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Season, North Arcot.

Board's Proceedings submitting report on the condition of the Wandiwash taluk for the fortnight ending 2nd May 1891, recorded, and the Board requested to explain the discrepancy in the number of applications for loans for digging wells in the taluk.

To
S. E. IV Circle
C. E. for S.

6. The Board is glad to learn that about 700 applications have been received for loans for digging wells for an aggregate sum of Rs. 65,300, and trusts that the large number (about 400 applications), which are pending local inquiry, will be disposed of as early as possible.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of North Arcot.

Copy to the Deputy Collector, Wandiwash.

ORDER—dated 26th May 1891, No. 459, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

4 should be submitted for the information of Government when received.

3. In the present report it is stated that about 700 applications for loans for digging wells in Wandiwash have been received, whereas in the Collector's letter of the 8th April read in Board's Proceedings, No. 208, dated 14th April 1891, it was reported that over 3,600 applications had been received. This discrepancy should be explained as well as that noticed in paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 432, dated 15th May 1891.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.
" the Commissioners of Land Revenue.
" the Public Works Department.

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Serial number.	Month and date.	Names of villages inspected.	Serial number.	Month and date.	Names of villages inspected.
1	20th April	Salavedu.	25	28th April	Arasur.
2	21st "	Nallur.	26	28th "	Purisai.
3	22nd "	Vallam.	27	29th "	Velanallur.
4	22nd "	Pernamallur.	28	29th "	Nambadu.
5	23rd "	Cheyár anicut.	29	29th "	Vakkadai.
6	23rd "	Vennamangalam.	30	29th "	Vinnamangalam.
7	23rd "	Pernamallur.	31	29th "	Maligaipat.
8	23rd "	Vakkadai.	32	29th "	Pernamallur.
9	24th "	Melma.	33	30th "	Mosavadi.
10	25th "	Raghunadhasamudram.	34	30th "	Raghunadhasamudram.
11	26th "	Shallampallam.	35	30th "	Reddikuppam.
12	26th "	Salukkai.	36	30th "	Septankulam.
13	26th "	Mangamallur.	37	30th "	Thadinolumbai.
14	26th "	Valur.	38	30th "	Vallam.
15	27th "	Maruthodu.	39	1st May	Sembur.
16	27th "	Echoor.	40	1st "	Attipakkam.
17	27th "	Purisai.	41	1st "	Nallur.
18	28th "	Nallalam.	42	2nd "	Eramalur.
19	28th "	Kovilur.	43	2nd "	Modur.
20	28th "	Mulagaripattu.	44	2nd "	Kavaniathoor.
21	28th "	Murukkeri.	45	2nd "	Kalpatnynankuppam.
22	28th "	Sengadu.	46	2nd "	Ammanambakam.
23	28th "	Velaripattu.	47	2nd "	Salavedu.
24	28th "	Perumbalai.	48	2nd "	Melma.

Endorsement by W. J. H. LE FANU, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, dated 5th May 1891.

Forwarded.

Resolution—dated 11th May 1891, No. 272.

The above report on the condition of the Wandiwash taluk will be submitted for the information of Government.

2. The harvest of paddy, 2nd-crop, and of ragi on acres 6,574 and acres 931, respectively, is approaching completion; the outturn on about two-thirds of this area is estimated at 8 annas and on the remainder at 4 annas. The standing crops under wells, acres 993 of cholam and acres 236 of gingelly, have suffered from want of rains and are not likely to yield more than a 4-anna crop. They are withering in some villages.

3. Fodder and water-supply are becoming scarce in several of the affected villages. The Collector is requested to report whether it is necessary to throw open any portion of the forest reserves for free grazing, as suggested in paragraph 2 of Board's Proceedings, dated 24th April 1891, No. 240.

4. The demand for employment for the labouring classes has been more than fully met by the opening of various irrigation works in the taluk—18 major and 18 minor works. The Deputy Collector states that at his requisition ten more Public Works Department works have been started during the fortnight, and that the aggregate number of coolies employed on all the works on the last day was over 3,700, and that excepting on the Cheyár channel works, the average earnings amounted to 2 annas a man, $1\frac{1}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ annas a woman, and 9 pies a child. It is stated that on the Cheyár channel extension the work turned out was less than the famine wages paid them, while on the silt removal work at the anicut, the majority of the coolies failed to earn as much as in the previous fortnight and "have had only the famine wages" paid them. The Collector is requested to report, at an early date, what wages have been actually paid in these cases and how they were calculated. The reply to paragraph 2 of Board's Proceedings, dated 17th April 1891, No. 224, should also be expedited.

5. The number admitted to gratuitous relief at the nine kitchens which have been opened in this taluk was 858, of whom 694 were actually fed on the last day of the fortnight. The number includes 537 children and 113 women. The substitution of ragi flour for rice should be carried out at once as ordered by Government.

Agricultural operations.—The wet lands under wells are sown with short-crop paddy. Paddy, ragi and cholam, to a small extent, are being harvested. Wet lands under tanks and channels are being manured generally with silt removed from beds of tanks and guntahs.

Cattle.—No disease is reported from any part of the taluk. The condition of cattle has not yet undergone a material change, but pasture is getting scarce.

General remarks on the above.—A large number of cattle have been taken to Chingleput and Tindivanam. From inquiries made during my inspection, it appears that a good number of them were taken to the slopes of the Javadies, nearer to the Wandiwash villages, as usual, in the hot weather, but had to be brought back this time for want of drinking-water supply in that neighbourhood.

A good fall of rain now will be timely to save the withering cholam and gingelly on dry lands, to refresh the later crops of cholam and gingelly under wells and generally to improve pasture.

CONDITION OF PEOPLE—(a) On works.—Generally good.

(b) In villages.—Ample employment is available for labouring classes not far from their villages. They are freely admitted on the several works and are allowed to earn as much as they possibly can. The destitute among them, children, men and women incapable of labour and whose physical condition is bad, are relieved in the several kitchens established for the purpose. The number on the rolls are 858, of whom the number actually fed on the last day of the week being 694. When their relations are in a position to earn enough to support those relieved in the kitchen, the recipients are rejected.

Mortality.—Nil.

Sickness.—Nil.

Remarks on the above.—Coolies, mostly of agricultural classes, now resort to the numerous irrigation works in progress freely and, under the arrangements made with the contractors of Public Works Department works, they are freely admitted.

Relief measures.—In addition to the 18 Public Works Department works in progress during the last fortnight (including the Cheyár works), of which 2 have been completed, 10 more started in this fortnight by the Public Works Department subordinate officers on my requisition in several centres where they were most in need—minor irrigation works in progress are 18 in number. Arrangements have been made to start 6 more works. All those in need of work find employment on the several works. I have inspected, during the fortnight, some of the works and ascertained from inquiries the wages earned by them. The coolies on works number 3,726.

On the silt removal work at the Cheyár anicut, the majority of the coolies have not earned during the last week as much as in the previous fortnight, and have had only the famine wages.

On the channel extension work, the work turned out was less than the famine wages paid them. Payments are made twice a week on these 2 works.

On other Public Works Department works on contract, coolies earn annas 2, $1\frac{1}{4}$ and 9 pies per man, woman and child, respectively, and get paid on the result of works.

On minor irrigation works, the rates earned are generally 2, $1\frac{1}{2}$ and 9 pies, respectively, and are paid twice a week.

Poor-houses.—Nil.

Village relief.—Distributed in the shape of cooked food to the destitute young children, old men and women, incapable of labour and who are emaciated.

I have inspected the 9 kitchens invariably once a week, and rejected persons who improved in their condition and admitted upon inquiries deserving fresh cases as shown in the annexed statement. The condition of those relieved in the kitchens is generally improving. Arranged with all the kitchen managers to introduce, as soon as possible, ragi flour with the admixture of rice in the proportion ordered. The kitchen contractors wanted in some cases 3 or 4 days' time to have a supply of flour ready :—

STATEMENT showing dates and result of inspections of kitchens.

Serial number.	Names of kitchens inspected.	Date of inspection.	NUMBER REJECTED.			NUMBER ADMITTED.			Remarks.
			Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.	
1	Salavedu	20th April .. 2nd May ..	..	1	2	2	..	3	During the three days (20th to 22nd) accompanied the Commissioner during his inspection of the first six kitchens.
2	Marakodu	20th April .. 27th 29th	..	1	4	..	2	12	
3	Wandiwash	1st May 22nd April ..	2	1	9	..	..	6	To take effect from 3rd May.
4	Pernamalloor ..	30th 21st	..	6	14	1	..	1	
5	Nallur	1st May	..	..	..	..	..	..	One man and 3 children were admitted, to take effect from 3rd May.
6	Vallam	22nd April .. 30th	1	2	23	1	..	..	
7	Vinnamangalam ..	23rd 29th 25th	..	..	3	..	..	4	Three more deserving cases were admitted, to take effect from 3rd May.
8	Raghunadasamudram.	30th 24th	1	1	2	..	2	16	
9	Melma	2nd May	..	..	..	5	1	14	

Grain-supply.—Second-sort rice is being imported to Wandiwash from non-distressed villages when the second-crop paddy was harvested. There is a good supply of ragi in the market.

State of import.—Ragi is being imported into Wandiwash from Vellore and Arni.

Known stock.—There are large stocks of grain in unaffected villages :—

STATE OF MARKETS—

Prices at chief markets of principal food-grains.				Rising at	Falling at	Stationary at	Remarks.
Rice.	Cholam.	Ragi.	Cumbu.			Wandiwash ..	
2nd sort, 6½ measures.	..	12 measures per rupee.	..				

Places visited.—Inspected during the fortnight—19th April to 2nd May—48 villages. Inspected major and minor irrigation works 12 in number; and arranged to send up coolies.

Had loans under Land Improvement and Agricultural Loans Acts disbursed to the extent of Rs. 3,393 during the last two weeks (Rs. 3,068 up to 30th April) :—

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Number of applications in which local inquiries are completed, but referred to Sub-Registrars for encumbrance certificates	115 involving 16,000
Number to be hereafter sent to Registration office	185 .. 24,000
Total	300 .. 40,000
Number of applications pending local inquiry	400 for 25,300
Do. of wells for which loans have been granted	166 ..
Do. of cases in which works are started	50 ..
Do. of coolies employed	200 ..