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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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MR. CLOGSTOUN.

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In continuation of my telegram, dated 28th instant, and your telegram, dated 25th instant, I have the honour to report as follows on the penultimate sentence of paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 929, dated 5th October 1891.

2. The statement below shows the state of the Local Fund reserves and balances on the present date.

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The District Board has thus only a small amount, Rs. 3,588, available for allotment; and considering that there are still three months of the official year to run, in which period the District Board may be called upon to provide for unforeseen charges connected with the ordinary operations of Local Funds, I cannot recommend that any of this money should be devoted to the relief of Taluk Boards. Fortunately no extra expenditure connected with the badness of the season is considered necessary in the area under the Nellore Taluk Board. The President of the Náyudupet Taluk Board has a very small balance, and asks for a small contribution, about which I will write separately. As regards the rest of the district, a very small sum is available for allotment by the Ongole Taluk Board, and nothing is available for allotment by the Atmakúr Taluk Board.

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	Roads.	Water-supply and village sanitation.
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4. The figures may seem high, and it is to be hoped that so much will not be required; but there is no doubt that, owing to the want of rain, the prospects of the crops in the northern taluks are distinctly bad, and that at this period there is almost no hope of an improvement. This state of things must mean want of work and high prices until the period of the next rains. I have not taken into account the probable outlay on ordinary Local Fund works provided for in the budget in the next six months. No doubt those works will provide a certain number of persons with employment; but the number is small in comparison with the numbers for whom we fear that work must be found. Moreover, up to the end of March, the money available is for the most part tied up in contracts; and, even in next official year, when there would not be this difficulty, the class of work which could be provided (chiefly petty repairs of roads) is not such as could be easily made available for relief works. The entries in the statement under Public Works Department include works which we believe can be undertaken without delay. Those under minor irrigation works include the works recently sanctioned in Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 7399, of the 18th instant. The figures under minor irrigation works might perhaps be raised and a corresponding reduction made in the grant in aid of Local Funds now estimated for; but it is doubtful whether, should distress become intense, scattered tank works will be suitable for its relief.*

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(Intld.) A. W. B. H.

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6. It is hoped that the zemindar of Venkatagiri will do something to provide labour on irrigation works in his villages in the north-western taluks; but he seems somewhat reluctant to begin operations. Much cannot be expected from the zemindar of Kálahasti.

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To the Collector of Nellore.
Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" " Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department.

ORDER—dated 12th January 1892, No. 35, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

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G.O., 12th January 1892, No. 35.

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JANUARY.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

MR. CLOGSTOUN.

READ—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 4th January 1892, Mis. No. 42:—

Read—the following telegram from the Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated 24th December 1891.

Reference para. 2, G.O., 929, October 5th, para. 3, my foot-note 1999-tour, December 16th. Consider aid to Taluk Board funds, Ongole and Atmakúr, for water-supply and village sanitation works selected from programme submitted with my 3381, November 21st, much needed to supply work present time in localities where no minor irrigation works available. Work to be done under section 38, Famine Code, under amani or contract with special stipulation for employing all coolies. Will Board apply sanction Rs. 10,000 in aid each Taluk Board.

Resolution—dated 4th January 1892, Mis. No. 42.

The following telegram has been despatched to the Collector:—

"Your telegram 24th. Please report state of Local Fund reserves and balances and estimated cost of selected works required before next monsoon."

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Nellore.

READ—also the following telegram from the Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Nellore, 28th December 1891:—

Rain several villages, Atmakúr taluk, twentieth to twenty-fourth 10 to 50 cents only now reported. Situation Head Assistant's division somewhat improved. Ongole and Kandukúr remain much as before. Kanigiri, Darsi, Podili seem getting worse. Work much wanted both divisions. Am asking immediate grant ten thousand each in aid Ongole and Atmakúr Boards whose funds practically exhausted.

READ—also the following letter from A. W. B. HIGGENS, Esq., Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Nellore, 29th December 1891, No. 3754-Ver.:—

In continuation of my telegram, dated 28th instant, and your telegram, dated 25th instant, I have the honour to report as follows on the penultimate sentence of paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 929, dated 5th October 1891.

2. The statement below shows the state of the Local Fund reserves and balances on the present date:—

Name of the Local Board.	Reserve.	Balance.	Total.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
District Board	1,286	2,302	3,588
Nellore Taluk Board	..	990	990
Náyudupet do.	619	97	716
Ongole do.	53	768	821
Atmakúr do.	..	..	..
Total ..	1,958	4,157	6,115

The District Board has thus only a small amount, Rs. 3,588, available for allotment; and considering that there are still three months of the official year to run, in which period the District Board may be called upon to provide for unforeseen charges connected with the ordinary operations of Local Funds, I cannot recommend that any of this money should be devoted to the relief of Taluk Boards. Fortunately no extra expenditure connected with the badness of the season is considered necessary in the area under the Nellore Taluk Board. The President of the Náyudupet Taluk Board has a very small balance, and asks for a small contribution, about which I will write separately. As regards the rest of the district, a very small sum is available for allotment by the Ongole Taluk Board, and nothing is available for allotment by the Atmakúr Taluk Board.

3. The estimated cost of extraordinary Local Fund works required for the Sub-Collector's division (Ongole Taluk Board) before the next monsoon is as in the margin. These figures have been arrived at on a rough calculation of the number of the population for whom it is anticipated that work will have to be provided in the next six months. The calculation has been made in personal consultation with the Sub-Collector (Mr. Mounsey) and the Local Fund Engineer, and is chiefly based on Mr. Mounsey's estimate of the present condition and prospects of his taluks. The details are given in the accompanying tabular statements A and B.

	Roads.	Water-supply and village sanitation.
	RS.	RS.
Ongole taluk ...	40,000	2,500
Kandukúr taluk ...	28,000	2,000
Kanigiri taluk ...	50,500	1,500
Podili division ...	58,500	3,000
Darsi do. ...	29,000	1,000
Total ...	2,06,000	10,000

4. The figures may seem high, and it is to be hoped that so much will not be required; but there is no doubt that, owing to the want of rain, the prospects of the crops in the northern taluks are distinctly bad, and that at this period there is almost no hope of an improvement. This state of things must mean want of work and high prices until the period of the next rains. I have not taken into account the probable outlay on ordinary Local Fund works provided for in the budget in the next six months. No doubt those works will provide a certain number of persons with employment; but the number is small in comparison with the numbers for whom we fear that work must be found. Moreover, up to the end of March, the money available is for the most part tied up in contracts; and, even in next official year, when there would not be this difficulty, the class of work which could be provided (chiefly petty repairs of roads) is not such as could be easily made available for relief works. The entries in the statement under Public Works Department include works which we believe can be undertaken without delay. Those under minor irrigation works include the works recently sanctioned in Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 7399, of the 18th instant. The figures under minor irrigation works might perhaps be raised and a corresponding reduction made in the grant in aid of Local Funds now estimated for; but it is doubtful whether, should distress become intense, scattered tank works will be suitable for its relief.*

* *Note.*—Since writing the above, I have received Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd December 1891, Nos. 824 and 825. I will submit a further list of major and minor irrigation works (called for in paragraph 5 of No. 824) as early as possible. No works of this description can be provided at Government expense, in Darsi and Podili divisions, and very few in Kanigiri taluk.

(Intld.) A. W. B. H.

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5. It will be observed that the proportion of the population for whom it is expected that work will be needed varies in the different taluks. Thus while the proportion approximates 1½ per cent. in Ongole and Kandukúr, it has been thought necessary to allow for about 2 per cent. in Kanigiri and Darsi divisions and for nearly 5 per cent. in Podili division, where the condition of crops and people is believed to be worse than in other parts of the Sub-Division.

6. It is hoped that the zemindar of Venkatagiri will do something to provide labour on irrigation works in his villages in the north-western taluks; but he seems somewhat reluctant to begin operations. Much cannot be expected from the zemindar of Kálahasti.

7. The road works selected are such as will provide work throughout each taluk for persons who are prepared to go a few miles from their homes in search of employment. It is not of course intended that all should be started at once. Indeed the majority of the works may not be required until the hot weather comes on.

8. It seems, however, pretty clear, from reports received, that some work must be provided immediately for the labouring population in the most northern villages (*i.e.*, the Addanki division of Ongole taluk and the Darsi division) and in the Podili division. The minor irrigation works sanctioned in Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 7399, of the 18th instant, will not help these parts of the district which (except Addanki) are zemindari country. Mr. Mounsey has already arranged for the execution of some Local Fund works to the value of Rs. 3,500 in this region under the provisions of section 38 of the Famine Code, and indeed if it had not been possible for him to afford this amount of aid to the people, it would have been necessary to ask for funds from Government before this date. Pending the necessity for opening regular relief works in these and other parts of the Sub-Division, which may not occur for another fortnight or more*, it is, I consider, most necessary that a grant of, say, Rs. 10,000 should be made immediately for the execution of small works, partly roads and partly works of village sanitation and water-supply (not all for the two latter items, as suggested in my telegram of the 24th instant). These works would be carried out as ordinary Local Fund works under section 38 of the Famine Code, either under maistries (*amani*) or on contract with a condition that all coolies should be employed; and would be located where they are most pressingly needed. On this matter, I request that the Board will be so good as to obtain early orders and will allow me in the meantime to authorize the President of the Ongole Taluk Board to make allotments as need arises in anticipation of sanction.

* NOTE.—Mr. Mounsey thinks that it may be less in Podili Division.

9. Matters in the Head Assistant's Division (Atmakúr Taluk Board) are in a more hopeful condition. There has been more rain and the crops are better. I trust that in this division regular relief work may either not be needed at all, or may be needed only over a very limited area; but of this I cannot at present speak with certainty. Mr. Campbell, who has only recently joined the district, is engaged in making a thorough survey of his taluks, and I hope to meet him in a few days, and to be able then to form some estimate of the sum which must be asked for in aid of Local Funds for his division up to June 1892.

10. There is, however, no doubt that in certain localities, chiefly, I believe, in Udayagiri taluk, the demand for work is now pressing. The Taluk Board has no funds. Mr. Campbell has already allotted all the available balance for the repair of a road near Udayagiri. In this case again therefore I request that an immediate grant of Rs. 10,000 may be made in aid of the funds of the Atmakúr Taluk Board for the execution of works in selected localities as need may arise.

RESOLUTION—dated 4th January 1892, No. 6.

In his endorsement on the Sub-Collector's letters of the 7th and 14th December printed in Board's Proceedings (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 23rd December 1891, No. 825, the Collector expressed the opinion that if rain did not fall at an early date in the central and northern taluks of the district, it

might be necessary to open relief works by the middle of January for the support of the poorest classes who were already feeling the great rise in prices. In his telegram of the 28th idem he reported that the situation in the Head Assistant's division had been somewhat improved by falls of rain, but that Ongole and Kandukúr taluks remained much as before and that the Darsi and Podili divisions were growing worse. In his letter of the 29th idem read above, he states that from reports received it seems pretty clear that some work must be provided immediately for the labouring population in the Addanki division of the Ongole taluk, in the Darsi and Podili divisions of the Venkatagiri Zemindari, and in portions of the Udayagiri taluk; and he requests that an immediate grant of Rs. 10,000 may be made to the Ongole Taluk Board for the carrying out of works in the first three divisions named and a grant of an equal sum to the Atmakúr Taluk Board for the carrying out of works in Udayagiri. The relief required in Udayagiri is, the Collector hopes, not likely to be extensive, but in the Ongole and Kandukúr taluks he estimates that it will be necessary to provide works for six months for about 1½ per cent. of the population, for about 2 per cent. in Kanigiri and Darsi and for nearly 5 per cent. in Podili. He submits a list of works suitable for giving employment to the numbers thus calculated, the numbers amounting to 11,900 and the cost of the works to Rs. 2,51,581.

2. There can be very little doubt that the very scanty rainfall in October, November and December will very disastrously affect the outturn of the later crops, and the serious rise in prices reported in Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd December, No. 824, must be seriously affecting the labouring classes. The Commissioner agrees, therefore, with the Collector in thinking it probable that relief work on a considerable scale may be required during the next few months. If, however, relief is to be afforded, it must be given in Nellore as in all other districts under the procedure prescribed in the Famine Code, and the Commissioner recommends, therefore, that the grant of Rs. 10,000 each applied for by the Ongole and Atmakúr Taluk Boards shall be given on the understanding that the work shall be tasked and shall be paid for at the rates prescribed in the Famine Code. The works selected by the Collector in the affected tracts to be carried out as above must be works capable of giving employment to considerable numbers, and must be easy of supervision. No better work can be found than that of breaking and stacking metal or that of stacking gravel along the sides of existing roads.

3. Allotments will be made by the Board for the repair of the minor irrigation works situated in the affected taluks. It is up to date estimated that a sum of Rs. 5,981 can be advantageously expended on these works. The Collector will report whether there are any additional minor irrigation works in need of repair.

4. Under Public Works Department Irrigation works it is reported that relief can be afforded to the extent of Rs. 29,600. This sum is for works which the Collector considers can be put in hand without delay. The Commissioner requests that the Public Works Department may be directed to take up the works referred to at the earliest possible date, carrying them out departmentally and by task work, labour being paid for at the rates prescribed in the Famine Code. The department should be requested also to report at an early date whether there are any other works under the control of the department in the affected taluks on which labour can be profitably employed. The question as to whether any special establishments will be needed by the Collector may be left to be determined when the numbers likely to resort to the works are known.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Nellore.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" " Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1892.

Board of Revenue

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture),

MADRAS.

Printed 7th January.

Proceedings, 4th January 1892, *No.* 6.

Passing orders on letter from the Collector of *Nellore* applying for certain grants in aid of Local Funds for *relief works* in the affected tracts.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read Proceedings of the

× Copy attached Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement) dated 4 January 1892 No. 6.

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Order thereon. 12 January 1892 No. 35

The Board's instructions in para 2 are approved.

2. The application for funds will be disposed of in the Financial Department.

3. Para 4 of the Board's Proceedings will be considered in the Public Works Department.

(True Extracts)

C. Sellon
Secretary to Govt

To
The Comr of R.S. & L.R. & A.
— Financial Deptt.
— Public Works Deptt. (15)
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— Local & Municipal Deptt.

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REVENUE.

To

The Public Works Dept.
(Irrigation)

Dated
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Mis. G.O., 12 Jany 1892, No. 35

SUBJECT.

Passing orders on B.P applying for certain grant in aid of local funds for relief works in the Bellary Dt.

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C. Chalton
Secretary to Government

To

The Commissioner of Revenue Settlement.
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To

To the P. W.
Department.
(Works)

Dated
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Mis. G.O., 12 January 1892, No. 35

SUBJECT.

Passing orders on the Application for certain grants in aid of Local Fund for relief works in Nellore Dt-

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