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Famine-relief works.—Reviewing the programme of — for 1897-98 submitted by the Collector of South Arcot.

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

READ—the following letter from A. E. CASTLESTUART STUART, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Cuddalore, 3rd April 1897, Ref. on Regr. No. 62-V.Per. :—

I have the honour to submit the programme of famine relief works for 1897-98 in forms I, II (will follow) and III printed in Appendix I of the Famine Code.

2. The programme provides labour for 24 per cent. of the population for three months as particularized below :—

Tindivanam	29
Villupuram	31
Tiruvannamalai	22
Tirukkóyilúr	20
Kallakurichi	23
Cuddalore	19
Vriddhachalam	26
Chidambaram	18
Average	24

The provision made in all the taluks, except Cuddalore, Tirukóyilúr and Chidambaram, exceeds the prescribed minimum. In Chidambaram the provision exceeds that for 1896-97 by 2 per cent. The fall in Cuddalore is due to the exclusion from the programme of an abandoned irrigation work and to the adoption of revised figures in the case of village chavadies whose original estimates were framed too high.

3. The works selected cover an expenditure of Rs. 38,43,467, of which more than 33 lakhs of rupees represent outlay on works for which estimates are ready. The prescribed arrangement of the different classes of works have been followed as far as possible in form I, in which irrigation works numbering 1,853 stand first with an expenditure of over 21 lakhs of rupees. The road works, amounting to nearly 9 lakhs, come next and the miscellaneous works including loans, amounting to 8 lakhs, come last. The classification of works into "large and small" has been based on the principle laid down in B. P., dated 1st May 1896, No. 84.

4. Of the large works amounting to 15 and odd lakhs of rupees, works costing Rs. 2,43,641 are sanctioned works, while works to the value of Rs. 82,130 are pending sanction. The Executive and the District Board Engineers will be requested to take prompt measures for obtaining necessary sanction in the case of the remaining works.

5. The provision of Rs. 43,400 made for strengthening the Coleroon left flood banks is reported to be far below its approximate cost and is therefore under revision.

READ—also the following letter from A. E. CASTLESTUART STUART, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Cuddalore, 2nd May 1897, Ref. on No. 62-V.P. :—

I have the honour to forward herewith famine programme statement B for 1897-98 promised in this office letter, Ref. on Regr. No. 62-V.P., dated 3rd April 1897.

RESOLUTION—dated 22nd May 1897, No. 390.

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

2. The nature of the works and the amounts provided for them in the programme are as follows :—

	LAKHS OF RUPEES.
(1) Irrigation works ... { New 8 1.25	
Repairs 1,845 19.78	
(2) Forest fencing 0.16	
(3) Roads { New 46 3.20	
Repairs 5.75	
(4) Drinking-water supply 4.14	
(5) Other miscellaneous works 4.15	
Total 38.53	

The total provision amounts to Rs. 38,53,467 and not Rs. 28,43,467 as stated in paragraph 3 of the Collector's letter read above, and the works are estimated to afford employment continuously for three months to 24 per cent. of the total population of the district. The provision made seems to be generally adequate except in Cuddalore and Chidambaram, where it falls short of the minimum, being sufficient only for 19 and 18 per cent. of the population respectively. A supplemental list of works to cost 2.73 lakhs is given at the end of statement A; no provision has been made under the "Land Improvements" in Cuddalore, Vriddhachalam and Chidambaram taluks, though the Collector's attention was drawn to this in paragraph 2 of B.P., dated 1st May 1896, No. 84.

3. Detailed estimates are stated to be ready for works to cost Rs. 33,22,445 or 88 per cent. of the total provision exclusive of the land improvement works, for which no detailed estimates are required. Though some attempt has been made during the year to reduce the percentage of the unsanctioned to sanctioned large works, there still appears to be room enough for further reduction. The Collector will be requested to take further steps in this direction.

4. The programme calls for the following remarks :—

Statement A.—(1), Under repairs to road works, item III (a) of statement A for Cuddalore taluk, Rs. 16,240 is entered under the heading "Approximate cost", "small works". But the details given in column 2 of the statement total up to Rs. 12,852 only. This has been found to be due to the omission of the marginally-noted items from the details in column 2. Such omissions should be avoided in future.

(2) The total approximate cost and the amount of detailed estimates for small works under road repairs in Cuddalore taluk in the same statement should be Rs. 31,560 and Rs. 29,260 and not Rs. 21,560 and Rs. 19,260, respectively. The taluk and the district totals under these headings have been corrected and the corresponding corrections have also been carried out in Statement C.

Statement B.—(a) The number of works in and out of repair in the several taluks of the district as given in the above statement differs from that given in the jamabandi statement No. 15 as shown below:—

Taluku.	According to jamabandi statement.		According to B statement.	
	In repair.	Out of repair.	In repair.	Out of repair.
Tindivanam	656	149	415	426
Villupuram	362	83	207	245
Tiruvannamalai .. .	509	51	322	267
Tirukkóylár	494	17	404	242
Kallakurichi	368	45	246	317
Cuddalore	189	17	5	194
Vriddhachalam .. .	306	36	359	192
Chidambaram	601	50	616	57

This needs explanation.

(b) The provision of Rs. 7,930 to be found against Villupuram taluk in statement A for the repair of five Public Works Department works has been omitted in this statement.

(c) In Chidambaram taluk where the total provision made for the relief of the population of the taluk falls short of the minimum, only 1, out of 43 irrigation works under the charge of the Revenue Department wanting repair, has been provided for. The Collector should see that more works of this nature are brought to the list.

Statement C.—(a) The number of small road works in Tindivanam taluk entered in column 13 of the statement should be 7 and not 6.

(b) The number of miles of new roads entered in column 14 of the statement against small works in Tiruvannamalai taluk should be $7\frac{1}{4}$ and not 5.

(c) The number of small works under road repairs in column 16 against Cuddalore taluk should be entered 9 and not 8.

(d) The distance of the new roads under small works in Vriddhachalam taluk (column 4 of the statement) should be $66\frac{2}{3}$ miles and not $72\frac{5}{8}$. The mistakes have been rectified.

(e) The district total at the end of the statement has not been given in classified detail in column 5 of the statement. The omission has been supplied and the Collector will be requested to observe this in his future programmes.

5. Statement B should be expedited.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

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

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APPENDIX.
FORM III.—ABSTRACT of programme of famine-relief works in the South Arcot district for the year 1897-98.

Taluku.	Population by census of 1891.	Maximum number of persons for whom relief may be required 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.	Numbers provided for on	Total percentage of population.	Total	New.	Amount.	Number.	Repairs.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Miles.
Tindivanam ..	315	63,200	Large—Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small Land improvements	14,666 78,667 1,066	29	29	2	30,000	425	1	10,000	8	1,730	2	23
Villupuram ..	302	60,400	Large—Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small Land improvements	4,020 58,303 27,935 2,096	31	31	2	30,000	425	2	30,150 4,16,022 98,771	8	1,730	9	61
Tiruvannamalai ..	205	41,000	Large—Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small Land improvements	9,117 34,653 666	22	22	2	32,110	261	225	1,15,802	19	1,000	3	31
Tirukkóylár ..	257	51,400	Large—Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small Land improvements	1,598 25,991 23,582 400	20	20	2	32,110	261	225	1,15,802	19	6,500	4	25
Kallakurichi ..	240	48,000	Large—Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small Land improvements	51,571	20	20	2	32,110	261	225	1,15,802	19	6,500	9	52
			Large—Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small Land improvements	9,163 40,384 6,666	23	23	2	32,110	261	225	1,15,802	19	6,500	2	35
			Total	56,213	23	23	2	32,110	261	225	1,15,802	19	6,500	4	51

Abstract of programme of famine-relief works in the South Arcot district for the year 1897-98—cont.

Taluka.	Road works—cont.				Miscellaneous works.				Grand Total.				Works for which estimates are ready.				
	Repairs.		Drinking-water ponds.		Others.		Total.		Number.	Approximate cost.	Number.	Cost.					
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.									
														16	17	18	19
Tindivanam ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	2	37,810	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	2	11,216	320	1,03,331	80	16,000	400	1,19,331	842	5,89,284	785	5,57,068	..	..	..	..	..
	4	49,026	320	1,03,331	80	24,000	400	1,27,331	849	7,07,253	792	6,67,068	..	..	..	..	..
Villupuram ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1	21,250	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	2	12,600	194	39,929	277	52,590	471	92,519	702	2,09,510	412	4,37,272	..	..	..	..	..
	3	33,850	194	39,929	427	67,590	621	1,07,519	856	6,91,932	416	5,84,425	..	..	..	..	..
Tiruvannamalai ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1	9,685	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	3	13,514	203	81,133	152	34,799	355	1,16,332	640	2,69,398	607	2,46,268	..	..	..	..	..
	4	23,199	203	81,133	152	39,799	355	1,20,932	645	3,33,278	612	3,14,648	..	..	..	..	..
Tirukkóvilúr ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	2	1,37,315	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1	2,230	78	19,725	50	4,554	128	24,279	369	1,76,867	273	1,94,934	..	..	..	..	..
	3	1,39,595	78	19,725	50	7,554	128	27,279	375	3,86,785	279	3,55,970	..	..	..	..	..
Kallakurichi ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	5	48,030	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	6	18,210	200	50,000	240	41,776	440	91,776	782	3,02,884	610	1,96,009	..	..	..	..	..
	11	66,240	200	50,000	640	91,776	840	1,41,776	1,189	4,21,604	617	2,64,739	..	..	..	..	..

Abstract of programme of famine-relief works in the South Arcot district for the year 1897-98—cont.

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Abstract of programme of famine-relief works in the South Arcot district for the year 1897-98--cont.

Taluka.	Road works--cont.				Miscellaneous works.				Grand Total.		Works for which estimates are ready.	
	Repairs.		Drinking-water pond.		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 ..	2	19,092	..	..	..	8,000	..	8,000	2	19,092	2	19,092
	3	68,927	..	..	..	29,660	267	61,940	13	2,35,352	7	1,25,352
	9	31,560	64	32,280	..	..	..	..	469	2,43,754	446	2,12,889
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	14	1,18,679	64	32,280	204	37,660	268	69,940	484	4,98,198	455	3,57,433
Vridhaohalam ..	2	43,080	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	10,350	1	10,350
	2	9,218	183	66,919	..	1,32,622	731	1,99,541	3	62,080	2	43,080
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	941	3,68,905	918	3,43,910
	4	52,298	183	66,919	548	1,32,622	731	1,99,541	..	..	..	..
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	945	4,31,335	921	3,97,340
Chidambaram ..	2	68,665	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1,72,065	4	1,72,065
	1	11,605	..	..	..	13,650	..	..	4	1,55,842	4	1,55,842
	2	11,535	80	21,010	..	..	..	..	147	55,175	139	52,935
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	5	91,805	80	21,010	54	13,650	134	34,660	155	3,83,082	147	3,80,832
District total ..	4	87,757	..	..	..	8,000	..	8,000	10	2,43,641	10	2,43,641
	17	3,76,802	..	..	1,604	3,23,651	2,926	7,39,978	46	13,22,579	39	12,03,579
	27	1,10,133	1,322	4,14,327	550	81,000	550	81,000	4,892	22,06,247	4,190	18,75,255
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	550	81,000	..	..
Grand Total ..	48	6,74,692	1,322	4,14,327	2,155	4,14,651	3,477	8,28,978	5,498	38,53,467	4,238	33,22,445

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