviceable Famine Tools" referred to in Boards Proceedings No. 2557 of 22nd November 1882, may be handed over to the D.P.W. as it is not desirable to sell them in open market.

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List of Famine Tools.

Taluks	Crowbars	Hammers	Mamoties	Pickaxes	Axes	Other tools	Where stored	Remarks
Ramallakota	1147	184	15,682	4,640	"	-	Some in town Sub-Magistrate's Office & rest in a rented building in Kurnool	Besides these tools there are in Pattikonda 36 measures, 27 weights & 8 scales, 6 iron plates & 6 chains; Koilkuntla 1 tin box, 38 weights & 2 scales.
Nandikotkur	28	906	2,606	722	.	.	Taluq Cutcherry	
	90	209 Large 1942 Small	3,226	3,145	360	-	Atmakur Dy Tahsildar's Cutchery	
Nandyal	1,386	11,122	10,833	9,940	"	.	A shed in Taluq Cutcherry	
Sirvel	43	357	2,876	934	.	.	Some in Chagalmarri Sub-Registrar's office. Rest in Sirval Reddi's house.	
Koilkuntla	56	11 Large 5528 Small	9,431	10,960	-	-	Some in old Taluq Cutcherry Rest in Owk village Chavadi	
Pattikonda	70	3,169	1,454	1,217	-	1 Rammer	A room in Taluq Cutcherry	
Cumbum	4,554	2,039	16,466	31,593	-	"	Store room built for the purpose behind Taluq Cutchery.	
Markapur	439	4,228	7,662	4,496	280	3	A Shed near Taluq Cutchery	
Total	7,813	29,695	70,236	67,647	640	4		

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Kurnool Collector's Office
Dated 8th January 1883

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For Collector

Enclosure to Letter No 4
d/ 5 January 1883
from the Collector of
Kurnool.

Bd Gen Res No 58/83

List of Famine
Tools.

Kurnool Collector's office
Dated 5th January 1883.

No. 4
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BOARD'S GEN. RES. No 58 OF 1883

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From

W. H. Glenny Esquire
Collector of Kurnool

To,

Edward Gibson Esquire
Ag. Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir,

With reference to Board's Proceedings No 2857 dated the 22nd November 1882, I have the honour to recommend the sale of the Famine tools remaining in store in this District. They take up much valua space and have been deteriorating fr sometime past. And it will be seen fro the enclosed list that they are stored i a hired building in Kurnool Town and a private dwelling house in Sirvel: e-where in either Taluq Cutcherries or in temporary storesheds.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most Obedt Servt

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Temp. Dy. Collector
for Collector

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BOARD'S GEN. [illegible] No. 58 OF 1883

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FROM
THE COLLECTOR OF
KURNOOL.

TO
THE SECRETARY TO THE
BOARD OF REVENUE,
MADRAS.

No. 4

Dated 5th } January 1883
Received 8th }

Enclosure. one.

Subject.

Recommending the sale of the famine tools remaining in store in the District of Kurnool with reference to Boards Pro. No. 2557 dated 29th November 1882

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Coimbatore Collector's
Office 14th September 1882

No. 679

BOARD'S GEN. REG. No. 5354 OF 1882

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From

G. D. Leeman Esquire
Collector of Coimbatore

To

E. Gibson Esquire
~~Ag~~ Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir,

With reference to Board's Proceedings, No. 1279 of 9th May 1882, I have the honor to forward a statement showing the famine tools in Store. The unserviceable ones and those not ordered to be kept in G. O. R. D. No. 995 Dt. 21st August 1880, were sold, except in Palladam, Dharapuram and Satyamangalam where no one would bid for them. These tools are kept in Taluk cutcherries in most of the Taluks and in Government Choultries in those where there is no room in Taluk cutcherries. The storing of these in such buildings is a great inconvenience and I doubt if they will not in course of time become useless from rust.—

2 If Government will permit I may be able to sell some to the Rege Railway Company and for that I would ask early orders; for I should be very glad of the use of nearly all the taluk cutcherry rooms which have been turned into storehouses.

3 Out of the unserviceable tools, there are still remaining unsold for want of demand in those places 876 Pickaxes & 1372 Hammers in Palladam

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Palladam 1233 Hammers in Dharapuram and 40 Shovels in Satyamangalam Taluqs. I have however directed the Tahseldars to try to sell them again for any price offered.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
E. F. Lemon
Collector

Statement showing the number of (Servicerable) Famine Tools remaining in Store in the District of Coimbatore On the 1st Septr 188

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District	Tools in Store		Where Stored
	Number	Description	
Coimbatore	205	Axes	These tools are kept in the Taluq Cutcheries in 8 Taluqs; in the Government Choultry at Satyamangulam; and in the Local Fund Bungalow at Bhawani (without rent) there being no room available in the Taluq Cutcherry of the latter two taluqs.
	377	Crowbars	
	43	Jumpers	
	31,710	Hammers	
	33	Ringgauges	
	11,477	Mamoties	
	710	Picks	
	14,096	Pickaxes	
	2,122	Rammers-Iron	
	60,773		

Coimbatore Collector's
Office 14th September 1882

Collector

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Enclosure No 1
of letter No 179 dated
14th September 1882
from the Collector
of Coimbatore to
the Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras —

Regd No 5354/82

Statement showing
the number of
serviceable Famine
Tools remaining in
store on 1st Septr
1882. in the Distt
of Coimbatore. —

Reference 25/9/82

Resolution

The Collr. is requested to report ~~immediately~~ whether the Public works Dept. in the District can take charge of the tools in question, & remove them from their present storage-rooms.

R.S. 22. 9. 82
agd. S.

Submitted to Govt. for orders.

2. It is observed that the rules issued vid 668 W. (Pub. works) of 15th March 1882 do not guide the Board or Collectors as to the disposal of such tools as those mentioned by the Collector when he cannot dispose of them by auction; but that it is very necessary to clear the storerooms of the large accumulation of useless articles

RS RS
27. 9. 82

Resolution

Submitted for the orders of Govt.

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~~Re orders of Govt. [illegible]~~

To The Collector of Coimbatore

CD 23/9

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Revenue (1882)

From,
The Collector of
Coimbatore

BOARD'S GENL. REG. No 5354 OF 1882

The Secretary
to the Board of
Revenue Madras

No 179

DESPATCHED
25 SEP 82

Dated 14th } September
Recd 18th } 1882

No 55

Forwarding statement showing the famine tools in store and requesting orders for their disposal as suggested. —

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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
By taking the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
— This can be managed I suppose by
a little expenditure [illegible] [illegible] to be charged to Contingencies

I think [illegible] [illegible] letter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] relieve [illegible] charge of them. Rs. 217

What is the purpose of the reference — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] better ask the Collr. to report whether the D. P. W. can store them — I question if they can.

22/5/82

No. 498.

Executive Engineer's Office
Coimbatore Division
5th October 1882.

BOARD'S [illegible] REG. No. 5868 OF 1882

From,

The [illegible]tive Engineer.
Exec, batore Division.

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To,

The Collector of
Coimbatore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 91, dated 30th September 1882, I have the honor to state that I am neither in need of Tools nor have I any suitable place for storing them at my disp[illegible]. I am therefore unable to take charge of the tools refe to by you.

I have &c
(Signed) J. P. Davidson
Executive Engineer.

No. 205

True Copy

Forwarded to the Board of

Revenue, Madras, for information
with reference to their General Register
No. 5354 of 2nd ember 1882.

5th Sept

Coimbatore Collector
Office 9th October 1882

Collector

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Attached please Report of the Committee referred to in G.O. No. 668 (W) dated 15/3/82 /

14/10/82

I doubt [illegible] the Board will be attracted by a fresh reference to Govt. for orders. It is quite certain that they will not reverse their policy in regard to these famine tools - they are determined to retain them all to be in readiness for the next famine [illegible] in all probability they will be quite useless from rust. The P. W. cannot take charge of them & their storage in the Collectorate diminishes very seriously the already [illegible] space available for the officials. [illegible] to rent buildings if no [illegible] bungalows are available & the Coll. sh'd be told to use his discretion [illegible] the best possible [illegible]

[illegible]

I presume Govt. must now be asked for orders.

12.10.82

9th/28

Refer to the Govt. in their order contemplated the possible necessity of having to store the tools in rented buildings. But wherever stored they must be locked after.

20/10/82

I think it w'd be well to lay the case before Govt. pointing out clearly the expenses that must be incurred by retaining them & keeping them in order. 60,773 tools to be kept in order!! It would require a perfect army of cleaners & tons of oil! Besides the rent

24.10.82

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but then to the [illegible] support [illegible] by the cost of hiring buildings [illegible] we shall have something to report to Govt. for orders [illegible] we have nothing. [illegible]

23.10.82

Ref 11/12

SS with papers in 12/11

Reference

~~Resolution~~

The Collector is requested to report whether any disused Govt. buildings are available for storage of the tools in question; if not what building he could hire for the purpose, and at what rate of rent.

2. It is observed that the tools should be, to a certain extent, kept in order to prevent their ~~being~~ becoming useless from rust. The Collr. is requested to report on this point with rough estimate of cost.

RS
26.10.

Copied by Ghulam Dastgir.

11-10-82
Recd 12-10-82

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BOARD OF REVENUE 5888 OF

From,
The Collector of Coimbatore

To,
The Secretary to the Bd of Revenue Madras

No 205

Dated 9 }
Recd 11 } October 1882

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Forwarding for information copy of letter (from the Executive Engineer) stating that he is neither in need of tools nor has he any suitable place for storing them disposal —

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Statement showing the number and Description of Serviceable Famine Tools remaining in Store in the District of South Arcot.

District	Tools in Store: Number	Tools in Store: Description	Where stored
South Arcot	1	Pick-axe	At Huzur Cutcherry
	44	Mamoties	At Tindivanam Taluq Cutcherry
	6	Crowbars	
	12	Hammers	
	163	Mamoties	At Tiruvannamalai Taluq Cutcherry
	63	Pick axes	
	67	Hammers.	
	6	Mamoties.	At Villupuram Taluq Cutcherry
	3	Pick axes	
	150	Hammers	
	196	Mamoties	At Tirukoilur Taluq Cutcherry
	2	Crowbars	
	32	Pick axes.	
	965	Hammers	
	260	Mamoties	At Kallakurchi Taluq Cutcherry
	90	Pick axes	
	605	Hammers.	

Cuddalore
23d May 1882

(Signed) A. Cruickshank
Collector

True copy
Afzul Rahman
Collector

Collr. office
Cuddalore
28th November 1882

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No.

Enclosure in letter from the Collector of South Arcot to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras dated ~~28th~~ Novr 1882 No. 489

From

To

Dated No. 188

Subject.

Statement showing the number and description of Serviceable Famine Tools remaining in store in the District of South Arcot.

In G.R.B. No 7191/82

S. Arcot

Collector's office
Cuddalore
28th November 1882

No. 489

BOARD'S GEN. SER. No 7191 OF 1882
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From

A. Cruickshank Esquire
Collector of South Arcot

To

E. Gibson Esquire
Ag Secretary to the Board of Revenue Madras.

Sir,

Referring to para 2 of G.O. communicated in Board's Proceedings of 22nd Instant, I have the honor to state that all serviceable famine tools in this District as per list submitted to Government (copy enclosed) have been stored without any expense at the Taluq (and Huzur) Kacheries and that no inconvenience has been felt for want of space, but I think that they are deteriorating

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I would recommend therefore that they be handed over to the P. W. Department for being utilized on Government works or that they be sold to the highest bidder for the benefit of Government, if the officers of D. P. W cannot utilize them.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Collector.

1882 Department

From
The Collector of
South Arcot

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
Madras

BOARD'S GEN. REG. No 7197 OF 1882

No.

Dated 28
Despatched 30
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November 1882

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No. 289

Enclosure 1

Subject.

Recommending that the famine tools now in store in this District may either be handed over to the D.P.W. or they may be sold to the highest bidders in the public auction.

No. 417

NORTH ARCOT, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

Chittoor 25 November 1882.

BOARD'S GEN. REG. No 7069 OF 1882

From,
THE COLLECTOR OF
North Arcot.

To,
THE Secretary to the Board
of Revenue.

SIR,

In reply to Board's Proceedings on G.O. No. 2882 Public Works dated 3rd November, I have the honor to say that I think the storing of famine tools in every taluq a wise measure of precaution, and I would not dispose of the tools.

2. It will probably generally happen that district officers unwilling to create a panic and hoping for rain up to the last moment will have their hands greatly strengthened by being able to find at a moment's notice a supply of tools to start famine works with; while if the area affected be large, a sudden demand from several districts may easily find the Madras Stores unable to meet the requirements; in any case it would take weeks to get tools from Madras properly distributed over a district besides considerable

risk of confusion in the accounts regarding them.

3. If it be that the tools deteriorate it is certainly a slow process and might be obviated by giving charge of them to the Public Works Department with orders to utilize them from time to time as they require tools, replacing with new ones those which they take from the stock.

Will they consent?

4. The inconvenience and expense of storage is not I think so great, but the advantages decidedly overbalance the disadvantages.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

Collector

WD -

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BOARD'S GEN. REG. No 7069 OF 1882

From
The Collector of
N. Arcot.

To
The Secretary to th
Board of Revenu
Madras

Dated 25° November 82
Despd: 27/4

No. 482.

Subject
Submitting views relative to the disposal of Serviceable Famine Tools.

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Hon. H. E. Sullivan

No. For orders 24/3

GOVT. OF MADRAS. } **188** . { P. W. DEPT.

SECRETARY.

Chepauk, 13d March 1883.

OFFICE NOTE.

To W 940 W

Storage of Famine Tools –

Personally (having given a good deal of consideration to the subject) I agree with the majority of the Collectors who have been consulted, that no tools should be kept at all, but that such as are wanted either by the P. W. D. or

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of Local Fund Boards should be taken over at a valuation, and the remainder sold by auction.

To keep a lot of useless tools on the chance that they may be wanted some day (by which day they will probably be worthless) is the identical policy which we have abandoned in connection with stock and stores, and I see no reason why we should not abandon it in connection with tools also.

If however the ~~Board of Revenue desire~~ it be decided to keep the whole, or any portion of the existing stock, the Board's instructions, as contained in Para 3 of 2nd/3 their ~~report~~ proceedings, leave nothing to be desired, provided it is clearly understood that the charge of the tools is retained rests entirely with the Collectors and that E. Es have nothing to do with them.

In this case the tools now in charge of the P.W. D. in the Cuddapah District should be handed over to the Collector. It seems essential that the P.W.D. Officers should not have charge of

tools, or indeed of any
other kind of stores,
except what are required
for their own use –

The question may it
is thought be now submitted
to Govt for a final decision –

DW

The Board of Revenue's
suggestions may no doubt
be accepted as a good
'ad interim' arrangement
but I venture to think
~~that~~ for permanent
working something better
is required than a plan
which involves so much
care-taking and expense
over an unlimited period

It is moreover well
recognized ~~that~~ the use
during famine of purely
light and suitable tools
are necessary, whereas in all
probability ~~those~~ now

Stored are not of
~~the~~ proper or of best subject description

If a certain definite
supply of the proper class
of tools were kept in
hand at our Workshops
they could be distributed
at once on the outbreak
of famine, and arrangements
could no doubt be
made with the S of S to
supply any amount more
corresponding with sealed
patterns which should be
sent home in advance

If then 10 per cent of
the total in use during the
late famine were kept
in hand at our Stores
the S of S might be ~~trusted~~
~~to~~ buy the rest under proper
prior arrangements, and
all ~~the~~ tools now in stock
which are deteriorating
might be gradually disposed of

13.3.83

The S of S would have to
assent to such disposal
~~any being previously ordering~~
~~the retention of the tools~~

~~The first~~ It is I think advisable to have all serviceable tools ready to hand in each district or at convenient centres for groups of districts and stored properly (tarred over & kept dry) pickaxes & mamoties do not deteriorate — There are all over the country disused Govt. buildings like the old barracks at Ranipett which to serve as such central storehouses — The first thing is to get rid of all unserviceable tools and then separation of the good from the bad should be effected by Executive Engineers in communication with the Civil officers — Sell the bad by auction and having fixed the locality of the store houses let the Exec. Engineer see to the tools being tarred over & stored away — a list of course being made & the key of the store being with the Engineer who once in six months should inspect them — take measures for their preservation & report their condition to Supg. Engineers — Should not bring tools to the P.W. Stores in Madras except for immediately adjacent districts — or if even then if they can be locally stored — I don't at all understand why in the office note it is sought to relieve Exec. Engineers of this responsibility

H.S.

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Genl
Acct

No. 940W PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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UNDER date the 28th March/83

Read the following:—

Pros. of the Revenue Dept. N.E. No. 4333 d/ 16th Decr. /82

— do — Board of Revenue " " 590 — d/ 2nd March/83

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The first step in the disposal of the tools collected for famine purposes is the separation of the serviceable from the unserviceable tools and the disposal of the latter by public auction.

2. This having been done by Executive Engrs. in communication with Civil Officers the serviceable tools should be tarred over and stored away in Central positions where there are old or disused buildings available for their custody.

3. Where such buildings are not available in any particular Division arrangements should be made by

the Suptg. Engr for the storeage of the tools of that Division at the nearest place where accommodation is available.

4. No tools should be sent to the P.W. Stores at Madras unless it is found absolutely impossible to provide accommodation for them elsewhere.

5. A List of the tools belonging to each Division will be taken by the Executive Engineer who will remain responsible for the custody and who will inspect and report upon them once in every half year.

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Suptg. Engrs 4.
Genl. Supt. P.W. Stores 21
Revenue Dept. 4/
Board of Revenue 2/

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Govt. of (1883) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated 30/3

Recd. 1 Encl.

G.O. 28 Mar. 1883, No. 940. W.

Nos. 181-82

Famine tools

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