ASSAM PROVINCE.

LIST OF SURPLUS STORES AND TOOLS AND PLANT AVAILABLE FOR TRANSFER ON 31ST MARCH 1891.

Names of articles.	Division in which available.	Number or quantity.	Rate.	Per.	Cost.
METALS.			*Rs. a. p.*		*Rs. a. p.*
Tower bolts, 3 ft.	Sylhet Division.	11 Nos.	2 0 0	each.	22 0 0
Fishplates	„ ...	350 „	0 1 9	„	38 4 6
Fishbolts	„ ...	350 „	0 1 6	„	32 13 0
Galvanized rivets	„ ...	1 md. 20 srs.	0 6 0	seer.	22 8 0
„ washers	„ ...	2 mds. 10 „	0 6 0	„	33 12 0
Wind ties	„ ...	74 r. ft.	0 3 10	r. ft.	17 11 8
Iron nails, 5 in.	„ ...	30 srs.	0 5 0	seer.	9 6 0
		T. cwt. qrs. lbs.			
Centre girders, 23 ft. 4 in. by 3 ft. 11 in. by 1¼ ft.*	Khási and Jaintia Hills division.	4 7 0 14			
End girders, 22 ft. 2 in. by 3 ft. 11 in. by 1¼ ft.*	„ ...	6 2 3 24			
Cross girders, 9 ft. 11¼ in. by 2ft. by 14½ in.	„ ...	0 7 0 7			
Bed plates, 2 ft. 6 in. by 10¾ in. by 3½ in.	„ ...	0 7 1 4			
Hexagonal. dgl. braces, 8 ft. 6 in. by 4 in. by ⅜ in.	„ ...	0 3 1 0	.....	...	3,034 5 0
Hexagonal. bolts, 1 in. by 1 in. by 2⅜ in. long.	„ ...	0 0 2 6			
Rivets, 2⅞ in. by ¾ in. snap-head...	„ ...	0 0 1 16			
„ 2 in. by ¾ in. ...	„ ...	0 0 1 9			
„ 3½ in. by ⅞ in. ...	„ ...	0 2 0 11			
„ 3⅜ in. by ⅞ in. ...	„ ...	0 0 2 5			
„ 3 in. by ⅞ in. ...	„ ...	0 0 1 0			
„ 2⅞ in. by ⅞ in. ...	„ ...	0 0 1 12			
„ 2¾ in. by ⅞ in. ...	„ ...	0 0 1 0			
„ 2½ in. by ⅞ in. ...	„ ...	0 0 1 9			
Wrought iron hooks ...	Lower Assam division.	52 Nos.	0 13 0	...	42 4 0
Telegraph wire	„ ...	770 lbs.	0 1 0	lb.	48 2 0
Angle iron, 1 in. by 1 in. by ¼ in.	Lakhimpur..	2,000 „	0 1 3	„	156 4 0
Sheet iron, 9 ft. by 3 ft. by 1/16 in.	„ ...	400 „	8 0 0	cwt.	28 9 0
„ 10 ft. by 3 ft. by 1/16 in.					
Brass rod, 8 ft. by 1½ in. ...	„ ...	48 „	0 12 0	lb.	52 8 0
„ 6 ft. by 1¼ in. ...	„ ...	22 „			
Tie rod heads, 1 ft. by 1½ in. ...	„ ...	29 Nos.	1 12 0	each.	71 12 0
„ „ 1 ft. by 2 in. ...	„ ...	12 „			
Channel iron (22 ft. by 6 in. by 2 in. by 2 in. by 1½ in.).	„ ...	607 lbs.	0 1 3	lb.	47 6 9
Sheet, bent corrugated iron (14 and 15 B. W. G.), 8 ft. by 2 ft. by 4 in.	„ ...	10 Nos.	10 0 0	each.	200 0 0
Socket, cast-iron (12 in. by 12 in. by 8 in.).	„ ...	8 „	10 0 0	„	80 0 0
Shafting (16 in. by 2½ in.) ...	„ ...	1 No.	25 0 0	„	25 0 0
Copper rods (12 ft. by ½ in.) ...	„ ...	112 lbs.	0 10 0	lb.	70 0 0

* These pieces when rivetted at ends, form a pair of plate girders for a clear span of 60 feet.

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SMALL STORES.			*Rs. a. p.*		*Rs. a. p.*
Hinges H (iron)	Cachar Division.	32 No.	0 4 0	Each.	8 0 0
Screw, 3½ ins.	Lakhimpur...	4,000 „	1 0 0	Gross	27 12 6
Steel wire, 3/16 in. and ¼ in. ...	„	15 lbs.	0 14 0	lb.	13 2 0
Hinges, cast iron, 4 in. ...	„	20 No.	0 2 0	Each.	2 8 0
„ brass 5 in. ...	„	2 „	0 2 0	„	0 4 0
Rivets, iron (copper), ½ in. by ¼ in.	„	20 lbs.	1 1 4	lb.	21 10 9
Screws, set, 2 in. by ⅝ in. ...	„	50 No.	13 0 0	Gross	4 8 3
„ 2 in. by ½ in. ...	„	100			
„ 1½ in. by ⅝ in. ...	„	100	13 0 0	„	21 10 9
„ 2 in. by 1 in. ...	„	40			
Socket bolts, 2 ft. 6 in. ...	„	30	1 0 0	Each.	30 0 0
Nuts, hexagonal, ⅜ in. ...	„	100	0 8 0	Doz.	4 2 9
TIMBER.					
Logs, Sundari, 17 ft. by 2 ft. 3 in.	„	13 c. ft.	2 0 0	c. ft.	26 0 0
Teak shingles ...	Lower Assam division.	13,690	12 8 0	1000	171 2 0
BUILDING MATERIALS.					
Arsenic	Lakhimpur district.	80 lbs.	0 4 0	lb.	20 0 0
Fireclay	„	240 „	3 12 0	cwt.	8 0 6
Dusuti cloth, Dinapore manufacture, 24 ft. by 3 ft.	Sylhet division.	77 pieces.	2 12 0	Each.	211 12 0
MISCELLANEOUS.					
Castor oil	Lakhimpur	200 lbs.	0 2 0	lb.	25 0 0
Brickford's fuze	Lower Assam division.	1	25 0 0	Each.	25 0 0
PAINTERS' STORES.					
Cocoanut oil	Lakhimpur	80 lbs.	16 0 0	Md.	16 0 0
TOOLS AND PLANT.					
Wheelbarrows	„	20 No.	10 0 0	Each.	200 0 0
Frame, saw	„	1 „	4 0 0	„	4 0 0
Railway beaters	„	7 „	1 0 0	„	7 0 0

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To the Collector of North Arcot.
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„ C. J. K. Watson, Esq.
„ the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department.

ORDER—dated 20th July 1891, No. 652, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

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

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 7th July 1891, No. 387 :—

MR. CLOGSTOUN.

Read—the following letter from L. E. BUCKLEY, Esq., Head Assistant Collector of North Arcot, to the Collector of North Arcot, dated Anjur, 22nd June 1891, No. 333 :—

FORM No. XVI.

FORTNIGHTLY NARRATIVE.

(*Fortnight, ending on Saturday, 20th June* 1891.)

STATE OF COUNTRY—*Crops.*—

Harvested.—Nil.

Standing—

(*a*) *Maderpák.*—An infinitesimal extent of indigo, a small extent of cumbu in extreme south and a few patches of ragi in nurseries.

(*b*) *Kálahasti.*—Small extent of Nallavari paddy; ragi here and there in nurseries.

Fodder—

(*a*) *Maderpák.*—Very scarce.

(*b*) *Kálahasti.*—Supply poor.

Water-supply.—Deficient.

Agricultural operations—

(*a*) *Maderpák.*—Ragi in nurseries in extreme south and cumbu lately sown.

(*b*) *Kálahasti.*—Ploughing for planting ragi and cumbu.

Cattle.—Suffering from want of water and in Maderpák for want of fodder.

General remarks on above subjects.—Four ounces of rain at Maderpák on 12th June 1891; four ounces of rain at Kálahasti on 19th; local showers varying from a drizzle to one inch in various parts.

CONDITION OF PEOPLE—*On works.*—Fair to middling.

In villages.—Fair excepting Elamas, Kapus, Muttirasas, Kummas, Yanadis, and Malas, who are badly off.

Mortality—

(*a*) *Maderpák.*—None reported.

(*b*) *Kálahasti.*—Isakatangeli (1), Kálahasti (2), Kommanigunta (4), Pedargimedu (2), total (9)—all from cholera supposed to have been imported from Rénigunta.

Sickness.—

Remarks.—The condition of the people generally is unsatisfactory.

RELIEF MEASURES—

Relief works in what taluks open—Works in progress—

(*a*) *Maderpák—*

Under Public Works Department.—Birakuppam, Kannavaram, Pennalur, Nambakam, Kobakam, Maderpák-Arambakam road (at Local Fund expense), Panapakam, Mambakam, Perandur and Chavati.

Under Dewan.—Vagatur (not reported).

Local Fund.—Chalamattur (2), Olur, Arambakam, Battalavallam. About 300 coolies employed per diem.

(*b*) *Kálahasti—*

Under Public Works Department.—Ramabatlapalle. Coolies refuse to work for famine rates at Yerped, Vedam, Pallamala and Kanchanaputtur.

Under Dewan.—Karlapudi, Kotapalem, Bimavaram and Ramapuram.

Local Fund.—Perandesam., Kálahasti. About 25 employed.

Poor houses—In what places and the numbers at each.—

	NO.
1. Vellattukotai	90
2. Alagiripet	71
3. Panapak	55
4. Janakipuram	24
5. Buchinayadi Kandigai	61
6. Anjur	20
7. Ragigunta	20
8. Raipedu	30
9. Maderpák	33
10. Pulambedu	21
11. Arambakam	23
12. Choda Agraharam	24
13. Kallivedu	89

Village relief—

Number of villages in each taluk for which reports have been received.—Nil.

Number of cases of death from want of food with brief note of circumstances if possible.—None reported.

Remarks.—The coolies refuse to work as noted above. The numbers of the last fortnight are due to the large attendance on the Maderpák-Arambakam road, where the overseer for some reason exacted no task.

GRAIN SUPPLY—

Private trade, active or not, whether in rice or dry staple food-grain—

Trade—

(*a*) Maderpák, dull.

(*b*) Kálahasti, active in rice and ragi.

Imports—

(*a*) Maderpák, *nil.*

(*b*) Kálahasti, rice from Nellore, Kátpadi and Raichúr; ragi from Mysore.

Known or estimated stock in taluks—

(*a*) Maderpák, very poor.

(*b*) Kálahasti town—

	Putties.
Paddy	95
Rice	18
Ragi	10
Cholum	2
Cumbu	3

STATE OF MARKETS—

PRICES AT CHIEF MARKETS OF PRINCIPAL FOOD-GRAINS.			
Rice.	Cholum.	Ragi.	Cumbu.
Maderpák.			
10½	16	24	Not sold.
Per measure of 75 tolas.			
Kálahasti.			
10	20	23	20
Per measure of 80 tolas.			

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Endorsement by W. J. H. LE FANU, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, dated Anjur, 23rd June 1891, No. 40-Camp.

Forwarded. I do not know what authority Mr. Buckley has for saying that the overseer exacted no task on the Arambakkam-Maderpak road. It is difficult to exact task in road-making. The situation gets worse daily. Speaking generally all tanks are empty. The few agricultural operations undertaken under cover of local showers are a mere speculation. There is no sign of the monsoon. There ought to be more works open. Mr. Watson, one of whose overseers had gone away sick, informs me that he asked for another to be "removed" because he could not survey. I have told him that he should on no account let him go unless "replaced." The overseer can oversee, if he cannot survey, and this is no time to reduce the establishment. I very much regret Mr. Smith's removal. Mr. Smith understood the languages and was at home in camp. Mr. Watson does not know a word of them, and has not camped as much as I could wish hitherto.

Resolution—dated 7th July 1891, No. 387.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. There has been very little rain during the fortnight ending 20th June and the Collector states that there is no sign of the monsoon and that the situation is getting worse daily. In his letter, dated 19th June, No. 3083, replying to the Board's Proceedings noted on the margin, Mr. Le Fanu reports that the Katur-Kopedu road is being started and that he has asked Mr. Watson to prepare an estimate at an early date for another road from Baitakodiambedu to Tripurantakapuramkota. In another letter received on the 26th current, he requests sanction for commencing the Manellur tank work or the road from Arur to Timmanayadupet. The Collector has since been authorised by telegram to commence the road at once, but the Commissioner, who is now in Maderpak, has found it necessary to order a commencement of work on the Manellur tank, the estimates for the construction of the road being not yet ready. Sanction has further been given to carry out additional repairs to the Mambakam tank, a tank which supplies a Government village in addition to a considerable area in the zemindari and which is situated in a locality where work is required and where no other suitable work is obtainable. The Board observes that employment is also at present available for all who may require it at the Uttakottai works in the Chingleput district, only 15 miles from Maderpak and that when these works are finished work will be commenced at Palavakam and Sengarai situated not far off.

5th and 11th June 1891, Nos. 328 and 337.

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FROM

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Offg. Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Assam,
Public Works Department,

To

The Secy to the Govt. of Madras in the P.W.D.

Shillong, the 18th July 1891.

List of Surplus Stores and Tools and Plant in the Buildings and Roads Branch, Public Works Department, Assam, available for transfer on 31st March 1891.

SIR,

With reference to the Government of India, Public Works Department, Circular No. XI, dated the 20th December 1887, I am directed to forward herewith a printed list of surplus stores available for transfer from the several divisions under this Administration, and to request that if any of the articles therein mentioned are required, the Executive Engineer of the division may be addressed direct on the subject.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

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Offg. Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Assam,
Public Works Department.

No. 2165 W&I 11th August 1891

Communicated
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(Sd) J. P.

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