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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General Account.

Read—the following paper :—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th August 1884, No. 2668.

Read—the following letter from H. W. BLISS, Esq., Commissioner of Salt Revenue, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 29th July 1884, No. 5916 :—

I have the honor to request that the Board will be pleased to move Government to pass orders on their proceedings, No. 2819, dated 17th November 1882, regarding the transfer to this department of certain scales and weights purchased during the famine and now lying in the Bellary Collector's office. In G.O., dated 14th December 1882, No. 3306 W., communicated with the Board's proceedings, No. 3157, dated 19th December 1882, the issue of orders on the subject was deferred pending receipt of replies to G.O., dated 3rd November 1882, No. 2882 W., which have probably been received by this time.

Resolution—dated 4th August 1884, No. 2668.

Submitted for the orders of Government, with reference to G.O., dated 19th December 1882, No. 4371, Revenue, and G.O., dated 28th March 1883, No. 940 W., Public Works.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Secretary.

Mis. No. 3545, Revenue.

Transferred to the Public Works Department, with reference to the orders in that Department noted below :—

G.O., 14th December 1882, No. 3306 W.
" 22nd January 1883, " 254 W.
" 28th March " " 940 W.

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary to Government.

Ootacamund,
16th August 1884.

Order—dated 1st September 1884, No. 2151 W., Public Works.

The Government have no objection to the scales and weights being transferred for use of the Salt Department, if the Collector considers that he can spare them.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, III Circle.
" Revenue Department.
Exd. E. Fernandez,
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ACCOUNT.

Govt. of {1884} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated September, 1st.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 1st Sept. 1884, No. 2151 W.

SEPTEMBER.

Scales and Weights

Transfer of —, now lying in the Bellary Collector's office, to the Salt Department, sanctioned.

BOARD OF REVENUE, 4TH AUGUST 1884, No. 2668.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Commissioner of Salt Revenue.
" " Collector of Bellary.

Exd. C. Vencatasubbaiyar.

Revenue (1884) Department

No. 5230

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1884.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

Printed August 11th.

Proceedings, 4th August 1884, *No.* 2668.

Submitting to Government letter from the Commissioner of Salt Revenue requesting the issue of orders regarding the transfer to his department of certain *Scales and Weights* purchased during the *Famine* and now lying in the Bellary Collector's office.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

15th March 1882, No. 668 W.

General.
Account.

Read the following papers :—

No. 100. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 31st January 1882, No. 324.

No. 1. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th October 1881, Miscellaneous No. 9191, on letter from the Acting Collector of Cuddapah, dated 27th September 1881, No. 437.

With reference to the marginally noted correspondence, I have the honor to forward herewith a complete statement of all descriptions of famine tools remaining in the district up to date.

G.O., No. 995 of 21st August 1880.
Letter to Government, No. 391 of 23rd November 1880, and G.O., No. 3980 of 2nd December 1880, communicated with Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 13540 of 8th December 1880.

2. The tools remaining in the several taluks are in charge of the Public Works Department except those that appear against the Pullampet Taluk, which are still in charge of the Revenue Department as already reported to the Board of Revenue in this office letter No. 390 of 29th August last.

3. Of the 2,619 pick-axes entered against Pullampet 417 are stored in the Badvél Taluk Cutcherry.

4. The statement in question exhibits also a few of the articles ordered to be sold or sent to the Public Works Stores in paragraph 4 of G.O., No. 995 of 21st August 1880. It is not known why the Public Works Department have not carried out the order of Government.

	Per Mensem. Rs.	A.	P.
Pulivendla	2	0	0
Proddatur	2	0	0
Jammalamadugu	1	8	0
Kamalápuram in Cuddapah Taluk...	2	0	0
Madanapalle	2	0	0
Váyalpád	2	0	0
Kadiri	2	0	0

5. With the exception of the tools stored in the marginally noted private buildings in charge of the Public Works Department all the rest are in Government buildings.

Submitted in original to Government.

No. 2. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th January 1882, Miscellaneous No. 212, on letter from the Acting Collector of Cuddapah, dated 13th December 1881, No. 559.

I have the honor, with reference to your official memorandum, dated 9th instant, No. 1607, to forward the reply which was sent by the Executive Engineer to my letter asking, under Board's instructions, for particulars of the Government Orders under which he declined to take charge of the famine tools stored in the Pullampet Taluk Cutcherry.

2. You will see that the reply is totally irrelevant, and I did not therefore consider it worth while pursuing the matter, especially as I have subsequently visited Pullampet and have found the tools stored in a separate shed where they are not in the way, the only inconvenience being that they take up room which cannot be spared without crowding the clerks and office people in the remainder of the building.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government, with the Board's recommendation that, if possible, the tools, which are a source of inconvenience to the Tahsildar's establishment, may be taken charge of by the Public Works Department.

REFERRED to the Public Works Department for favor of information why the instructions contained in G.O., dated 21st August 1880, No. 995, R.D., paragraphs 3 and 4, as to disposal of certain articles have not been complied with. Also whether it is not possible to carry out in Cuddapah the wish expressed in paragraphs 6 and 7 of the order.

2. The Board's suggestion in the second paper as to the charge of the tools at Pullampet might also be dealt with.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

No. 363 C.

REFERRED to the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, for remarks.

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
10th February 1882. Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

No. 100-A. From Major J. PENNYCUICK, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 27th February 1882, No. 491.

IN returning G.O., Revenue Department, No. 324 of 31st ultimo, I have the honor to state that G.O., No. 995, R.D., of 21st August 1880, does not appear to have been communicated to the late Superintending Engineer, First Circle.

G.O., No. 324, R.D., with three enclosures.

2. It will be seen from paragraph 6 of my letter No. 187 of 5th January 1882, printed with G.O., No. 230 W. of 27th January 1882, that instructions have already been given for the collection of these tools from the different places where they are now stored, but I do not think it practicable to store them in any building belonging to this Department. Our accommodation is limited even for custody of our own tools and records, and wherever the famine tools are stored accommodation for them will probably have to be rented.

3. The tools at Pullampet can be taken over by this Department if desired, but if they are to be removed from their present locality, as seems to be desired, space for storeage will have to be rented.

4. At present rents aggregating Rs. 13½ monthly are being paid for the custody of tools in seven taluks of the Cuddapah District.

No. 101. ORDER THEREON, 15th March 1882, No. 668 W.

ORDERED that the letter from the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, above recorded be communicated to the Revenue Department.

2. Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, No. 995, dated 21st August 1880, were sent to the Committee appointed in G.O., No. 2276 W., dated 1st October 1880, and so were not communicated at the time to Superintending Engineers.

The Committee's proposals with respect to the disposal of famine tools are given in paragraph 42 of their Report embodied in G.O., No. 914 W., dated 4th April 1881, but the Government of India subsequently, in their letters as per margin, approved the course proposed in the Revenue Department Order of the 21st August 1880, which runs as follows :—

No. 95, Home, &c., Departments, dated 10th September 1880, recorded in Revenue Proceedings, No. 1224 of the 23rd idem.

No. 225 A.G., Public Works Department, dated 29th June 1881.

* * * * *

"(2.) The Government now direct that all serviceable articles of the kinds marginally noted should be stored, wherever practicable without much expense, at the Taluk or Huzur Cutcherries or in Public Works Stores in the various districts as may be most convenient.

Axes.	Mamoties.
Crowbars.	Picks.
Jumpers.	Pick-axes.
Hammers.	Rammers, iron.
Ring gauges.	

"(3.) All *unserviceable* tools of the nature specified, as well as the remaining articles named in the lists received from districts, should be sold by auction and proceeds credited to famine recoveries.

"(4.) Such things, however, as—

Chains.	Telescopes.
Tapes, measuring.	Levels and Staffs.

which are not properly famine tools, should be returned to Public Works Stores for repair in the first instance.

"(5.) When these instructions have been carried out, Collectors will send in a return in the form accompanying Circular Memorandum dated 5th January 1880, No. 1, showing what tools are left and where stored.

"(6.) In those districts where buildings are rented for purposes of storage, endeavour will be made to deposit all tools as directed in paragraph 2 above, or otherwise to reduce cost of keeping.

"(7.) The Government do not consider that any expenditure should be incurred for the custody or charge of the tools stored away in Cutcherries or Government buildings.

"(8.) The instructions now given do not apply to the Presidency Division. The return* which has been sent in by the officer in charge will be transferred to the Public Works Department for disposal, with the remark that the majority of the articles described are not famine tools, and must appertain to the Public Works Department, and be dealt with accordingly by that Department."

* Dated 3rd March 1880, No. 4905.

3. These instructions will now be communicated to all Superintending Engineers for information and guidance. With regard to the Presidency Division, the Superintending Engineer, Fifth Circle, will report whether there are now in it any, and if so what, excess tools for the disposal of which specific orders are needed.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Revenue Department,
with copies of Proceedings, No. 914 W., dated 4th April 1881,
and No. 230 W., dated 27th January 1882.

To Superintending Engineers.
To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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GENERAL.
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Govt. of {1882} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 15th.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 15th March 1882, No. 668 W.

MARCH.

Nos. 100-101.

Famine Tools.—Orders passed regarding the disposal of —.

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3RD NOVEMBER 1882, No. 2882 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

No. 7.

READ—the following papers :—

From the Collector of Trichinopoly, dated 14th June 1882, No. 1748.
Do do. Anatapur, ,, 20th ,, ,, ,, 74.
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th August 1882, Mis. No. 6162, on letter from Collector of Bellary, dated 1st August 1882, No. 2617.
Proceedings, Revenue Department, transferring above, dated 18th September 1882, No. 3057.
From the Collector of Bellary, dated 14th October 1882, No. 3553.
Endorsement, Revenue Department, on above letter, dated 24th October 1882, No. 3504.

No. 8.

ORDER—dated 3rd November 1882, No. 2882 W., Public Works.

In the orders of the Revenue Department of the 21st August 1880, No. 995, it was directed, under instructions from the Government of India, that all serviceable tools of the ordinary description suitable for famine purposes should be stored, wherever practicable without much expense, at the Taluk or Huzur Cutcherries, or at the Public Works Stores in the various districts, as might be most convenient. Several Collectors have now requested permission to dispose of tools thus stored. It is alleged that the tools take up much valuable space, that they are deteriorating and that they might be utilized on Government works.

2. Before finally deciding as to whether any modification of existing orders on the subject is desirable, the Government would be glad to be furnished with the views of the Collectors of other Famine Districts, which will be submitted as early as practicable through the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E.,
Offg. Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Revenue Department.
To Superintending Engineers.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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ACCOUNT.

Govt. of {1882} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated November, 3rd.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 3rd Nov. 1882, No. 2882 W.

NOVEMBER.

Nos. 7-8.

Serviceable Famine Tools.

Requesting the submission, through the Board of Revenue, of the views of Collectors of certain districts relative to the disposal of —.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Read—the following letter from H. P. GORDON, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 7th October 1882, No. 3474:—

I have the honor to state that the marginally-noted scales and weights are now lying in my office and that they are of no use to me. Mr. Bliss wants, and can utilize, them. They were purchased in the late famine for weighment of grain. I request you will be good enough to inform me if I can transfer them to the Salt Department, and, if so, whether payment in cash should be demanded. Mr. Bliss is willing to take these articles at two-thirds of their prices. I have shown against each article the price at which it was obtained from the Public Works Workshops and Stores.

		Rs.	A.	P.	Gross Value. Rs.	A.	P.
12	pairs of scales with beams, chains, &c., complete, each ..	85	0	0	1,020	0	0
90	56 lb. weights, each ..	4	13	0	433	2	0
26	28 ,, ,, ..	2	10	0	68	4	0
10	14 ,, ,, ..	1	6	0	13	12	0
10	7 ,, ,, ..	1	1	9	11	1	6
14	4 ,, ,, ..	0	14	4	12	8	8
14	2 ,, ,, ..	0	11	0	9	10	0
16	1 ,, ,, ..	0	8	10	8	13	4
12	½ ,, ,, ..	0	6	6	4	14	0
12	¼ ,, ,, ..	0	4	0	3	0	0
					1,585	1	6

2. The total value of the scales and weights now available for transfer is Rs. 1,585-1-6.

3. I enclose a copy of Mr. Bliss' letter for the information of the Board.

Enclosure No. 1.

From the Commissioner of Salt Revenue, to the Collector of Bellary, dated Ootacamund, 10th August 1882, No. 8220.

With reference to our conversation regarding the spare scales and weights which you have on hand, I have the honor to state that I learn from Mr. Kingston that their numbers and descriptions are as noted in the margin and that if you do not require them I shall be glad to take the whole lot over. I presume the sanction of the Board of Revenue to the transfer will be required. If you agree with me, perhaps you will be so good as to obtain it. Orders will at the same time, I suppose, be required as to whether the articles should simply be transferred, or whether Famine expenditure should be credited and this department debited with their value. In the latter case, a value must be fixed for them. I would suggest a half or two-thirds, as you may think fair, of their cost price, which no doubt you know or can ascertain. But as both Famine expenditure and Salt expenditure are Imperial charges, this credit and debit hardly appear necessary.

12 iron beams.
12 pairs scales with chains complete.
90 56 lb. weights.
26 28 ,, ,,
10 14 ,, ,,
10 7 ,, ,,
14 4 ,, ,,
14 2 ,, ,,
16 1 ,, ,,
12 ½ ,, ,,
12 ¼ ,, ,,

Resolution—dated 17th November 1882, No. 2819.

Submitted to Government with the request that sanction may be accorded to the transfer of the scales and weights referred to to the Salt Commissioner.

2. The Accountant-General will be good enough to state whether any cash payment or book adjustment is necessary.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Accountant-General.
" Copy to the Collector of Bellary.
" " Commissioner of Salt Revenue.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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Ex. 668. dt 15-3-82
+ 2882. dt 3-11-82

Mis. No 457

Transferred to the Public Works Department for disposal.

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Asst to Govt

Fort St. George,
7th December 1882

No 3306 Wdy/14-12-82

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The issue of orders
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on the [illegible]
of the Board of Revenue
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No 6912

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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

Printed November, th.

Read

Proceedings, 17*th November* 1882, *No.* 2819.

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No 3306 Wdy/14-12-82

Despatch
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Requesting sanction of Government for the transfer of the *Scales and Weights* purchased during the late famine and now lying in the Bellary Collector's office to the Salt Commissioner, and the Accountant-General to state whether any cash payment or book adjustment is necessary.

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With Proceedings
Entd. in Receipt Regr.
Rev. [illegible]

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Read—the following letter from H. F. CLOGSTOUN, Esq., Accountant-General to the Government of Madras, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Fort St. George, 4th December 1882, No. 4442 :—

With reference to Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 2819, dated the 17th November 1882, I have the honor to state that the Collector of Bellary should submit a bill for the value of the scales and weights in his possession required by the Salt Commissioner, and this officer should adjust the amount of the bill to the debit of 10, Salt and credit of Famine Recoveries in his accounts with this office. No cash payment need be made in this case.

Resolution—dated 18th December 1882, No. 3148.

Submitted to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 17th November 1882, No. 2819.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Bellary.
" " Salt Commissioner.
" " Accountant-General.

Erd. J. Henricus.

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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

This No 185
Transferred to the
Public Works Department
in continuation of Endorse-
ment; dated 7th December
1882 Mis No 4157.

(sd) P. P. Hatchins
Asst Secretary to Govt
16th Jan 83.

No 254 Rdy 22 Jan 83

Recorded with
reference to G.O. No 3306 W.
of 14th December 1882

(sd) J. P.
By W

To The Revenue Dept
of Board of Revenue

Printed December, 28th.

Proceedings, 18th Dec. 1882, No. 3148.

No 254 Rdy 22 Jan 83.

Submitting to Government letter from the Accountant-General regarding the procedure to be observed by the Collector of Bellary as to the *adjustment* to be made in his accounts of the value of *scales and weights* purchased during the late *famine* and now proposed to be transferred to the Salt Commissioner.

With order

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

READ—the following G.O., dated 14th December 1882, No. 3306 W., Public Works.
Read—Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th November 1882, No. 2819.
Read—Endorsement by the Revenue Department, No. 4157, dated 7th December 1882, transferring the above to the Public Works Department for disposal.

Order—dated 14th December 1882, No. 3306 W., Public Works.

The issue of orders on the foregoing Proceedings of the Board of Revenue must be deferred, pending receipt of replies to G.O., No. 2882 W., dated 3rd November 1882.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. C. RAWSON, Capt., R.E.,
Ag. Under Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Revenue Department.

RESOLUTION—dated 19th December 1882, No. 3157.

Communicated to the Commissioner of Salt Revenue and to the Collector of Bellary.

2. Replies from two districts to the Government Order quoted, relating to the disposal of Famine tools, have not yet been received.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

L Gibbon
Acting Secretary.

To the Commissioner of Salt Revenue.
" Collector of Bellary.
" Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

Exd. J. Henricus.

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Board of Revenue.

MADRAS.

Printed December, 85.

Proceedings, 19*th Dec.* 1882, *No.* 3157.

Communicating to the Commissioner of Salt Revenue and to the Collector of Bellary Government Order deferring the issue of orders on the Board's Proceedings regarding the transfer to the Salt Commissioner of the *scales and weights* purchased during the late *famine* and now lying in the Bellary Collector's office.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

No. 181.

READ—the following papers :—

G.O., dated 16th December 1882, No. 4333, Revenue.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th October 1881, Mis. No. 9338 :—

Read—the following letter from J. F. PRICE, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 5th October 1881, No. 431 :—

In acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 8766, I have the honor to state that the famine tools here are deteriorating owing to their rusting heavily in consequence of the damp nature of the climate.

2. I have, as I believe that I have before stated, no proper place in which to keep them ; I have had to use the old Salt Office in the Cotar adjacent to the Cutcherry. The building is water-proof, built of brick and chunnam and with a tiled floor, but it is not a place in which, do what one can, the tools can be preserved from rust.

3. If they were tarred, they might perhaps keep better.

4. Something must be done regarding them, if Government does not wish that they should, in a year or two, become rusty and useless old iron.

5. A large proportion of the momaties are of *very* inferior quality, and seem to have been knocked up in a hurry in the local market.

6. I respectfully adhere to the opinion, which I have formed from personal inspection, that retaining the famine tools here for a year or two longer will end in the destruction of by far the larger portion of them.

Resolution—dated 17th October 1881, Mis. No. 9338.

Submitted for the information of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. D. MACLEAN,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th December 1882, Mis. No. 9760 :—

Read—the following letter from J. F. PRICE, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 20th November 1882, No. 613 :—

I have the honor to remind the Board of the matter alluded to in my letter, No. 431, dated 5th October 1881 (*vide* Board's Proceedings, No. 9338, dated 17th idem).

2. The reference is now more than a year old, and the famine tools are in the meantime going on deteriorating.

Resolution—dated 11th December 1882, Mis. No. 9760.

The Collector is informed that no orders have been passed by Government on Board's Proceedings, dated 17th October 1881, Mis. No. 9338, submitting to them the Collector's letter, dated 5th October 1881, No. 431. The Board await the final orders of Government on the reports called for in G.O., No. 2882 W., Public Works Department, dated 3rd November 1882, communicated with Board's Proceedings, No. 2857, dated 22nd November 1882.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Acting Secretary.

Order—dated 16th December 1882, No. 4333, Revenue.

Transferred to the Public Works Department for disposal, with reference to G.O., dated 3rd November 1882, No. 2882 W.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.

No. 181-A.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd March 1883, No. 590.

Read—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd November 1882, No. 2857 :—

ABSTRACT.—Communicating for report Government Order requesting the submission of the views of Collectors of certain districts relative to the disposal of serviceable famine tools.

Read—also the following papers :—

From the Collector of Arcot, North,	dated	25th	November	1882,	No. 482.
" " of Arcot, South,	"	28th	"	"	" 489.
" " of Coimbatore,	"	14th	September	"	" 179.
" " of "	"	9th	October	"	" 205.
" " of "	"	5th	January	1883,	" 4.
" " of Kurnool,	"	30th	November	1882,	" 6438.
" " of Nellore,	"	8th	December	"	" 2802.
" " of Salem,	"	22nd	"	"	" 794.
" " of Tinnevelly,	"				

Resolution—dated 2nd March 1882, No. 590.

The present orders regarding the storage of famine tools are contained in G.O., Public Works Department, dated 15th March 1882, No. 668 W., communicated in the Revenue Department Order, dated 25th April 1882, No. 1328. Certain Collectors having represented that the tools so stored were deteriorating, and that they take up much valuable space in the public offices, Government desired to be informed of the views of the Collectors of other famine districts (G.O., dated 3rd November 1882, No. 2882 W.). The replies received to this reference are read above.

2. (*a*) The Collector of North Arcot would not dispose of the tools, as their storage at convenient localities will enable District Officers to lay their hands on them at a moment's notice on the advent of a famine. If the area affected were large, a sudden demand for tools from several districts might find the Public Works Stores unable to meet the requirements ; or, even if able, it would take weeks before the tools could be properly distributed. To prevent their deterioration, the Collector suggests that the Public Works Department should gradually use them, replacing those taken by new tools. In 1880 the Local Fund Board of Chittoor offered to purchase some of these tools, but the proposal was vetoed by the Board and Government (G.O., dated 21st December 1880, No. 4193, Revenue Department).

(*b*) In South Arcot, the serviceable famine tools are stored in the Taluk Cutcherry buildings and do not cause any inconvenience, but the Collector thinks that they are deteriorating and should be made over to the Public Works Department for use on works ; but if the department do not require them, they should be sold for the highest price they would fetch.

(*c*) In regard to the tools in Bellary, it has already been decided that such of them as may be required by the Executive Engineer in charge of the Bellary-Hubli State Railway should be handed over to him at rates to be settled with that officer (G.O., dated 16th November 1881, No. 1733, Revenue Department). No orders have yet been passed on the Collector's subsequent application to supply tools to the Bellary Local Fund Board at current market rates (Board's Proceedings, dated 12th August 1882, Mis. No. 6162, read in the G.O., dated 3rd November 1882, No. 2882 W., now under reference).

(*d*) The Collector of Chingleput stated some time ago that the famine tools are stored in an old Salt Office in the Cotar, adjacent to the Cutcherry, and are rusting owing to the damp nature of the climate ; if tarred, they might perhaps keep better. He advised that a good many could be disposed of at a valuation to the Local Fund Board, but that unless something were done, they would in a year or two become rusty and useless old iron (Board's Proceedings, dated 17th October 1881, Mis. No. 9338).

(*e*) The Collector of Coimbatore proposes to sell to the Rigi Railway Company the famine tools which are now stored in Taluk Cutcherries and Government Choultries and are a source of great inconvenience. The Executive Engineer reported that he had neither any need for the tools nor had he at his disposal any place to store them in.

(*f*) In the Cuddapah District, it has already been brought to notice in the correspondence recorded in G.O., dated 15th March 1882, No. 668 W., that the famine tools in charge of Revenue Officers are all in the Pullampet Taluk and are stored in a shed attached to the Taluk Cutcherry, where they take up the space intended for the taluk establishment, who are in consequence over-crowded. The tools in other taluks are in charge of the Public Works Department.

(*g*) In Kurnool, the tools are mostly kept in Tahsildar's and Deputy Tahsildar's Cutcherries. Some of them are stored in a rented building in Kurnool town, but it is not stated what charge is incurred on that account. In Sirvel Taluk, some are preserved in the Chagulammari Sub-Registrar's office and others in the Sirvel Reddy's house. In the Koilkuntla Taluk, some are kept in the Owk village chavady ; while in Cumbum, a store-room has been built purposely for these tools, probably during the famine. The Collector states that the tools are deteriorating, and that they take up much valuable space, and recommends that they be sold.

(*h*) The Collector of Madura reported in 1881 that the tools in that district took up a great deal of room, and their storage was a nuisance, and recommended their sale by public auction (G.O., dated 17th August 1881, No. 2142).

(*i*) The Collector of Nellore states that all serviceable tools are stored in Taluk and Divisional Offices, and that as their number is small, except in two taluks, they do not take up much space. He suggests their transfer to the Public Works Department, who have room for keeping them. He is not in favor of disposing of them by sale for two reasons —(1) They would not fetch their price ; (2) they have the broad arrow imprinted on them, and might be substituted by dishonest contractors for new tools supplied by the Public Works Department for use on Government works. In regard to the latter objection, the Board believe that tools so marked have already been sold to the public, and further they are not aware whether tools in the hands of the Public Works Department always bear the mark of the broad arrow.

(*j*) The Collector of Salem recommends the sale by public auction of the tools, which are deteriorating, and which are not required by the Public Works Department. They are now kept in Taluk Cutcherries and other public buildings, and occupy much space which might be more usefully employed.

(*k*) There are only a hundred tools in Tinnevelly. They are secured in the Collector's office, and are in good condition. The Collector thinks they may be utilized on Government works.

3. It is evident, from the reports above read, that in some districts the tools are more or less deteriorating, and that they take up in storage much space which can ill be spared. The Board, however, are strongly of opinion that it is a wise measure of precaution to retain these tools, even at a considerable cost, in case of emergency; and the general plan they would recommend for adoption to obviate present difficulties is that the tools be collected and placed in central store-houses, after being overhauled, and that the iron portions be well cleaned and tarred to preserve them from rust. Wherever possible, the central store-houses should be at the head-quarters or other station of the district where a jail exists, so that convict labor may be utilized for the work of preservation. The Collector might find some disused palace or Mahal (as in Vellore) or Fort Barrack or other Government building suitable for storing the tools, or which might be made so at a trifling expense. Where a suitable building in the vicinity of a jail is not available, one could probably be found in another central place in the district, but free labor would then have to be employed, unless sufficient prisoners from a Subsidiary Jail were at hand (an unlikely contingency) for preserving the tools from rust, and the cost would have to be met on contingent bills, but the Board do not anticipate these charges would be heavy. If it should happen that in any particular district no such storage-room can be found anywhere, the tools could be sent to the central store of a neighbouring district, and this would be an easy course between districts connected by railway. In the disused Commissariat godowns at Ranipet and the old barracks at Arni an immense quantity of tools from adjacent districts might thus be stowed with ease. The chief cost in the plan proposed would doubtless be for carriage, but even the conveyance charges would not be great compared with the value of the articles preserved.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Acting Secretary.

No. 132.

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

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 Engineers 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 Superintending Engineer for the storage of the tools of that division at the nearest place where accommodation is available.

4. No tools should be sent to the Public Works 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.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

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

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Govt. of {1883} Madras.

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Dated March, 28th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 28th March 1883, No. 940 W.

MARCH.
Nos. 181-182.

Famine Tools

Regarding the disposal and storage of —.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the

READ the following

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue } { No. E. No. 2668 of 4th August 1884.
Endorsement thereon by the Revenue Department. } { " " 3545 " 16th August 1884.

The seales and weights applied for by the Commissioner of Salt Revenue should, under the terms of G.O. 940 W of 28th March 1883, be retained for future use on Famine Relief Works, the articles being apparently serviceable. They cannot therefore be issued for use by the Salt Department.

To
The Revenue Dept.
Sr. III Circle

The Revenue Secretary for favor of counter initials.

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for them. (The present Scales & weights have to obtain.) The duty of keeping up the supply thus devolves on this Dept. In this connection please see para 110 of the Famine Code. Under these circumstances, the Rev. Dept. should apparently decide whether Salt gallu Rivers may be sold or not.

26.8.84.

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It does not seem to me that "scales & weights" come under the designation of famine tools. These scales &c were bought during the famine for the assessment of grain, a duty which, under section 111 of the Famine Code, devolves on the Civil Dept.

It seems to me that Mr. Bliss' proposal should be disposed of in the Rev. Dept. So far as the P.W. Dept. is concerned, I see no objection to those proposals being accepted; — but I shall be glad to hear if you think my view wrong.

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When civil officers require tools, including scales & weights, the indents on the S.Rs. Store

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The Government have no objection to the scales and weights being transferred for use of the Salt Department, if the Collector considers that he can spare them.

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To

S.E. III Circle ✓

Revenue Dept. ✓

" The Revenue Secy: for favr of counter initials

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