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READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 19th February 1892, No. 121 :—

MR. CLOGSTOUN.

Read—the following letter from F. D'A. O. WOLFE-MURRAY, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Vontimitta, 11th February 1892, Ref. on No. 66-Eng. :—

I have the honour to forward my report under section 35, Famine Code, for the Sidhout and Cuddapah taluks, which is the last for the district.

2. *Sidhout Division.*—For the Badvel portion of this division, I put down in my letter, Ref. on Current No. 2922-Eng., dated 1st February 1892, a sum of two lakhs.

3. The following are the necessary particulars regarding Sidhout taluk. The whole of the southern half of the taluk may be said to be affected; of rain during the south-west monsoon, 14.73 inches fell instead of the average 20.93, and the recurvature of the same supplied only 3.71 instead of 13.23 inches. The rainfall of December 21st and 22nd in the northern half of the taluk has, however, helped that part considerably, and dry crops are now green and smiling, though in too many cases the outturn is likely to be but poor.

4. The estimated consumption of grain for the next six months is 24,000 puttis (one putti = 400 measures of 132 tolas), and the stock now on hand being about 4,000 puttis, with a future addition of 6,000 expected, outturn of crops now on the land, it is obvious the stock is short. Importation is not yet active, but is expected to become so.

5. *Accessibility.*—The Madras North-west line and the three main roads of the taluk bring within easy reach every village except the Obalam valley; this the easternmost portion of the taluk is cut off from the rest of the taluk by a high range of hills on the west and the rivers Pennér and Cheyér on the south, two miles of whose sandy beds must be traversed to enter it. This valley is one of the three places in the district, which I know now thoroughly, where I would make a new road. To-morrow I go to search for a pass across the hills; it is the only mode, the Pennér route is ridiculous. Fortunately it is only a few villages at the southern end of this valley that may require assistance.

The number that will require relief may be taken as 5,000; the amount required may be set down roughly at a lakh.

6. A sum of Rs. 8,000 is expected to be sufficient to meet advances to landed classes. I cannot help remarking that both here and in Badvel I consider a far greater advance might be made if there was a pushing European officer to work the matter. Personally I am well aware, and so is Mr. Atkinson, who has been very successful, of the difficulties of what the latter calls this task of Sisyphus; the only plan is to keep hammering on, but the apathy of a beer-drinking, day-sleeping Tahsildar is beyond hammering.

7. Works are as follows :—

I. Agricultural repairs ordinarily included in the Public Works budget—
Minor Irrigation works, Rs. 8,700. This amount does not include amounts for works already commenced—*vide* Appendix A.

II. Repairs, Civil buildings ordinarily included in the Civil budgets.—*N/A.*

III. Local Fund works—

- (a) Roads, Rs. 62,000—*vide* Appendix B.
 (b) Repairs of choultries, Rs. 600—*vide* Appendix C.

IV. Special Local Fund works.—*Nil*.

V. Other minor works specially intended for Famine Relief, Rs. 15,700—

- (a) Wells, Rs. 1,700.
 (b) Prickly-pear clearance, Rs. 2,000—*vide* Appendix D.
 (c) Forest works as per detailed list, Rs. 12,000.

Gratuitous relief, Rs. 5,000.

8. The Divisional officer has just furnished his ideas of particulars of gratuitous relief, and states Rs. 20,000 will be required. I should judge from what I know of the taluk, the amount required under this head will be not more than Rs. 5,000.

9. Forest works carried out departmentally and minor irrigation works under the control of the village officers are affording labour in the south of the taluk. What the poor labouring class ought to do is to migrate to Pullampet for the harvest; there is usually field work there well into March or even April. Then it would be advisable to make them come up to Badvel and place them on the works there, rendering economical supervision possible. I shall see whether this can be done; meanwhile, I am proceeding, of course, on the assumption that work must be found within Sidhout taluk limits.

10. The above figures total one lakh. It seems to me undesirable to make a road, which virtually has to cross five miles of a flooded river; it is better to spend money once and for all in making a passable pass over the hills. I have looked out the ground and a survey and estimate will shortly be made and reported.

11. *Cuddapah*.—The following are the necessary particulars regarding Cuddapah taluk:—

The western and south-western parts of the taluk have received but little of the slight showers that fell in the taluk during the last quarter of the past year. In about 46 villages wet crops have failed totally and the dry crops in a few villages yielded a poor harvest, ranging from 2 to 8 annas, and in others withered, except under wells, where the cultivation is limited owing to want of water in them. The crops under the Cuddapah-Kurnool canal and under river and spring channels are in fair condition.

12. The estimated stock of grain in the taluk, together with the expected out-turn under the canal and the river and spring channels, is sufficient to meet the demands of the whole taluk for one full year, but the reservation by rich ryots and merchants of their stock under expectation of a further rise in the prices of grains which now rule high affect the poor; and I propose to commence relief works about the middle to end of March, by which time the labour available in harvests, &c., will be over. Importation into the taluk is not very active.

13. *Accessibility as regards trade*.—The Madras North-west line and the four main roads that travel the taluk bring most of the villages within easy reach.

14. The number that will require relief may be taken as 4,000, and the amount required may be set down roughly at Rs. 70,000, provided, that is, the next monsoon is normal.

15. A sum of Rs. 10,000 the Deputy Collector recommends to be expended under Land Improvement Loans Act, as the ryots are now coming forward with applications for sinking wells. The taluk is already fairly well supplied with wells.

16. I. Agricultural repairs ordinarily included in the Public Works budget—
 Minor irrigation works, Rs. 18,000—*vide* Appendix E.

II. Repairs, Civil buildings ordinarily included in the Civil budgets—*Nil*.

III. Local Fund works—

Roads, Rs. 27,000—*vide* Appendix F.

IV. Special Fund work.—*Nil*.

V. Other minor works intended for famine relief—

	RS.
Wells	3,000
Prickly-pear clearance	10,000

17. Under gratuitous relief, the Deputy Collector recommends Rs. 2,000. This kind of relief will be required after the middle of May next according to the Deputy Collector. But much depends on the condition of the Cuddapah poor, who number 200, and who will be carefully watched both by the Divisional officer and by my Special Assistant.

To sum up the following are the district amounts:—

	RS.
Sub-division	3,31,000
Badvel and Sidhout	3,00,000
Cuddapah	70,000
Total	7,01,000

18. I make no mention of the Head Assistant Collector's Division; it is not yet affected, but possibly for the employment of the lower classes in the twenty villages which had a bad season, it may be necessary to provide during the next five months a sum of Rs. 20,000; this will be entirely for minor irrigation works.

APPENDIX A.

List of minor irrigation works, Sidhout taluk, to be opened as famine labour.

Name of work.	Amount. RS.
1. Chinna cheruvu of Vogur	1,200
2. Payer anicut channel of Kothur	3,500
3. Katikamvaripalli channel of Kuruguntapalli	680
4. Brahmanapalli tank	600
5. Tallasani kunda of Konarajupalli	200
6. Madduleti cheruvu of Kuruguntapalli	200
7. Virisetti kunda of Kuruguntapalli	400
8. Rachervu of Kuruguntapalli	200
9. Gandlavari cheruvu of Machupalli	200
10. Chumavaram cheruvu of Ramapuram	300
11. Tangavaripalli cheruvu of do.	300
12. Butchampalli cheruvu of do.	60
13. Lingareddi kunda of Rekula kunda	100
14. Kasurigangini kunda of Obalam	70
15. Singanuti kunda of do.	50
16. Rachavari kunda of do.	150
17. Padilivaripalli kunda of do.	150
18. Gattupalli kunda of do.	100
19. Kotha cheruvu of Yeppirala	60
20. Gopu kunda of do.	...
Total	8,720

This amount does not include that of the works already commenced.

APPENDIX B.

List of Local Fund roads, Sidhout taluk, proposed as famine works.

Name.	Miles. M. F.	Probable estimate. RS.
<i>New works.</i>		
1. Construction of a road branching off from Vontimitta-Tangatur road passing through the Obalam village in Sidhout taluk and joining the Khajipet-Nellore road near Gopavaram-Badvel taluk	20 0	30,000

Name.	Miles.	Probable estimate.
Repairs.	M. F.	RS.
2. Road from Cuddapah to North Arcot frontier <i>via</i> Kodur and Balapalli	22 0	11,000
3. Road from Vontimitta to Tangatur	15 0	7,500
4. Do. do. to Sidhout	7 0	3,500
5. Vontimitta railway feeder	0 3	188
6. Road from Cuddapah to Cumbum <i>via</i> Sidhout and Badvel	20 0	10,000
Total ...	84 3	62,188

APPENDIX C.

List of choultries, Sidhout taluk, to be taken as famine labour.

Name of choultry.	Probable estimate.
	RS.
1. Repairing the Local Fund choultry at Boyanapalli	200
2. Do. do. at Kotapad	200
3. Do. do. at Kondur	200
Total ...	600

APPENDIX D.

List of villages, Sidhout taluk, in which prickly-pear has to be removed.

Name of village.	Amount.
	RS.
1. Jangalapalli	100
2. Gangaperur	300
3. Rajampet	150
4. Vantithatipalli	200
5. Velugupalli	200
6. Chenduvoyi	300
7. Sidhout	300
8. Mochupalli	100
9. Daijipalli	100
10. Pennaperuru	200
Total ...	1,950

APPENDIX E.

List of minor irrigation works, Cuddapah taluk, to be opened as famine labour.

Name of work.	Amount.
	RS. A. P.
1. Ippapenta	3,568 2 0
2. Chinakampalli two tanks	2,680 0 0
3. Kopparti Mukundroya kunta	671 14 0
4. Rampatad Alladuchetty cheruvu	1,018 12 0
5. Pedda cheruvu of Tollaganganapalli	1,314 3 6
6. Utakur Basireddi cheruvu	978 12 0
7. China Chouk Kondayapalli tank	756 4 0
8. Tangedupalli channel	575 0 0
9. Gudur tank	1,000 0 0
10. China Chouk Guruvireddi kunta	1,030 0 0
11. Ukkayapalli Sayamma kunta	1,607 8 0
12. Nandimandalam Komara Kondukalva	255 10 0
13. Do. Sogalapally	1,071 14 0
Total ...	16,537 15 6

or in round numbers with some other works under preparation 18,000 0 0

APPENDIX F.

List of Local Fund works, Cuddapah taluk, to be opened as famine labour.

	RS.
<i>Road works.</i>	
1. Repairing the road from Tangedupalli to Yerraguntla	18,700
2. Repairing and storing of gravel for the Cuddapah-Guvvala cheruvu road	6,170
3. Village road from Palagiri to meet the Yerraguntla-Vempalli road	2,130
Total ...	27,000

Resolution—dated 19th February 1892, No. 121.

The report of the Collector of Cuddapah on the Sidhout and Cuddapah taluks of his district under section 35 of the Famine Code will be submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Sidhout taluk has an area of 606 square miles and a population of 66,852 persons according to the last census. Owing to the general failure of the rainfall during the past season the southern half of the taluk has suffered severely. In the northern portion there was, as reported in Board's Proceedings, dated 21st January 1892, No. 43, a fair amount of rain during December which has to a great extent saved the crop.

3. The Collector estimates that about 5,000 persons will require relief on works at a cost of Rs. 1,00,000, and that Rs. 5,000 may have to be spent on gratuitous relief. The Commissioner considers the former estimate to be unduly high. A fair amount of rain may be expected to fall in the affected area during May, when field work will recommence, so that provision for three or three and-a-half months only should suffice for the present. According to the latest report only 332 persons are employed on the repairs of minor irrigation works put in hand specially for the relief of distress and 35 on clearing or deepening wells, and the reports submitted do not warrant an anticipation of such a rapid rise in the number likely to need relief as the Collector's estimate would suggest. The exact population of the affected portion of the taluk is not known, but it does not appear likely that it will be necessary to provide for more than 5,000 as a maximum and probably a sum of Rs. 40,000 should suffice for relief on works.

4. The works selected by the Collector as most suitable for affording employment to those in need are—

	RS.
I. Minor irrigation works estimated to cost	8,720
II. Local Fund roads do.	62,188
III. Local Fund choultries do.	600
IV. Forest works do.	12,000
V. Miscellaneous works do.	3,700
Total ...	87,208

The estimate, Rs. 5,000, of the probable cost of gratuitous relief in the taluk appears to the Commissioner in excess of the requirements of the case. It would suffice for the relief of about 1,000 persons for nearly three months. A provision of Rs. 2,000 under this head should suffice, and the sanction of Government for a grant to that amount will be requested.

5. In the Cuddapah taluk, as has already been reported, it is only the southern and western portions that have suffered. The Collector estimates that it may be necessary to find work for 4,000 persons at a cost of Rs. 70,000 before the next monsoon. At present no works are being carried on in the taluk, and the Commissioner considers it unlikely that it will be necessary to employ more than an average of 2,000 persons for 3 or 3½ months. For this a sum of Rs. 21,000 will suffice at present prices.

The works selected by the Collector as most suitable for relief are—

	RS.
I. Irrigation works, minor, to cost	18,000
II. Local Fund roads to cost	27,000
III. Miscellaneous works (prickly-pear clearance and well-deepening) to cost	13,000

The Collector will be requested to report whether there are any major irrigation works in need of repair in either the Sidhout or the Cuddapah taluk, but meantime the Commissioner recommends that the list for each taluk be sanctioned and that the Collector be authorised to commence any work mentioned in the list when he finds such a course essential for the relief of distress. Wherever suitable arrangements can be made for supervision and for the enforcement of tasks, irrigation works should be taken up in preference to roads.

In the Cuddapah taluk the Collector states that the necessity for granting gratuitous relief will depend on the condition of the poor in Cuddapah town who number about 200. The Commissioner is of opinion that no special provision is at present required to meet the case, and that private charity may be expected to be able to cope with the requirements.

6. In addition to the expenditure on relief works, the Collector estimates that Rs. 8,000 may be utilised in Sidhout and Rs. 10,000 in Cuddapah taluk in the form of advances for sinking wells. He also states that in the former taluk, as in Badvel, much more might be done by a pushing European officer to work the matter. Looking at the great success attained in the Ponnéri taluk of Chingleput and in the Wandiwash taluk of North Arcot, entirely under native supervision, the Commissioner is unable to endorse the view that a European officer is necessary to push the work; but if the Collector finds any of his Tahsildars apathetic in the discharge of this most important branch of his duty, the offence should be reported to the Board for orders.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

„ Collector of Cuddapah.

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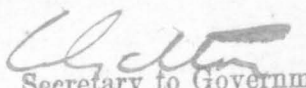
The lists of works selected by the Collector of Cuddapah in the Sidhout and Cuddapah taluks, as most suitable for afford-

ing employment to those in need, are sanctioned as recommended by the Board of Revenue; and the Collector is authorised to commence any work mentioned in the list, when he deems it *essential* for the relief of distress.

2. The Government concurs in the Commissioner's remarks in paragraph 6 of his Proceedings.

3. The application for funds in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of the Proceedings will be considered in the Financial Department.

(True Extract.)


Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.

„ the Public Works Department.
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Sanctioning the lists of works selected by the Collector in the Sidhout and Cuddapah taluks as most suitable for affording employment to those in need; concurring in the remarks of the Board of Revenue that a European officer is not necessary to push the work of sinking wells and stating that the application for funds will be considered in the Financial Department.

With order.

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