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[Despatch Abstract.]

Programme of famine relief works; Pro.
Revenue Dept recording Board's Pro.
reviewing the — for 1897-98 received from
the collector of Salem, Countd to S.E. IV
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Famine Relief Works.—Reviewing the programme of — for 1897-98 received from the Salem district.

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

READ—the following letter from C. H. MOUNSEY, Esq., Acting Collector and District Magistrate of Salem, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated 30th March 1897, No. 1699:—

I have the honour to submit, herewith, the programme of famine relief works for 1897-98, prepared in the forms prescribed in the B.P., dated 7th June 1892, No. 411, as modified by the B.P., dated 16th July 1892 and 6th September 1894, Nos. 502 and 360, respectively.

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

	RS.
1. Irrigation works	2,79,023
2. Forest fencing works	28,881
3. Road works—	
(a) Breaking and stacking metal and storing gravel along the sides of the existing roads	23,18,750
(b) New roads	6,75,750
4. Miscellaneous works—	
Improvement of water-supply, village-site, &c.	49,065
5. Works to be carried out by the aid of state loans	65,000
Total	34,16,469

In reference to paragraph 3 of the B.P., of the 6th May 1896, No. 88, which remarks about the maintenance of new roads, it must be confessed that the District Board will have no funds to keep up properly the new roads suggested, some of which are of very small importance, as the funds at their disposal are barely sufficient to maintain the present roads.

3. The works are calculated to afford employment for a period of three months to 455,529 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 three months is more than 20 per cent.

4. It is necessary to have estimates ready to provide labour for 5 per cent. (98,100) for three months. This amounts, at the rate of Rs. 7-8-0 for three months per cooly, to Rs. 7,35,750. But estimates are ready for Rs. 21,09,422 in the several taluks of the district as noted below:—

Taluks.	Amount of estimates that ought to be ready in order to provide employment for 5 per cent. of the population for three months.	Amount of estimates ready.	Amount for which estimates have been got ready in excess of the requirements.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5
Salem	Rs. 1,56,375	Rs. 5,61,205	Rs. 4,04,830	
Atur	68,625	2,83,360	2,14,735	
Námakkal	1,12,500	3,19,202	2,06,702	
Tiruchengódu	93,375	7,65		
Hosúr	58,500	1,50,525	92,025	
Dharmapuri	66,750	2,67,755	2,01,005	
Krishnagiri	57,000	1,75,439	1,18,439	
Tiruppattúr	70,875	1,31,441	60,566	
Utangarai	51,750	2,12,880	1,61,130	
Total	7,35,750	21,09,422	14,59,432	85,760 (estimates not yet ready).

In regard to the simple irrigation works in the Salem and Dharmapuri taluks, no estimates have yet been prepared. These and other Tahsildars have been directed to have estimates prepared for as many of the irrigation works as possible, as well as for the drinking-water wells and other works mentioned in their programmes.

5. The irrigation works entered in the statement received from the Executive Engineer and the road works entered in the list received from the President District Board are shown in the statement A herewith submitted.

6. In this programme, ample provision is made for minor irrigation works in all the taluks. It is observed however that the number of irrigation works for the repair of which provision is made under the Revenue Department is less in some taluks than the number of works shown as out of repair. The attention of the Tahsildars concerned has been drawn to this. The forest fencing-works included in the programme have been sanctioned by the Conservator of Forests.

7. In the programme for the previous year, two irrigation projects, viz., the Krishnagiri reservoir Rs. 30,00,000 and the Gudumalai project Rs. 3,50,000, were included. But in this programme, these two projects have been omitted as the Executive Engineer now states that the Gudumalai project has been condemned and the Krishnagiri project is also under the B.P., dated 25th January 1897, Mis. No. 521, not now being proceeded with.

RESOLUTION—dated 8th May 1897, No. 349.

The abstract of the programme of famine relief works for 1897-98, received from the Collector of Salem, will be submitted for the information of Government.

2. The provision made in the programme under each main head is shown in paragraph 2 of the letter read above. It is adequate in every taluk.

3. In paragraph 3 of his letter, however, the Collector states that the District Board will not be able to afford to maintain the new roads suggested in the programme. Under these circumstances, the roads should not have found a place in the programme, and other works should have been proposed in their stead, so that the total of works provided might not fall below the required minimum. (Vide paragraph 5 (11), of B.P., No. 411, dated 7th June 1892).

4. Detailed estimates are stated to be ready for more than 60 per cent. of the total cost of the works provided in the programme. This is satisfactory.

5. Of the two irrigation projects—Gudumalai and Krishnagiri reservoir—shown as additional works in the last programme and omitted from the present, the latter should still be retained, pending further investigation and the final orders of Government.

6. It is observed that the total numbers of irrigation works in and out of repair in the district exclusive of dasabandam and private sources are, according to irrigation statement No. 15 for fasli 1305, 2,635 and 253, respectively; while the corresponding entries in statement B, now submitted, are 1,607 and 912. This discrepancy should be explained.

7. The following mistakes are noticed in the programme :—

Statement A.—(a) In the Salem taluk, the detailed estimate of Rs. 3,32,000 against a new road is omitted in column 6, while it appears in the statement C of both the present and the last programme.

(b) In Atur, figures against “minor roads, about 13 miles” are entered under “large works” in columns 3 and 4, instead of under “small works” in columns 7 and 8, while these roads are shown in statement C as a single work against “small.”

(c) Similarly in Námakkal, the figure against “village minor roads, 10 miles” appears under “large works” in column 5 instead of under “small works” in column 7, while the work is shown in statement C as single against “small.”

Statement C.—(d) In Tiruppattúr, the two items of new roads shown in statement A under “not sanctioned large works,” are clubbed together and entered in this statement against “sanctioned large works.” It is presumed that the second item—village roads, about 9 miles—relates to small works.

(e) In Atur, the entry 5,450 in column 27 against “small” is a mistake for 17,600.

The necessary corrections have been carried out in this office in the respective statements as well as the letter. The Collector will be requested to see that such mistakes do not occur in future programmes.

8. The numbers of minor “new roads” in Atur, Námakkal and Tiruppattúr taluks are not given in statement A, nor are they shown as distinct works in statement C. This omission should be supplied.

9. It is desirable that taluks should be arranged in the statements of the programme, in the order followed in the statement showing the charges of Divisional Officers,

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
,, Collector of Salem.

Ed. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

APPENDIX.
Form C.—Abstract of programme of famine-relief works in the Salem district for 1897-98.

Taluk.	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 for three months.					Irrigation works.			Forest fencing works.		Road works.		
			Class of work.	Number provided for on.	Total per-centage of population	New.		Repairs.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Miles.	Amount.	
						Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
1. Salem ..	417	83.4	Large--	34,692	24	..	Rs.	5,190	5	Rs.	5,190	..	1	Rs.	3,32,000
			Sanctioned	54,089			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Not sanctioned	7,769			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Small ..	3,600			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Land improvements	100,150			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2. Atur ..	183	36.6	Total	..	23	..	..	31,100	79	31,100	3	5,115	3	12	3,36,000
			Large--	..			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Sanctioned	35,435			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Not sanctioned	1,833			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Small ..	3,627			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3. Namakkal ..	300	60.0	Land improvements	533	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Total	41,428			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Large--	..			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Sanctioned	41,933			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Not sanctioned	16,067			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4. Tiruchengolur ..	249	49.8	Small ..	4,793	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Land improvements	533			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Total	63,326			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Large--	..			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Sanctioned	57			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Hosur ..	156	31.2	Not sanctioned	50,080	27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Small ..	2,774			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Land improvements	2,000			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Total	54,911			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Large--	..			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
6. ..	..	..	Sanctioned	18,534	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Not sanctioned	17,429			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Small ..	6,216			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Land improvements	400			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Total	42,579			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

* In thousands.

Form C.—Abstract of programme of famine-relief works in the Salem district for 1897-98.—*cont.*

Taluka.	Road works—cont.			Miscellaneous works.										Grand total.			Works for which estimates are ready.	
	Repairs.			Drinking-water supply.			Others.			Total.								
	Number.	Amount.	Rs.	Number.	Amount.	Rs.	Number.	Amount.	Rs.	Number.	Amount.	Rs.	Number.	Amount.	Rs.	Number.	Amount.	
	16	17		18	19		20	21		22	23		24	25		26	27	
1. Salem	15	2,55,000		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	2,60,190	20	2,14,090	RS.	
	7	70,600		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	4,05,670	1	3,82,000		
	23	1,2,400		..	5,850	..	..	8,160	..	74	14,010	..	172	68,265	6	15,115		
	Total ..	45	3,37,900		48	5,850		26	27,000		74	27,000		204	7,51,125	27	5,61,205	
2. Atūr	11	2,27,800		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	2,65,760	16	2,65,760		
	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	13,750	..	..		
	..	..		6	600	..	4	300	..	10	900	..	25	27,200	..	..		
	Total ..	11	2,27,800		6	600		4	4,000		..	4,000		..	4,000	14	17,600	
3. Nāmakkal	16	3,14,500		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52	3,10,710	30	2,83,360		
	4	3,500		..	1,270	..	25	1,055	..	..	..	..	16	3,14,500	16	3,14,500		
	..	..		..	..	..	..	4,000	..	44	2,335	..	136	35,945	..	..		
	Total ..	20	3,18,000		19	1,270		25	5,055		44	4,000		..	4,000	23	4,702	
4. Tiruchengōdu	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	155	4,74,945	39	3,19,202		
	16	3,16,600		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	430	2	430		
	..	..		..	3,220	..	16	6,530	..	..	9,750	..	21	8,75,600	..	..		
	Total ..	16	3,16,600		4	3,220		16	15,000		20	15,000		48	20,803	12	7,185	
5. Hosūr	5	1,06,250		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	71	4,11,833	14	7,615		
	8	1,27,750		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
	..	..		1	250	..	3	500	..	..	..	..	64	1,39,005	64	1,39,005		
	Total ..	13	2,34,010		1	250		3	3,000		4	3,000		177	46,620	13	11,520	
	..	..		..	..	..	..	3,500		..	3,750		251	8,000	..	..		
	..	..		..	..	..	..	..		..	..		..	3,19,345	77	1,50,526		

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			Class of work.	Number provided for on.	Total per-centage of population	New.		Repairs.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Miles.	Amount.		
						Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15				
6. Dharnapuri ..	178	35.6	{ Large— Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small Land improvements Total	35,701 747 4,122 933	.. .. .. ..	.. .. .. ..	.. .. .. ..	3 6 148 ..	455 5,600 24,520 ..	.. .. .. ..	Rs.	1 18 .. ..	.. .. .. ..	61,550				
7. Krishnagiri ..	152	30.4	{ Large— Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small Land improvements Total	24,399 9,040 5,773 267	.. .. .. ..	.. .. .. ..	.. .. .. ..	23 2 114 ..	10,090 13,000 38,979 ..	.. .. .. ..	.. .. 324 ..	.. .. .. ..	.. .. .. ..	61,550				
8. Tirupattūr ..	189	37.3	{ Large— Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small Land improvements Total	39,479 22,330 16,033 1,528 267	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	139 5 10 85 ..	62,069 2,355 2,250 8,261 ..	2 4 ..	324 342 ..	 1 1 ..	.. .. .. .. ..	26,000 13,500				
9. Uttangavai ..	138	27.6	{ Large— Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small Land improvements Total	40,208 26,290 1,667 3,855 133	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	100 1 4 27 ..	12,866 585 2,100 4,000 ..	4 9 ..	342 16,830 ..	2	15	39,500				
District total ..	1,962	392.4	{ Large— Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small Land improvements Grand total	239,421 166,985 40,456 8,667				101 42 743 ..	54,820 45,320 1,78,873 ..	 21 ..	16,830 .. 28,881 ..	3 7 5 ..	30 71 32 ..	96,550 5,35,000 44,200 ..				
				455,529	23	..	..	886	2,79,023	21	25,881	15	133	6,75,750				

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Taluka.	Road works—cont.				Miscellaneous works.				Grand total.		Works for which estimates are ready.	
	Repairs.		Drinking-water supply.		Others.		Total.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.				
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
6. Dharmapuri	11	2,05,750	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	2,67,755	15	2,67,755
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	5,600	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	192	30,515	..	..
Total	11	2,05,750	2	600	..	12,795	44	13,395	213	3,11,270	15	2,67,755
7. Krishnagiri	8	1,72,900	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	1,82,900	31	1,82,900
	6	54,800	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	67,800	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	127	43,303	12	5,689
Total	14	2,27,700	5	2,000	6	2,000	11	6,000	166	2,96,933	43	1,75,439
8. Tirupattor	6	1,26,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	1,28,355	11	1,28,355
	4	1,18,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	1,46,250	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	108	24,958	13	3,086
Total	10	2,44,000	2	300	16	2,555	18	2,855	134	3,01,563	24	1,31,441
9. Uttangarai	16	1,96,550	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	1,97,175	15	1,95,375
	1	10,400	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	12,500	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	89	28,910	14	17,505
Total	17	2,06,950	31	6,155	22	1,000	53	9,080	111	2,39,585	29	2,12,880
District total	88	16,04,790	..	..	..	..	..	..	192	17,56,160	190	16,95,030
	42	6,98,050	..	..	..	..	..	..	91	12,78,390	1	3,32,000
	27	15,900	118	20,245	160	28,820	278	49,055	1,074	3,15,919	107	82,402
Grand total	157	23,18,750	118	20,245	160	65,000	278	1,14,065	1,357	34,16,409	298	21,09,422

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