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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
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READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 25th March 1891, No. 166 :—

MR. CLOGSTOUN.

Read—the following letter from J. STURROCK, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Coimbatore, 23rd March 1891, Reference on No. 470 (Board) :—

With reference to Board's Proceedings, dated 19th March 1891, Mis. No. 1331, I have the honor to forward a list of works for which estimates are ready or under preparation. I can hardly submit any thing which can be called a programme, until I know the localities in which it is likely that works may be earliest required. The Board and Government will, however, see that we are in a position to at once put in hand a considerable number of works.

2. On receipt of Board's Proceedings, dated 2nd March 1891, No. 113 (Settlement), I looked into the list of minor irrigation works for 1891-92 and found that there were none which would be of any use for the purpose of affording relief to laborers wanting work in the Polláchi taluk. I therefore ordered that the earth-work of the Kódavádi tank should be at once taken in hand in anticipation of sanction to the estimate. From the Tahsildar's report despatched on the 22nd, it appears that 351 laborers had by that time joined the work which was opened on the 19th instant. I am now making inquiries as to the status and residences of the laborers. From the absence of any increase in crime or other usual sign of extended distress I cannot by itself accept the numbers on the works as a decisive proof of widely-prevailing suffering without satisfying myself that the laborers do not mainly consist of men who at this season are in the habit of annually leaving their villages to seek work elsewhere or even of comparatively well-to-do land-owning Vellalas who, having no work at present to do on their fields, think they may take the opportunity of earning an easy wage.

3. The minor irrigation works, for which estimates are ready or under preparation, aggregate in the three taluks of Polláchi, Udamalpet and Dhárápura the following sums :—

					RS.
Polláchi ...	{ Minor ..	{ Earth-work	...	...	2,500
		{ Masonry ...	...	...	500
	{ Major ...	{ Earth-work	...	...	481
		{ Masonry ...	...	...	1,859
		Total	...	...	5,340
Udamalpet ...	{ Major ..	{ Earth-work	...	...	6,826
		{ Masonry ...	...	...	15,116
	{ Major ...	{ Earth-work	...	...	60,453
		{ Masonry ...	...	...	1,02,747
		Total	...	...	1,63,200

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It will thus be seen that in the Polláchi taluk in which alone any demand for labor has yet been made, the number of either minor or major works available is very small, but, if I am satisfied that the number of laborers applying for work on the Kódavádi tank indicates the existence of real distress on a large scale, Mr. Stephens, the Local Fund Engineer, is prepared to at once start works up to the following amounts on the four principal roads of the taluk:—

Breaking and storing metal	...	...	...	...	RS.
Spreading metal, watering and tamping	...	...	...	...	52,068
Removing prickly-pear	...	...	...	...	28,116
	...	...	...	...	11,325

New roads, or rather the reconstruction of roads made at a former famine, can also be taken on hand, and estimates for them will be prepared as soon as the number of coolies employed in breaking stones indicates that it will be necessary to be in readiness to start further works. In some localities tamping and watering will be difficult when water is scarce, but no famine has yet been known in which there has been no water, and in almost all cases it will be merely a question of bringing water from long distances. The work will be feasible and suitable for famine laborers.

4. If a famine of great intensity were to arrive, the only large work in addition to the above-mentioned, which I can think of, is the earth-work of the embankment for the Pálghat and Dindigul Railway, which will pass through the Polláchi and Udamalpet taluks.

5. For Udamalpet arrangements can be made somewhat similar to those I have detailed above for Polláchi.

6. In the Dhárápúram taluk, estimates for irrigation works are ready, involving an outlay of Rs. 55,000 on earth-work and nearly one lakh on masonry. Much of the expenditure on masonry will not be on work suited for famine labor.

Resolution—dated 25th March 1891, No. 166.

Submitted for the information of Government with reference to G.O., No. 197, dated 14th March 1891.

2. The works included in the lists are those for which estimates are ready or are under preparation. They principally consist of irrigation works and construction and repair of roads. Their estimated cost is Rs. 4,07,482, calculated to afford employment for 36,221 persons at an average wage of 2 annas per diem for about three months as detailed in the following statement:—

Taluk.	IRRIGATION WORKS.			ROADS.			Total.		
	Number.	Estimated cost.	Number of coolies at 2 annas per diem for 3 months.	Number.	Estimated cost.	Number of coolies at 2 annas per diem for 3 months.	Number.	Estimated cost.	Number of coolies.
Polláchi	3	Rs. 5,340	475	4	Rs. 96,090	8,541	7	1,01,430	9,016
Udamalpet	2	21,942	1,950	4	67,530	6,003	6	89,472	7,953
Dhárápúram	3	1,63,200	14,507	4	53,380	4,745	7	2,16,580	19,262
Total	8	1,90,482	16,932	12	2,17,000	19,289	20	4,07,482	36,221

3. The Collector states that the earth-work of the Kódavádi tank in Polláchi taluk was commenced on the 19th March and that the number of laborers has risen to 351 by the 22nd idem. He adds, however, that the number on the works is no sure test

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of the prevalence of distress in the absence of any increase in crime and other indications, as this is the slack season for agricultural operations, and even comparatively well-to-do land-owning classes may resort to works about this time of the year in hopes of earning easy wages. The Collector is requested to direct the Divisional-officer to inspect the work at once and see that none but those in need are admitted and that full task is enforced. The wages (which should be reported) should be fixed sufficiently low to prevent labor being attracted from other usual occupations.

4. In the Polláchi taluk where alone there is any demand for work, the number of major and minor irrigation works available for famine relief is small, but the Local Fund Engineer has some large works ready which could be taken up any moment should necessity arise.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Collector of Coimbatore.

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