

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

READ—the following letter from G. STOKES, Esq., Collector of Salem, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated Námakkal, 7th June 1894, Ref. on No. 1083-B. & G. :—

I have the honour to submit herewith the programme of famine relief works for 1894-95, prepared in the forms prescribed in Board's Proceedings, dated 7th June 1892, No. 411, as modified in Board's Proceedings, dated 16th July 1892, No. 502.

2. Provision is made in the programme as follows :—

	RS.
1. Irrigation works	3,20,155
2. Forest-fencing works	31,631
3. Road works, (a) breaking and stacking metal and storing gravel along the sides of the existing roads	23,08,020
4. Road works, (b) new roads	6,75,750
5. Miscellaneous works (improvements of water-supply, village- site, &c.	17,301
6. Works to be carried out by the aid of State loans	65,000

Total approximate estimated cost ... 34,17,857

3. The works are calculated to afford employment for a period of 3 months to 455,714 persons, or 23 per cent. of the total population of the district according to the census of 1891. The proportion of the population for whom provision is made in each taluk for 3 months is more than 20 per cent.

I would observe that the amount of road work shown is for breaking and stacking material on the road side only. It is, however, a most completely wasteful and foolish policy to collect road material and not at the same time to spread it and thoroughly finish the road. If this course is laid down and carried out the amount of work available on the roads may be increased by 75 per cent.

4. It is necessary to have estimates ready to provide labour for 5 per cent. (98,100) for 3 months. This amounts, at rate of Rs. $7\frac{1}{2}$ for 3 months per cooly, to Rs. 7,35,750. Estimates are only ready for Rs. 4,56,069, leaving a deficiency in whole district of Rs. 2,79,681, of which the following are the talukwar details :—

Taluk.	Amount of estimates ready in order to provide employment for 5 per cent. of population for 3 months.	Amount of estimates ready.	Amount for which estimates have yet to be got ready.
1	2	3	4
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Salem	1,56,375	* 3,50,886	57,235
Atúr	68,825	11,390	1,09,125
Námakkal	1,12,500	3,375	87,925
Tiruchengódu	93,375	5,450	47,210
Hosúr	58,500	11,290	56,700
Dharmapuri	66,750	10,050	30,937
Krishnigiri	57,000	26,063	57,353
Tiruppattur	70,875	13,522	27,707
Uttangarai	51,750	24,043	
Total ..	7,35,750	4,56,069	2,79,681

* Rs. 1,94,511 in excess of minimum requirements.

The special record of the state of tanks inspected by the Tahsildars referred to in this office letter, dated 30th April 1893, No. 1221, has been maintained by the Tahsildars, so that they may be in a position to have estimates prepared on short notice.

5. The irrigation works entered in the statement received from the Executive Engineer and the road works entered in the Local Fund Engineer's statement are classed under "professional agency" works in the statement A herewith submitted.

In this programme, the Tahsildar of Atur has made provision for only 19 minor irrigation works out of 48 works entered in form B. His attention has been called to the fact that all the works should have been fully provided for.

6. Notwithstanding the order issued in this office order, dated 22nd ultimo, Ref. on No. 790-Eng., the Tahsildars of Námakkal, Hosúr, Tiruppattúr and Uttangarai have failed to supply information regarding the improvement of water-supply and village-site.

7. In the original statement B for 1894-95 received from the Executive Engineer for irrigation works under Public Works Department, tank restoration works and irrigation projects which are not in a forward state of preparation were not shown, and information in regard to the same was called for. The revised statement B was received only on the 27th ultimo. This has been the cause of the delay in the submission of the programme.

ENCLOSURE.

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

Taluka.	Population by census of 1891 in thousands.	Persons provided for by relief works daily for three months.					Irrigation works.				Forest-fencing works.	
		Maximum number of persons for whom relief may be required daily in the event of serious famine.	Numbers on			Total per cent. of population.	New.		Repairs.		Number.	Amount.
			Large works for which professional agency is required.	Other simple works which District officers can carry out with ordinary staff.	Land improvements—well sinking, the clearance of <i>mud</i> grass, &c., carried out by the aid of State loans.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Salem	417	83,400	87,947	.. 4,177	..	23	..	..	2	RS. 2,100	..	RS. 5,115
Atur	183	86,600	38,052	.. 1,350	..	22	..	..	48	14,390	..	..
Namakkal	360	60,000	60,155	..	.. 533	21	..	..	8	10,890	..	..
Tiruchengodu	249	42,800	50,249	.. 2,263	.. 533	22	..	..	19	8,350	..	..
Resūr	156	31,200	31,401	.. 2,303	.. 2,000	22	..	..	1	1,240	..	..
Dharmapuri	178	35,600	36,040	.. 4,747	.. 400	23	..	..	86	16,970	..	..
Krishnagiri	162	30,400	33,077	.. 17,941	.. 933	31	..	..	1	3,770	..	..
Thirupattur	189	37,500	39,415	.. 802	.. 267	25	..	..	23	8,750	..	..
Uttangarai	138	27,600	28,357	.. 3,476	.. 133	23	..	..	3	1,500	..	..
Total ..	1,962	392,400	404,703	42,345	8,666	23	..	..	189	28,329	3	6,270
									7	3,000	..	..
									264	1,30,550	..	..
									..	20,374	..	..
									115	38,979	2	324
									..	12,111	..	..
									68	5,674	4	342
									96	..	..	..
									..	5,688	..	..
									27	6,490	11	19,680
									64	..	..	..
									..	..	..	..
									1,081	3,20,155	23	31,631

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

Statement of programme of famine relief works in the Salem 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.								
								14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Salem	1	12	3,32,000	22	3,25,500	2	191	11	6,980	13	7,151	25	6,59,600	3	8,34,100
Atur	3	25	4,000	4	670	..	..	..	27,000	..	27,000	70	31,326	21	16,786
Namakkal	4	45	46,700	11	2,27,800	4	1,100	5	450	9	1,550	22	2,85,390	8	10,890
Tiruchengodu	2	18	1,35,500	16	3,14,500	..	..	..	4,000	..	4,000	28	9,900	1	500
Hosur	..	..	56,500	16	3,16,600	..	..	..	4,000	..	4,000	21	4,51,240	1	1,240
Dharmapuri	1	18	..	8	4,500	4	3,375	7	650	11	4,025	86	16,970	7	2,135
Krishnagiri	..	..	..	13	2,34,010	..	..	..	15,000	..	15,000	19	3,76,870	1	3,770
Tiruppattur	2	15	61,550	11	2,05,750	2	3,300	10	3,000	..	3,000	42	17,275	3	1,680
Uttangurai	..	..	..	14	2,27,700	..	..	..	7,000	12	4,010	19	2,70,300	3	1,500
Total	15	133	6,76,750	142	23,08,020	20	8,531	33	78,770	53	82,301	1,314	34,17,857	285	4,56,069

RESOLUTION—dated 2nd July 1894, No. 265.

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

2. The Collector's letter sufficiently summarises the general character of the programme, and it is unnecessary for the Board to repeat his remarks. Adequate provision has been made in all taluks, although a larger provision under repairs of the irrigation works might have been made in the Atur and Tiruchengodu taluks where, it is observed from statement B, several works out of order remain unprovided for. This should receive attention when preparing the programme for the ensuing year. It is presumed that the Forest Department has been consulted in the matter of the proposed forest-fencing works.

3. At the end of statement A, the Collector gives a list of the five additional irrigation projects which were noticed by the Board in paragraph 2 of its Proceedings, No. 213, dated 2nd June 1893. These are large works, but in his letter disposed of in Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 4150, dated 12th July 1893, the Chief Engineer for Irrigation reported that none of them could be made available as relief works within a reasonable time, and that only two of the five works—Krishnagiri reservoir and Gudamalli project—were likely to be remunerative and that these two could not be investigated without a special project division.

Krishnagiri reservoir	RS.	30,00,000
Gudamalli project	RS.	3,50,000

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

" Collector of Salem.

Copy to the Land Revenue Department.

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Submitting to Government an abstract of the —
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24 July 1894

From

A A G Males - Esq

Executive Engineer PWD

Madras

To

The Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government PWD
Madras.

Through
The Superintending Engineer PWD
II Circle

Sir

I have the honour to forward herewith a
Petition addressed to

The Right Honourable

H H Fowler

Secretary of State for India

And request you will be kind enough to forward
it with your favourable recommendation and
support.

No-1044/94

6-8-94

Forwarded

W Baddley

Major RE

SE II Circle

6th August 1894

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

Allen Apperley

Esq PWD