

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

READ—the following letter from A. E. CASTLESTUART STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Camp Shatiatope, 6th April 1895, No. 861-Ver. :—

I have the honour to submit the famine programme for 1895-96 in forms A, B and C appended to B.P., No. 411, dated 7th June 1892.

2. In the programme provision has been made for 19 per cent. of the population of the district as shown below :—

Tindivanam	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Tiruvannamalai	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Cuddalore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Tirukkóvilúr	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Vriddhachalam	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Villupuram	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Kallakurchi	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Chidambaram	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Average									19

3. The provision made in all the taluks except Vriddhachalam, Villupuram, Kallakurchi and Chidambaram is more than the minimum prescribed and much above that made last year, while in the remaining three taluks the contrary obtains, so that the district average falls short of the minimum by 1 per cent. The Tahsildars of the latter taluks will be directed to revise their lists so as to make provision for at least 20 per cent. of the population.

4. The works selected for famine relief cover an expenditure of over 38 lakhs and estimates are ready for works to the value of upwards of 32 lakhs.

5. Professional agency works cost more than $21\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs, while the remaining works which could be carried out departmentally come up to more than $16\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs.

6. The programme furnished by the Forest Department provided for three stone fencing works to the value of Rs. 13,035, but they have been excluded from the programme herewith submitted, having regard to B.P., No. 4, dated 9th January 1893.

7. In addition to the works provided in the programme, certain additional irrigation works estimated to cost about $2\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs and road works and forest line clearing, amounting to about half a lakh, have been suggested by the Public Works Department and by the Tahsildars. They are added to the list at the end with a view to utilize them should necessity arise.

RESOLUTION—dated 3rd May 1895, No. 106.

The abstract of the programme of famine relief works for 1895-96 received from the Collector of South Arcot will be submitted for the information of Government.

2. The programme contains provision for the construction of ten new irrigation works to cost 1.21 lakhs; for repairs to existing works, 20.37 lakhs; for forest fencing works to cost .26 lakh; for the construction of nearly 320 miles of new roads and repairs to old roads to cost respectively 2.72 and 4.72 lakhs; for works for the improvement of drinking-water supply costing 3.29 lakhs and for other miscellaneous works to cost 5.52 lakhs. The last item includes 1.84 lakhs for land improvement works to be executed with the aid of State loans. It also includes provision for such works as the construction of village chavadies, cattle pounds, removal of prickly-pear, &c. The total provision made amounts to Rs. 38,08,872 and the works are estimated

to be sufficient to provide employment for 19 per cent. of the total population of the district for a period of three months. The provision made is generally sufficient, and, in the case of those taluks in which it falls short of the prescribed minimum, the Collector has issued instructions to the Tahsildars concerned to increase the provision. The absence of any provision in the Chidambaram taluk for works to be executed by the aid of State loans requires explanation.

3. Estimates are reported to be ready for works costing Rs. 30,34,285 or 83.7 per cent. of the total provision excluding loan works for which no estimates are required.

4. At the end of statement A, a list of additional works is given, the probable cost of which amounts to Rs. 3,19,722 and not Rs. 2,75,908 as erroneously entered therein. Some of these works might be utilized for famine relief should any necessity arise.

5. The following omission and discrepancies are noticed in the statements submitted by the Collector:—

(1) The length of each of the new roads proposed is not given in statement A except for the Vriddhachalam and Cuddalore taluks. The omission should now be supplied.

(2) (i) From the entries in statement A against the Villupuram taluk, it appears that, out of the 185 minor irrigation works the repair of which is proposed, estimates are ready for works to cost Rs. 32,085; but from the taluk total given in the same statement, which is repeated in form C, it would seem that estimates are ready for all the minor irrigation works in the taluk to cost Rs. 63,627.

(ii) The numbers of new irrigation projects in the Tiruvannámalai and Tirukkóyilúr taluks appear from statement A to be 2 and 1 respectively; but in form C the number of such works in each of the taluks is given as 3.

The above discrepancies should be explained.

(3) The number of large irrigation works available for famine relief in the Chidambaram taluk is shown in statement A as 8, and all of them appear from statement B to be "existing" works; but in form C the number is given as 10, and 7 are shown as "new" works. These entries in form C being obviously incorrect, have been corrected in the Board's office.

(4) As the approximate cost of strengthening the bund between the two tanks on Mount Capper in the Cuddalore taluk exceeds Rs. 5,000, the item should, under the instructions conveyed in B.P., No. 411, dated 7th June 1892, have been shown separately. The object of clubbing the work with miscellaneous works is not understood and should be explained.

(5) Works to be executed with the aid of State loans should be shown in statement A as well as in statement C; but no estimates need be made ready for such works. The entries relating to them in columns 28 and 29 of statement C have accordingly been struck out.

(6) The following errors are also noticed in statement B. They have been corrected in the Board's office. The Collector's office copy should also be corrected.

Particulars in statement B.	As entered in the statement.	As corrected by the Board.
Total number of Public Works Department works in repair	312	362
Number of Public Works Department works for which provision is made	128	129
Cost of Public Works Department works for which provision is made	Rs. 6,76,507	Rs. 10,92,529
Total number of works for which provision is made	1,768	1,769

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of South Arcot.

Exd. S. J. Pereira.

APPENDIX.
ABSTRACT of programme of Famine relief works in the South Arcot district for the year 1895-96.

Taluk.	1	2	3	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.	Population by census of 1891 in thousands.	Class of work.	Total per cent. of population.	New.	Repairs.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.
Tindivanam	..	316	63,200	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total	 Total	 Total	26		5 46 491 .. 642	Rs. 4,500 1,80,780 3,25,839 .. 5,11,119	 11 .. 11	 2,640 .. 2,640	
Villupuram	..	302	60,400	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total	 Total	 Total	17		30 1 185 .. 216	Rs. 21,831 4,16,022 63,627 .. 5,01,480	 12 .. 12	 5,280 .. 5,280	
Tiruvannámalai	..	205	41,000	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total	 Total	 Total	23		7 .. 307 .. 314	Rs. 6,575 1,46,425 .. 1,53,000	 25 .. 25	 5,280 .. 5,280	
Tirukkóyilúr	..	257	51,400	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total	 Total	 Total	20		13 .. 209 .. 222	Rs. 15,853 84,635 .. 1,00,488	 1 .. 1	 660 .. 660	
Kallakurichi	..	240	48,000	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total	 Total	 Total	15		6 .. 177 .. 183	Rs. 5,258 80,900 .. 86,158	 14 .. 14	 2,640 .. 2,640	

Abstract of programme of Famine relief works in the South Arcot district for the year 1895-96—*cont.*

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16				
Cuddalore	337	67,400	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	660 8,692 64,146 255 73,753	22	1 3 4	5,984 53,000 58,984	3 9 113 .. 125	3,938 77,380 1,41,445 .. 2,22,763	 2 .. 2	.. 7,260 7,260	..	..	..	..				
Vridhdachalam	222	44,400	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	55 .. 40,614 1,330 41,999	19			1 .. 155 .. 156	830 .. 1,00,010 .. 1,00,840	 5 .. 5	.. 1,320 1,320	..	..	..	..				
Chidambaram	281	56,200	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	12,790 11,180 8,726 .. 32,696	12			4 4 3 .. 11	1,91,845 1,67,717 1,930 .. 3,61,492	 3 .. 3	.. 660 660	..	..	..	..				
District Total	2,160	432,000	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Grand Total ..	17,105 68,799 313,182 24,450 418,536	19	1 9 10	5,984 1,15,110 1,21,094	69 60 1,640 .. 1,769	2,40,630 8,41,899 9,44,811 .. 20,37,340	.. 73 .. 73	.. 25,740 .. 25,740	..	..	..	..				

Abstract of programme of Famine relief works in the South Arcot district for the year 1895-96—cont.

Taluka.	Road works.				Miscellaneous works.								Grand Total.		Works for which estimates are ready.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																													
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