

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 1748 W

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Examine the works programme. Pros.
Revenue Dept recording Board's Pros.
reviewing the ~~programme~~ — for 1897
submitted by the Collector of Tanjore,
Com to S.E. Office.

Recording B. P. reviewing
the programme of
Famine-relief Works
for 1897-98 submitted
by the Collector of
Tanjore.

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Famine-relief Works.—Reviewing the programme of — for 1897-98 submitted by the Collector of Tanjore.

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

READ—the following letter from J. ANDREW, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated 8th April 1897, No. 1665-Rev.:—

I have the honour to submit the programme of famine relief-works for 1897-98 as required in B.P., dated 7th June 1892, No. 411.

2. The programme is prepared for the non-deltaic portion of the Tanjore taluk and for the Pattukkottai taluk (*vide* B.P., dated 21st October 1892, No. 691, R.S.), and provides for works in the Tanjore taluk to the amount of Rs. 2,60,637 sufficient to give employment to 24.6 per cent. of the population of the part of the taluk concerned for three months at $1\frac{1}{3}$ annas per head per diem and in the Pattukkottai taluk for Rs. 7,77,160 sufficient to give employment to 38.2 per cent. of the population of that taluk.

3. In its Proceedings, dated 2nd November 1896, Mis. No. 5407, R.S., the Board directed that the propriety of including the marginally noted four works in the current year's programme be reconsidered. Concurring with the Chief Engineer for Irrigation in the opinion expressed in the correspondence embodied in the above, I have omitted works Nos. 1 and 2 from the list of works for the Tanjore taluk and this accounts chiefly for the decrease in the percentage of population for whom provision has been made as compared with that for whom provision was made for 1896-97. Works Nos. 3 and 4 are retained as being necessary.

4. Of the 136 irrigation works out of repair in the Tanjore taluk, provision is made for the repair of 120, the remaining 16 works having to be executed under kudimaramat. Of the 155 irrigation works out of repair in the Pattukkottai taluk, provision is made for the repair of 140 works. No provision is made for the repair of the remaining 15 works, the reason assigned by the Executive Engineer being that their investigation has not yet been completed to enable him to make even an approximate estimate of their cost. No provision is made for well-sinking in the Pattukkottai taluk for reasons given in paragraph 3 of this office letter, No. 681, dated 1st April 1895, disposed of in B.P., dated 6th May 1895, No. 115.

5. No forest fencing is proposed for reasons stated in paragraph 5 of this office letter No. 203, dated 3rd April 1893.

6. The details of the provision made in the programme are given below:—

Works.	Amount in lakhs of Rs.
Construction of 17 new irrigation works	4.25
Repairs to 260 old irrigation works	4.46
Construction and metalling of roads (257 miles)	4.48
Repairs to old roads (15 works)	2.29
Construction of works for the improvements of drinking water-supply (45 works)	1.15
Construction of other miscellaneous works (8) including sinking of wells with the aid of State loans	7.74
Total	10.37

This is sufficient to provide employment for 33.6 per cent. of the total population.

7. Estimates are reported to be ready for Rs. 4,93,426 or 47 per cent. of the total provision. With reference to the instructions in B.P., dated 6th May 1895, No. 115, R.S., I have requested the Public Works Department and Local Fund Engineering officers concerned to bring many more works on the sanctioned list at an early date.

RESOLUTION—dated 22nd May 1897, No. 392.

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

2. The programme deals with the non-deltaic taluks of the district and the general character thereof having been carefully summarised by the Collector, the Board has nothing to add thereto besides the following few remarks.

3. The proportion of the sanctioned to unsanctioned works appears to be 1 to 11 and hardly any improvement has been made towards bringing more works on the sanctioned list in spite of the Board's repeated remarks.

4. The total amount provided for works for which estimates are stated to be ready should be shown as Rs. 5,22,426 or 49 per cent. of the total provision for the district instead of Rs. 4,93,426 or 47 per cent., the Collector having omitted Rs. 29,000 as detailed in the margin in the abstract statement C as well as in statement A though they appeared under the head "amount of detailed estimates" in the programme for the previous year. The necessary additions and corrections have been made in the statements and the Collector is requested to note them in his office copy.

5. The Collector should explain why the estimates which were reported to be ready during the past year in the cases of Irrigation new works entered in the programme for Pattukkottai taluk against "not sanctioned" works, have not yet been brought to the sanctioned list.

6. In the case of item 2 of III Road Works, (6) New Roads, in Pattukkottai taluk a provision for Rs. 45,000 is made for metalling a road from Pattukkottai to Tanjore (14 miles) in the current programme, whereas in the previous programme it is shown against a road called Pattukkottai-Oratnad (14 miles). Again in the previous programme provision for Rs. 17,000 was made for metalling a road from "Arantangi to Ayankudi" on road No. 19 (19 miles). This has been omitted from the programme for the current year. Explanation for these discrepancies should be furnished.

7. Estimates for none of the large road works in Pattukkottai taluk appear to be ready. The Collector should take steps to have these prepared at an early date.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with B.P., dated 2nd November 1896, Mis. No. 5407.
" Collector of Tanjore.

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

Taluk.	Population by last census in thousands.	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	Total percentage of population.		New.		Repairs.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Miles.	Amount.
							Number.	Amount.							
1	2	3	4	5	6		7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Tanjore ..	141	28,200	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Taluk Total ..	3,693 10,467 14,625 67 34,762	24.6		3 8 ..	39,500 26,900 ..	.. 120 ..	.. 38,027 ..			.. 2 6 ..	.. 20 29 ..	.. 33,000 20,080 ..
Patnakkottai ..	271	54,200	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Taluk Total ..	93,733 9,888 103,621	38.2		4 2 6	3,50,000 9,000 3,59,000	.. 140 140	.. 8,060 8,060			.. 6 15 21	.. 85 123 208	.. 3,53,000 36,300 3,89,300
Total ..	412	82,400	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Grand Total ..	9,693 104,200 24,413 67 138,373	33.6		7 10 17	3,68,500 35,900 4,25,400	.. 260 260	.. 46,087 46,087			.. 8 20 28	.. 105 152 257	.. 3,92,000 56,380 4,48,380

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

Taluk.	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.	Number.	Amount.						
									16	17	18	19	20	21
Tanjore	..	..	..	..	2	72,700	2	72,700	2	72,700	2	72,700	2	72,700
..	..	..	..	..	..	1,000	35	9,430	5	78,500	1	9,000	1	9,000
..	..	14,500	34	8,430	5	500	5	500	5	1,08,937	42	37,368	42	37,368
Taluk Total ..	7	14,500	34	8,430	8	74,200	42	82,630	187	2,60,637	45	1,19,066		
Patnukkottai	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7,03,000	5	3,70,000	5	3,70,000
..	8	14,000	11	6,800	..	..	11	6,800	176	74,160	152	33,360	152	33,360
Taluk Total ..	8	14,000	11	6,800	..	..	11	6,800	186	7,77,160	157	4,03,360	157	4,03,360
Total	..	..	..	..	2	72,700	2	72,700	2	72,700	2	72,700	2	72,700
..	..	..	..	..	..	1,000	35	9,430	5	78,500	6	3,79,000	6	3,79,000
..	15	28,500	45	15,230	5	500	5	500	351	1,83,097	194	70,726	194	70,726
..	..	..	..	..	8	74,200	53	89,430	373	10,37,797	202	5,22,426	202	5,22,426
Grand Total ..	15	28,500	45	15,230	8	74,200	53	89,430	373	10,37,797	202	5,22,426	202	5,22,426

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Revenue Settlement &c.
No. 292, dated the 22nd May 1897.

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ORDER THEREON, No. 2886^{his}, dated the 9th June 1897.

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(True extract)

For Ag: *Ad. N. S. S.*
Under Secretary to Government.

To
The Board of Revenue, Revenue Settlement.
.. Public Works Department. ✓
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