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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read—the following paper :—

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(Signed) E. GIBSON,
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(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Under-Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To C. A. Smith, Esq.
" the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.
" the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" the Revenue Department.

Exd. C. A. Munisawmy.

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
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Govt. of {1893} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated February, 18th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 18th Feb. 1893, No. 440 W.

FEBRUARY.

Famine Relief Works in Ramnad Zemindari

Orders relating to the formation of the proposed — into a temporary Public Works division under the charge of Mr. C. A. Smith, Executive Engineer.

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Board of Revenue (Rev. Sett., L. Rds. and Agri.), 7th Feb. 1893, No. 49.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).

Read—the following letter from H. M. WINTERBOTHAM, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated Manamelkudi, 1st February 1893, No. 1-C.

I have the honour to submit my special season report for the fortnight ending 31st January 1893.

2. This report will deal chiefly with the Patukota taluk, and it may be well to mention that the area of the 101 Government villages in this taluk amounts to only 168 square miles out of a total area of 903 square miles. The Government villages are scattered all over the taluk from the extreme north to the extreme south, but are thickest in the northern and southern extremities.

3. Since 24th January I have been in the saddle daily from sunrise till noon and have seen a good deal of the south-east part of the Tanjore taluk, as well as of Patukota. The dry crops in the south-east of Tanjore and north part of Patukota are in a better condition than I expected. The dholl and ground-nut will both yield a fair outturn. The varagu crop is very short, both in straw and grain, but the area on which the crop is entirely lost is small. There is a good deal of manavari (rain-fed) paddy, most of which has withered before coming into ear, and under the rain-fed tanks from one-half to three-quarters of the crop is lost. In the tract I am speaking of there is sweet water from 15 to 30 feet below the surface, and the villagers are busily engaged in garden cultivation by means of small wells of the approved local fashion. These wells are mere holes, about one yard in diameter, sunk in a stiff soil. The number of wells is great—in some places there are 8 or 10 to the acre—and by their means excellent crops of maize, ragi, pumpkins, vegetables and tobacco are being grown in the enclosed fields around the village-sites. I cannot now give the area of this garden cultivation, but I think there must be about 3,000 acres.

4. Passing southwards from Patukota town to the coast, there is a great change for the worse. This part of the taluk is almost wholly inam. The soil is a vile mixture of sand, lime, salt, soda and potash. Well water is not obtainable or is brackish. The only crop grown is paddy under rain-fed tanks and the crop has almost entirely failed.

5. Along the 15 miles of coast from Sethu Baya chattram to Manamelkudi where I now am, the paddy crop was partially saved by the rain that fell at Christmas. Here again the land is almost all inam.

6. I visited this morning several Government villages five or six miles west of Manamelkudi. There is no dry cultivation. About half the paddy crop under the rain-fed tanks is wholly lost. There is everywhere a sufficient supply of straw for fodder, and there will be enough grain to support the local population, diminished as it is by emigration. Some remission will be unavoidable, but it probably will not exceed Rs. 25,000 for the whole taluk.

7. I have still the greater part of the taluk to inspect, and I trust that before the next fortnightly report is due I may be in a position to furnish more definite information. Speaking generally the Patukóta taluk would be a most unfavorable locality for opening relief works. South of Patukóta town drinking water is scarce and bad, and there are no facilities for supplying grain. Supervision would also be very difficult. I hear from the Engineer in charge of the tank restoration party that he hopes to have estimates to the value of one lakh ready by the end of March.

8. I find that throngs of people from Ramnad are streaming northwards in search of work. They follow the line of chattrams along the coast where cooked food is served. At Manamelkudi chattram alone over 4,900 immigrants from Ramnad have been fed during the last two months on their road to the delta. The immigrants are now mostly travelling in companies of from 30 to 60, the men being followed by their wives and children. Some of the companies are taking their bandies, cattle, goats and fowls. One company of 60 Maravars, whom I have just spoken to, have with them 4 bandies, 20 bullocks and about 40 goats. They say they left their villages (Kovilankulam and Erumakulam) five days ago and that they are going to Negapatam "to carry rice sacks." Yesterday and to-day I have spoken to five or six gangs of this sort, and have met besides a large number of families and individuals, all of whom return the same answer, that there is no food in their country for man or beast, and that they are going north in search of food and work. The immigrants are chiefly Maravars and Idaiyars, but I have also met Pallars, Naikkars and Ravuthars. The men hope to get work as porters at Negapatam and the women hope to get work in pounding paddy. I asked some of the men why they did not emigrate to Ceylon or the Straits. The answer was "men can emigrate one by one, but what are we to do with our wives, children and cattle?"

9. They appear to be following the leader in a sort of exodus, and I cannot but regard the invasion as likely to cause serious difficulties. I have ascertained from the Executive Engineer of the Máyavaram-Mutupet Railway that he has not room for more than two or three hundred laborers, and when the harvest is over in another two or three weeks, Tanjore will have enough to do to support its own teeming population.

10. If this invasion from the south should make it necessary to open relief works, there are two works which appear to me especially suitable to begin with. One is the deepening of the river opposite the landing place at Negapatam. In many places the water is only a few inches deep and the inconvenience occasioned is most discreditable to so large and flourishing a port. Dredging by machinery is not likely to be practicable for want of a dredge, and the mud and sand must necessarily be removed by cooly labour. There is vacant land near where the coolies could be hutted without being a nuisance to the town; food and water are at hand; coolies are flocking to the town in search of work, and the Landing and Shipping Dues Committee have funds at their disposal which could hardly be better utilized. The second work is the deepening of the river opposite and below the Custom house at Muttupet. I have already urged the necessity of the work in a recent letter to Government which I have not with me in camp. I should be glad if Government see fit to direct the Department of Public Works to prepare the necessary estimates.

11. The immigrants have as yet been perfectly peaceable and well behaved, and I have not heard of their being in difficulties anywhere; but I would suggest the necessity of checking the invasion by finding, if possible, some work in Ramnád for those who require it. As far as I can see at present, the year may be tided over without extraordinary expenditure, but if the delta continues to be regarded as a place of refuge by large numbers of immigrants from the surrounding country, I do not feel at all assured that relief works on a large scale will not have to be opened.

READ—the following letter from H. M. WINTERBOTHAM, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore, to the Collector of Madura, dated Manamelkudi, 1st February 1893, No. 12-C.

I find that large companies of immigrants from the Ramnad zemindari are streaming northwards towards the delta along the coast road. The men are accompanied by their wives and children, and in many cases they are taking their bandies, bullocks, buffaloes, goats and fowls. In the last two days I have met half a dozen such companies numbering from 30 to 60 souls. They all say that they have been driven by famine from their villages and that they hear there is work at Negapatam. The companies I have spoken to were Maravars, Idaiyars, Kambalathus, Naikkars and

even Ravathans. You are aware that the delta has already a teeming population, and though it has yielded a fair crop, any surplus is immediately exported and prices are as high in this district as elsewhere. I find that over 4,900 immigrants from Ramnad have been fed at the Manamelkudi chattram alone since 1st December 1892 on their way northwards, and this represents only a small fraction of the total number. These immigrants will, I fear, be unable to obtain work, and though I have heard no complaints of any misconduct, I cannot regard the invasion with satisfaction; and as they appear to be following the leader without knowing where they are going, I think you ought to make it known in Ramnad that prices are as high in the delta as elsewhere, and that there is no demand for labour. I leave it to your local knowledge and judgment to suggest to Government what steps (if any) should be taken to provide the Ramnad population with the means of subsistence.

Endorsement by E. TURNER, Esq., Collector of Madura, dated 3rd February 1893, No. 30-A.

Submitted to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Settlement, in continuation of previous correspondence.

2. I beg again to urge the immediate starting of works on ordinary rates. If two lakhs be lent by Government for the purpose, I strongly advise that the amount be not entrusted to zemindari officials, but that a special officer be appointed from Public Works Department.

RESOLUTION—dated 7th February 1893, No. 49.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The report of the Collector of Tanjore on the condition of the greater part of the upland portions of his district is re-assuring, and it appears that it is only in the southern portion of the Patukōta taluk that much serious loss of crop has occurred. There the Collector describes the soil as vile, well water scanty and brackish and the only crop, grown paddy, dependent on rain-fed tanks. Most of the area is inam, and, though near the coast, some of the crop was partially saved by the Christmas rains, a great deal of it is totally lost. The Collector has, however, not as yet inspected the whole taluk, and his further report will be awaited.

3. The Collector alludes to a large migration which is going on from Ramnad into Tanjore of people in search of work, who are taking with them their families, carts and cattle, and he views this migration with anxiety as he anticipates that after a week or two there will be a cessation of demand for labour in the delta. These emigrants appear to hope to find work at Negapatam.

4. The Collector of Madura, to whom Mr. Winterbotham had communicated the facts of this migration, urges the immediate starting of works in Ramnad to be paid for out of a loan to be advanced by Government to the Zemindar. The Board learns from the Zemindar that he has estimates ready for the repair of irrigation works to the amount of upwards of Rs. 98,000, and that he is prepared to expend that sum in giving work to his tenants on the zemindari if he be allowed to postpone payment till next fasli of an equivalent amount of his peishkash. He desires that the control of the expenditure in the zemindari shall be vested in an officer of the Public Works Department to be deputed to Ramnad.

The Board is prepared to recommend the postponement till next fasli of an amount of peishkash equal to the sum which the Zemindar may pay into the treasury to the credit of the Public Works Department to be expended on irrigation works, and it requests that the appointment of an active and energetic Public Works officer to be in charge of works in Ramnad may be made at an early date. It is not desirable that works on any large scale should be immediately commenced, and it is not yet clear that it is advisable to put any immediate check on emigration especially to Ceylon, but if the Tanjore district should be unable, as the Collector fears, to give continuous employment to the large numbers who are now entering the district from

Ramnad, a return tide of immigrants will set in towards Ramnad for whom it will almost certainly be essential to provide employment. It is desirable, therefore, that an officer should be on the spot prepared to give employment if such should be needed.

The Collector proposes to give work *at ordinary rates*, but in order to test the need for employment and to interfere as little as possible with the ordinary emigration to Ceylon and other parts, the Board thinks that the rates should be slightly reduced below ordinary rates.

Mr. Francis, the Head Assistant Collector of Ramnad, in his report for the fortnight ending 31st January, which the Collector forwarded to the Board for perusal and return pending the submission of the district report, took a more hopeful view than before of the condition of affairs in the zemindari. The emigation from the zemindari he regarded as a very happy feature and one which promised to remove much of the threatened difficulty. The emigrants he described as being in good condition and very cheerful, and he had found no signs of present distress needing immediate relief anywhere in the zemindari.

5. Pending the deputation by the Public Works Department of the officer alluded to in the preceding paragraph, the Board considers that the Collector should put in hand such Local Fund works as can be made available immediately in Ramnad.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department. [illegible]
" Collector of Tanjore.
" " of Madura.

Exd. S. J. Pereira.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings, 7th February 1893, *No.* 49.

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Submitting to Government, with remarks, reports from the Collectors of Tanjore and Madura on the state of the season, and recommending that on certain conditions the payment by the Rajah of Ramnad of peishkash of 1 lakh of rupees may be postponed to next fasli.

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Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Madras,

NOTIFICATION.

No. 189 .

To C,

For publication.

The following transfers are ordered at the public expense:—

M.R.Ry. T. Subrahmanya Ayyar B.A., B.C.E., Sub-Engineer 5 Grade sub pro tem from the II Circle Kistna Eastern Division to the Ramnad Division.

M.R.Ry. V.C. Subbaraya Pillai Supervisor 2nd Grade from the V Circle Tanjore Division to the Ramnad Division.

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Please see linked file – Mr Watson's services are required at once by G. of I.

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Chief Engineer — wants at once a copy of Bd's P. in wh. G. O. sanctioning Ramnad Famine Works was passed —

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Printed copies of the Board's Pro. have not yet been received. I telephoned to the Press on Saturday last for some copies. The Press promised to send them, but has not yet done so. I have now tele-

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I think it would be better to send an Engineer [illegible] Officer for this work. I doubt whether [illegible] is the man for it.

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FOR ORDERS.

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(1) Draft S.O about arrangements for famine works Ramnad —

(2) The proposals are made after consultation with the Famine Commr. —

(3) It is certain that by making the works a separate Divn. & giving the specially selected Executive Engr. powers to deal with Estimates &c, without having to go to the Supdg. Engineer of the Circle, execution will be expedited & procedure will be simplified.

(4) Para 3 of S.O 148 lays down that wages should be regulated by the Famine Code; will it be out of order

To instruct the Executive Engineer to take orders from the Famine Commissioner or Collector as to wages to be paid & system (Contract – "Department" – "Piece")?

It appears that wages are exceptionally high in Ramnad and the wages of the Famine Code are unlikely to result in much work being done

I don't think any special orders are wanted. If the labourers in Ramnad won't take famine wages, they can't be much in want, & if work is not done for this reason, it does not matter.

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Public Works Department.

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MINUTE.

February 1893.

The President proposes the following transfer :—

Mr N. Ratnasabhapati Pillai, Executive Engineer 4th Grade, from the VI Circle Tinnevelly Division to the charge of relief works in the Ramnad Zemindari.

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Read the following before
G.O. dated 11 Feby 1893 No 148

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Order thereon, 11 February 1893 No. 148

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True Extract

E. Gibson
for Secretary to Govt

To
The Commr. R. & L.R.
" P. W. Dept.

P. W. CURRENT No. 1334 ✓

Govt. of (1893) Madras.

REVENUE.

To

The Public works Depart

Dated
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~~No.~~ G.O. 11 Feby 1893, No. 148

SUBJECT.

accepting the Boards recommendation to postpone the expenditure of one lakh of Rs in the Ramnad Zemindari till next fasli and reqs the Chief Engr to depute an officer to take charge of the relief works in the Zemindari.

No 440 W. dt 18th Feby 1893

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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To

C. A. Smith Esqre.

S. E. VI Circle

Exr. P.W. Acct.

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