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Circular No. 9 P. W.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ACCOUNT.
General.

Simla, the 18th September 1891.

Contractors' Book.

Read—

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Public Works Department letter No. 210 A.—G. of the 10th December 1889.

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The Agents to the Governor General for Central India, Rajputana, and Baluchistan.
The Accountant General, Public Works Department.
The Director General of Railways.

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G.O., 21st September 1891, No. 893.

SEPTEMBER.

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21st SEPTEMBER 1891, No. 893, REVENUE.

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Resolution—dated 8th September 1891, No. 561.

The revised lists of famine relief works for 1891-92 received from the Collector of Tinnevely will be submitted for the information of Government.

2. The following abstract statement shows the estimated cost of works proposed in each taluk:—

Taluks.	PROPOSED BY THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT.		PROPOSED BY THE LOCAL BOARDS.		PROPOSED BY THE MUNICIPALITY.		Total.	Amount for which estimates are ready.
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1. Srivilliputtur	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
2. Sātār	..	41,080	70,000	8,250	..	..	1,19,330	6,000
3. Otapidāram	..	14,800	37,000	12,050	..	..	63,850	49,050
4. Sankaranainārkoil	..	8,363	1,27,910	4,400	..	..	1,41,573	59,828
5. Ambāsamudram	..	28,073	1,05,000	5,800	..	900	1,38,873	63,833
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7. Tinnevely	..	6,286	1,17,000	..	..	..	1,23,286	24,000
8. Tenkarai	..	2,980	9,900	..	..	..	20,220	9,900
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Total	..	10,244	2,63,200	1,540	..	..	2,74,984	1,52,135
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ORDER—dated 21st September 1891, No. 893, Revenue.

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