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[Despatch Abstract.]

Famine Relief Works in the South
Arcot Dt. — Dms Revenue Dept
reviewing the — for 1896-97
Communication to the Deputy
Engineer T. Arch.

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Revenue Department. Proceedings of the Madras Government. Read the following:—

BOARD OF REVENUE (REV. SETT., L. RDS. AND AGRI.), 1ST MAY 1896, No. 84.

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

READ—the following letter from A. B. WILLIMOTT, Esq., Assistant Collector in charge of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Cuddalore, 7th April 1896, Ref. on Regr. No. 456-Ver. :—

I have the honour to submit the "Programme of Famine Relief Works" for 1896-97 in Forms A, B (will follow) and C, prescribed in Board's Proceedings, dated 7th June 1892, No 411.

2. The programme provides labour for 25 per cent. of the total population for three months as particularized below :—

Tindivanam	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Villupuram	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Tiruvannamalai	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Tirukkóyilúr	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Kallakurchi	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Cuddalore	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Vriddhachalam	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Chidambaram	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
							—
							25
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The provision made in all taluks except Chidambaram is more than the prescribed minimum, and in the case of Tindivanam, Villupuram, Cuddalore, Kallakurchi and Vriddhachalam, it is much above the provision made last year. In Chidambaram taluk, the provision falls short of the minimum by 4 per cent. though showing an increase of 4 per cent. as compared with the last year. Comparing the figures of the two years, 1895-96 and 1896-97, there is a net increase of 6 per cent.

3. The works selected cover an expenditure of Rs. 39,72,255, of which more than 34 lakhs represent outlay on works for which estimates are ready. The prescribed arrangement of the different classes of works has been followed as far as possible in Form A, in which irrigation works numbering 1743 stand first with an expenditure of over 21 lakhs of rupees. The road works amount to 8 and odd lakhs and the miscellaneous works including loans works to 10 lakhs.

The miscellaneous works comprise the improvement of drinking-water ponds, the construction of village chavadies and cattle pounds, the removal of prickly-pear and the sinking and repairing of wells.

4. Certain irrigation and road works estimated to cost Rs. 2,54,000 and Rupees 20,500, respectively, which were suggested by the Public Works Department and the Tahsildars have been added to the list at the end with a view to their being utilized should necessity arise.

RESOLUTION—dated 1st May 1896, No. 84.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. This programme contains provision for the construction of seven * new irrigation works and for repairs to existing

Tiruvannamalai taluk.		RS.
* 1. Thorappadi Project. ...	...	21,500
2. Alattur do. ...	...	10,610
3. Athur anikat ...	...	30,000
Cuddalore taluk.		
3. River embankment works ...	...	53,000
Vriddhachalam taluk.		
1. Pelandorai anikat system— Improvements and repairs of the main channel ...	...	23,150
Total ...	...	1,38,260

estimated to be sufficient to provide employment for a period of three months to 25 per cent. of the population of the district. The provision is generally adequate. A supplemental list of projects to cost roughly 2.75 lakhs is given at the end of statement A; and no provision has been made in several taluks under the head of land improvement works. This last matter should receive attention when the next programme is prepared.

3. Estimates are stated to be ready for Rs. 34,13,950 or about 90 per cent. of the total provision, exclusive of the land improvements. This is satisfactory, but it is observed that the proportion of the large works "sanctioned" to those "unsanctioned" is as 1 to 7. Measures should be taken to bring more of the large works under sanction as soon as possible in compliance with the instructions of the Government of India contained in Board's Proceedings, No. 360, dated 6th September 1894, and information should be furnished, in consultation with the Public Works Department and the District Board, to show what steps are being taken for the purpose.

4. It is observed from the programme that the total provision under "small" works is considerably greater than that under "large" works; this is apparently due to the fact that, under the former head, are included all the road and miscellaneous works and the bulk of the repairs to irrigation works. This classification was obviously made with reference to the instructions in rule 6, paragraph 5 of Board's Proceedings, No. 411, dated 7th June 1892. But in connection with certain suggestions for revising the definition of "large" and "small" works:—

(a) Large works are works calculated to provide simultaneous employment for three months to at least 1,000 persons.

(b) All other works are small works.

Collectors will accordingly be requested to classify the works as "large" and "small" on the above plan when preparing their next programmes.

5. Statement A.—(a) In the entries under "Irrigation works," new works and repairs to existing works have not been separately shown. These should be distinguished in future statements.

(b) The amount of the detailed estimate of the new road from Sankarapuram to Tirukkóyilúr is erroneously entered as Rs. 1,071 instead of Rs. 10,170.

(c) The total of the detailed estimates for miscellaneous works in the Chidambaram taluk entered in this statement as Rs. 58,560 is a mistake for Rs. 56,555. These mistakes have been rectified.

Statement (C).—(a) The number of land improvement works in the Vriddhachalam taluk has not been entered in columns 22, 24 and 26 of this statement. The omission has been supplied in this office from details furnished in Statement A.

(b) The district total at the end of this statement has not been given in classified detail as directed in paragraph 3 of Board's Proceedings, dated 9th January 1896, No. 5. This omission also has been supplied in this office and should be avoided in future.

6. Statement B should be expedited.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

"the Collector of South Arcot.

"Other Collectors, excepting those of Madras, Nilgiris, Malabar and South Canara.

APPENDIX.

Form C.—Abstract of programme of famine-relief works in the South Arcot district for the year 1896-97.

Taluka.	Population by census of 1891.	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.		Road works.	
			Class of work.	Number provided for on.	Total percentage of population.	New.		Repairs.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Miles.
						Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Tindivanam	316	63.2	Large—Sanctioned	35,497	29	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Not sanctioned	54,835		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Small ..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Villupuram	302	60.4	Large—Sanctioned	90,332	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Not sanctioned	2,533		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Small ..	55,470		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tiruvannamalai	205	41.0	Large—Sanctioned	4,281	23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Not sanctioned	41,288		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Small ..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tirukkóvilur	257	51.4	Large—Sanctioned	45,569	29	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Not sanctioned	4,000		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Small ..	48,438		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kallakurichi	240	48.0	Large—Sanctioned	52,438	23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Not sanctioned	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Small ..	47,794		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total			Total	54,480		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

* In thousands.

Form C.—Abstract of programme of famine-relief works in the South Arcot district for the year 1896-97—cont.

Taluka.	Road works—cont.			Miscellaneous works.						Grand total.		Works for which estimates are ready.	
	Repairs.		Number.	Drinking-water ponds.		Number.	Others.		Total.	Number.	Approximate cost.	Number.	Cost.
	Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.					
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27		
Tindivanam	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	3	20,766	314	86,381	14,400	386	1,00,781	..	..	..	..	..	..
Villupuram	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	3	20,766	314	86,381	14,400	386	1,00,781	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tiruvannamalai	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	4	23,199	203	81,133	34,799	355	1,15,932	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tirukkóvilur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	3	1,39,595	58	11,896	3,515	102	15,411	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kallakurichi	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	11	66,240	200	50,000	91,400	840	1,41,400	..	..	..	..	..	..

Form C.—Abstract of programme of famine-relief works in the South Arcot district for the year 1896-97—*cont.*

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			Class of work.	Number provided for on.	Total percentage of population.	New.	Repairs.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
							Number.	Amount.					Miles.	Amount.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Cuddalore ..	337	67.4	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	16,730 .. 76,338 92,068 ..	 27	3	58,000 53,000 ..	8 .. 162 160 ..	72,480 .. 1,22,332 1,94,812 ..	 3	 7,370 ..	 5	 42½	 51,396 ..
Vriddhachalam ..	222	44.4	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	3,087 .. 61,273 .. 5,333 .. 59,693 ..	 27	1	23,150 23,150 ..	.. 170 170 ..	.. 94,661 94,661 ..	.. 13 13	.. 1,920 1,920 ..	 10	 84½	 42,102 ..
Chidambaram ..	281	56.2	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	13,067 .. 22,362 .. 9,170 44,599 ..	 16	..		1 .. 4 .. 5 10	98,000 .. 1,67,717 .. 917 2,66,634 ..	 8	 980 ..	 1	 2	 3,175 ..
District total ..	2,160	432.0	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Grand total ..	18,687 .. 138,340 .. 358,639 .. 13,999 .. 529,665 ..	 25	7	23,150 .. 1,15,110 1,38,260 ..	2 .. 68 .. 1,666 1,736 ..	1,17,000 .. 9,22,449 .. 9,32,694 19,72,043 ..	 133 133	 35,000 ..	 46	 338½	 3,39,658 ..

* In thousands.

Form C.—Abstract of programme of famine-relief works in the South Arcot district for the year 1896-97—*cont.*

Form C.—Abstract of programme of famine-relief works and the cost thereof.													
Taluka.	Road works—cont.			Miscellaneous works.						Grand total.		Works for which estimates are ready.	
	Repairs.		Number.	Drinking-water ponds.		Others.		Total.		Number.	Approximate cost.	Number.	Cost.
	Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.				
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
Cuddalore ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	16	1,18,679	122	33,440	146	2,31,800	268	2,65,240	444	5,65,017	330	4,59,342	
Total ..	16	1,18,679	122	33,440	146	2,31,800	268	2,65,240	455	6,90,497	335	4,91,822	
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Vriddhachalam ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	23,150	1	23,150	
	3	47,298	183	66,919	548	1,31,647	731	1,98,566	527	3,84,547	559	2,71,972	
Total ..	3	47,298	183	66,919	240	40,000	240	40,000	1,168	4,47,697	540	2,76,122	
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Chidambaram ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	98,000	1	98,000	
	4	32,140	78	20,290	56	38,270	134	58,560	4	1,67,717	4	1,67,717	
Total ..	4	32,140	78	20,290	56	38,270	134	58,560	152	96,772	142	96,767	
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
District total ..	47	4,81,767	1,337	3,86,871	2,262	6,45,656	3,599	10,32,527	5,568	39,99,255	3,785	34,13,960	
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Grand total ..	47	4,81,767	1,337	3,86,871	2,262	6,45,656	3,599	10,32,527	5,568	39,99,255	3,785	34,13,960	

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