

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

READ—the following letter from G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Tinnevely, 13th May 1894, No. 940-Gen. :—

I have the honour to forward the programme for 1894-95 of famine relief works in forms A, B and C prescribed in Board's Proceedings, No. 411, dated 7th June 1892.

2. The approximate cost of the works proposed amounts to Rs. 37,84,684, and it is estimated the work will afford employment for a period of three months to 504,623 persons, or about 26·33 per cent. of the population of the district according to the last census.

READ—also the following letter from G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Tinnevely, 12th June 1894, No. 1235-Gen. :—

Taluks.		Number of wells.	Cost. RS.	
Tinnevely	...	8	1,250	
Srivilliputtur	...	100	20,000	
Tenkarai	...	6	1,150	
Ottappidaram	...	8	2,000	
Total	...	122	24,400	

In continuation of my letter, Disposal No. 940, dated 13th May 1894, I have the honour to report that the construction of the marginally-noted number of wells may be provided for in the programme of famine relief works for 1894-95. Two lists showing the necessary additions and corrections to be made in forms A and C are enclosed.

RESOLUTION—dated 25th June 1894, No. 251.

The abstract of the programme of famine relief works for 1894-95 received from the Collector of Tinnevely will be submitted for the information of Government.

2. The programme provides for the construction of two new irrigation works at a cost of 0·24 lakh of rupees and repairs to 1,535 existing works at a cost of 11·17 lakhs; one forest-fencing work to cost 0·1 lakh; the construction of 836 miles of new roads to cost 20·05 lakhs and repairs to existing roads 3·70 lakhs; 465 works calculated to improve the supply of drinking-water at a cost of 1·49 lakhs and 690 other miscellaneous works estimated to cost 1·33 lakhs. The last item includes Rs. 96,100 for land improvements to be carried out with the aid of State loans. The aggregate provision amounts to Rs. 38,09,084, more than one-half of which is for the construction of new roads, and it is estimated to be sufficient to provide employment during a period of three months to 26·50 per cent. of the total population of the district. The provision, provided the long length of new roads proposed could be maintained by the District Board, if made, is sufficient in all taluks except Tenkarai, where only 15·67 per cent. of the population is provided for. The Collector should enlarge the provision in this taluk. It is, however, observed that provision has been made for the repair of all irrigation works out of order in the taluk.

3. Excluding the land improvement works for which no estimates are required, estimates are reported to be ready for works costing Rs. 8,74,740, or 23.5 per cent. of the total provision.

4. Details of the road works proposed by the Forest Department have not been furnished. This should be done in future statements. It is presumed that the proposal to erect a mud wall round a forest reserve in the Tenkarai taluk has been made after consultation with the Conservator of Forests.

<i>Ambasamudram taluk.</i>	
Improving north Koda Melalaghien channel	RS. 7,474
<i>Ottappidaram.</i>	
Cutting a new channel to Ottappidaram Periyakulam	10,000
Cutting a new channel to Vilathikulam Periyakulam	14,000

5. The marginally-noted irrigation works included in the programme are among those for which the Chief Engineer reported in his letter disposed of in Board's Proceedings, dated 28th August 1893, Mis. No. 5101, that estimates were not ready. He is requested to inform the Board whether they can now be relied on as available for relief purposes.

6. (a) The length of each of the new roads included in statement A has not been given therein. The omission should be supplied.
(b) The number of irrigation works proposed to be repaired by the Revenue Department in Sattur taluk is shown as 22 in statement A and as 26 in abstract C. The correct figure should be reported. The entries in form B indicate that the latter figure is correct.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Chief Engineer.
" Collector of Tinnevely.
Copy to the Land Revenue Department.

APPENDIX.
Form C.—Abstract of programme of famine relief works in the Tinnevely district for the year 1894-95.

Taluk.	Population by census of 1891 in thousands.	Maximum number of persons for whom relief may be required daily in the event of serious famine.	Persons provided for by relief works daily for three months.				Irrigation works.			Forest fencing works.		
			Numbers on			Total per cent. of population.	New.	Repairs.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.
			Large works for which professional agency is required.	Other simple works which District officers can carry out with ordinary staff.	Land improvement works to be carried out with the aid of State loans.		Number.	Amount.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Tinnevely	185	37,000	15,638	30,929	167	25.80	15	21,254	15	21,254	13	RS. 10,000
Santharavayinarkoyil	214	42,800	31,619	37,992	2,667	33.77	4	2,07,431	119	2,07,431	1	10,000
Nanguneri	174	34,800	35,650	23,020	1,760	34.73	10	23,239	10	23,239	1	10,000
Ambasamudram	184	36,800	37,544	18,787	333	30.79	13	1,45,068	443	1,45,068	1	10,000
Tenkasi	155	31,000	45,105	8,487	800	35.09	11	17,152	286	17,152	1	10,000
Srivillipattur	190	38,000	33,398	9,995	2,667	24.24	138	53,222	11	53,222	1	10,000
Sattur	184	36,800	45,514	6,178	4,000	30.26	54	65,644	58	65,644	1	10,000
Ottappidaram	342	68,400	64,115	6,113	267	20.32	33	16,045	26	16,045	1	10,000
Tenkarai	288	57,600	29,905	15,074	153	15.67	4	23,325	55	23,325	1	10,000
District Total	1,916	383,200	339,488	155,575	12,814	26.50	2	24,000	1,535	11,17,415	1	10,000

Form C.—Abstract of programme of famine relief works in the Tinnevely district for the year 1894-95—*cont.*

Taluka.	Road works.				Miscellaneous works.						Grand Total.		Works for which estimates are ready.		
	New.		Repairs.		Drinking-water supply.		Others.		Total.		Number.	Approximate cost.	Number.	Cost.	
	Number	Miles.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
Tinnevely	5	44	RS. 85,000	48	RS. 18,530	13	17,900	..	3,880	13	21,780	68	RS. 1,24,784	61	RS. 37,360
	..	..	..	20	2,760	..	..	..	1,250	8	1,250	84	2,31,971	20	6,640
Sankaranayinarkóvil	7	92	2,21,790	..	9,920	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	2,37,143	..	54,143
	2	11	2,150	..	..	167	24,000	..	20,000	100	24,000	288	2,84,942	..	..
Nāngunéri	9	93½	2,29,905	9	14,235	..	..	..	12,542	..	20,000	100	20,000	..	..
	9	8½	4,000	..	..	59	11,040	..	13,200	110	23,582	28	2,67,379	19	87,939
Ambasamudram	7	46	1,46,900	31	1,17,530	..	..	..	13,200	110	13,200	638	1,72,650	76	26,819
	9	12	13,560	..	..	29	22,350	10	1,100	39	23,450	51	2,81,562	..	19,869
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	2,500	20	2,500	334	1,40,900	256	1,04,575
Tenkási	17	102½	3,16,450	18	8,700	..	..	..	5,500	39	8,281	46	3,38,290	30	28,540
	8	11	2,150	..	..	15	2,691	24	6,000	26	6,000	185	63,658	29	12,203
Sivilliputtūr	9	111½	1,66,450	18	18,390	..	..	..	4,860	135	49,530	81	2,60,484	67	1,29,084
	21	21	4,930	..	..	111	44,650	14	20,000	100	20,000	204	74,960	66	30,240
Sáttūr	15	123½	2,80,100	28	45,210	..	..	..	4,600	55	23,011	76	3,41,355	64	1,01,155
	..	..	..	..	..	49	18,411	6	30,000	120	30,000	81	46,336	30	15,620
Ottappidāram	10	88	3,32,360	20	1,20,595	..	..	..	3,550	9	9,550	120	30,000	18	1,00,698
	..	..	..	40	5,000	6	6,000	3	2,000	8	2,000	104	38,350	..	..
Tenkarni	7	71	1,92,800	33	9,205	..	..	..	2,000	..	2,775	56	2,24,287	48	46,345
	..	..	..	..	..	16	1,855	8	920	24	2,775	224	1,13,055	199	73,510
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1,150	6	1,150	6	1,150	..	..
District Total	135	835½	20,05,535	271	3,70,075	465	1,48,897	690	1,33,162	1,155	2,82,059	3,099	3,809,084	1,019	8,74,740

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