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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

READ—the following letter from A. W. B. HIGGINS, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Ambásamudram, 6th May 1897, Dis. No. 869 :—

I have the honour to forward the programme of famine-relief works for 1897-98 in the forms A, B and C prescribed in Appendix I of the Madras Famine Code.

2. The approximate cost of the works proposed amounts to Rs. 35,48,097, and the works will afford employment for a period of three months to 473,079 persons or about 24.7 per cent. of the population of the district.

3. The percentage of population provided for in Ottapidáram taluk is 17.4 and this low percentage is due to the fact that the bulk of the population, about 222,000 relates to zamindaris. The attention of the Tahsildar and other officers has, however, been drawn to the necessity for providing additional works. The percentage in Srivaikuntam and Tinnevely is also low, being 18.2 and 16.9, respectively. The decrease in the latter taluk, as compared with the figures of the previous year, is due to the fact that the large sums provided for certain minor irrigation works were found on enquiry to be unnecessary (*vide* B.P., dated 13th April 1897, Mis. No. 2767). Endeavours will be made to increase the provision in the next list. The President of the District Board has been requested to bring more of the large works under sanction.

RESOLUTION—dated 17th June 1897, No. 445.

The abstract of the programme of famine-relief works for 1897-98 received from the Collector of Tinnevely, will be submitted, as amended by the Board, for the information of Government.

2. The programme contains provision for different classes of works, as detailed below :—

					Cost (Lakhs of rupees).
1. Irrigation works	...	{	New (2)	...	0.16
			Repairs	...	9.05
2. Road works	...	{	New (894 miles)	...	19.81
			Repairs	...	2.66
4. Miscellaneous works	...	{	Drinking-water supply	...	1.39
			State loans to be advanced for land im-		
			provements	...	1.89
			Others	...	0.51

The total provision made amounts to Rs. 35,48,097 and the works are calculated to provide employment for a period of three months to about 25 per cent. of the population of the district. The provision is generally adequate, but falls below the prescribed minimum in the taluks of Tinnevely, Ottapidáram and Srivaikuntam, where

it provides for only 16.9, 17.4 and 18.2 per cent., respectively, of the population. The deficiency in the first two taluks is explained by the Collector in paragraph 3 of his letter read above; but as regards the third, no explanation is given. The Collector will be requested to do his best to amplify the provision in the said three taluks.

3. Estimates are stated to be ready for works to cost Rs. 6,69,563 (about 20 per cent. of the total provision, exclusive of land improvement loans for which no estimates are required). Of the amount provided for large works, not more than 13 per cent. is brought under sanction. In these respects, the programme under review is still less satisfactory than that of last year. The Collector should devote attention to bringing a larger number of suitable works under speedy sanction.

4. It is observed that the classification of "large" and "small" works is not made, in accordance with the definition laid down by the Government of India and referred to in paragraph 4 of B.P., dated 1st May 1896, No. 84. Consequently the statements A and C had to be recast in this office. The Collector will be requested to see that the new classification is adopted in future programmes.

5. The total numbers of works, shown in statement B as in and out of repairs, are respectively 871 and 1,488, while the corresponding numbers in the irrigation statement No. 15 for fasli 1305 are 3532 and 107. This discrepancy needs explanation.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed)

L. E. BUCKLEY,
Famine Secretary.

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

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

Taluka.	Population in thousands.	Minimum 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.	Numbers provided for.	Total per cent. of population.	New.	Repairs.		New.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Miles.	Amount.
							Number.	Amount.						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Tinnevely ..	184	36,800	Large—Sanctioned .. Small .. Land Improvement Loans Act .. Total ..	11,333 19,144 651 31,128	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nanguneri ..	174	34,800	Large—Sanctioned .. Small .. Land Improvement Loans Act .. Total ..	7,867 22,120 26,032 2,134	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ambasamudram ..	183	36,600	Large—Sanctioned .. Small .. Land Improvement Loans Act .. Total ..	28,347 26,478 333 55,158	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tenkasi ..	156	31,000	Large—Sanctioned .. Small .. Land Improvement Loans Act .. Total ..	36,533 14,767 3,333 54,633	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sankaranayinar-kovil.	214	42,800	Large—Sanctioned .. Small .. Land Improvement Loans Act .. Total ..	9,572 20,000 24,626 11,983	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Abstract of programme of famine-relief works in the Tinnevely 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.	Approximate cost.	Number.	Cost.	Number.	Cost.
	Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.							
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	27
Tinnevely ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	71	26,380	..	6	4,920	30	24,640	174	1,48,683	..	54	23,905
..	..	..	..	7	4,880	7	4,880	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	71	26,380	24	13	9,800	37	29,420	186	2,33,463	54	23,905	23,905
Nanguneri ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	9	16,640	..	239	13,190	302	30,620	3	59,000	3	59,000	59,000
..	..	..	..	24	16,000	24	16,000	692	1,39,244	..	44	35,898
Total ..	9	16,640	63	263	29,190	326	46,620	724	4,36,144	47	94,898	94,898
Ambasamudram ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	4	68,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	27	52,095	..	7	1,500	28	23,500	333	1,98,585	..	1	9,701
Total ..	31	1,20,095	21	20	2,500	20	2,500	20	2,500	263	1,06,945	1,06,945
Tenkasi ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	18	13,855	..	22	6,850	42	10,800	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	..	100	25,000	100	25,000	348	4,09,748	..	60	39,320
Total ..	18	13,855	20	122	30,950	142	35,500	348	4,09,748	60	39,320	39,320
Sankaranayinar-kovil ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	5	8,540	..	5	80,875	10	1,480	3	71,790	..	3	71,790
..	..	..	..	55	89,875	55	89,875	151	1,84,698	..	22	19,652
Total ..	5	8,540	6	60	90,355	65	91,355	213	4,96,363	25	91,442	91,442

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

Taluka.	Population in thousands	Minimum 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.			Numbers provided for.	Total per cent. of population.	New.		Repairs.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Miles.	Amount.
			4	5	6			Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.					
1	2	3				7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
Srivilliputtur	190	38,000	Large—				Rs.		Rs.		Rs.			Rs.		
			Sanctioned	..	5,073	..	..	..	1	12	38,050					
			Unsanctioned	..	17,653	..	..	7	85½	1,32,400						
			Small	..	23,267	..	..	6	30	10,950						
			Land Improvement Loans Act.	2,634		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
			Total	48,227	25.5	..	..	129	88,668	..	..	14	127½	1,81,400		
Sattūr	184	36,500	Large—				..	..	..	..	..	1	8	16,300		
			Sanctioned	..	2,173	..	..	10	87	1,96,200						
			Unsanctioned	..	26,130	..	..	2	4½	7,600						
			Small	..	15,170	..	..	..	..	..						
			Land Improvement Loans Act.	4,000		..	..	73	66,876	..	..	..	..	..		
			Total	47,503	25.8	..	..	73	66,876	..	..	13	99½	2,20,100		
Ottapidāram	342	68,400	Large—				..	..	..	..	..	2	143	61,500		
			Sanctioned	..	8,200	..	..	9	118	8,22,400						
			Unsanctioned	..	44,320	..	..	..	..	..						
			Small	..	6,941	..	..	..	..	..						
			Land Improvement Loans Act.	..		..	..	51	21,464	..	..	..	..	..		
			Total	59,461	17.4	1	10,000	51	21,464	..	..	11	132½	3,83,900		
Sivavibuntam	287	57,400	Large—				..	..	..	..	..	1	8	24,500		
			Sanctioned	..	3,267	..	..	5	53	1,70,700						
			Unsanctioned	..	26,202	..	..	2	8	11,600						
			Small	..	22,633	..	..	..	..	..						
			Land Improvement Loans Act.	133		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
			Total	52,235	18.2	1	5,743	224	1,42,637	..	..	8	69	2,06,800		
District Total	1,016	383,200	Large—				..	..	..	..	..	11	100	2,71,140		
			Sanctioned	..	36,152	..	..	62	634	16,31,500						
			Unsanctioned	..	232,668	..	..	45	160	78,550						
			Small	..	179,058	..	..	..	..	..						
			Land Improvement Loans Act.	25,201		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
			Grand Total	473,079	24.7	2	15,743	1,488	9,05,264	..	..	118	894	48,81,190		

Abstract of programme of famine-relief works in the Tinnevely 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.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Approximate cost.	Number.	Cost.						
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27								
Srivilliputtur	..	Rs. ..	..	Rs. ..	..	Rs. ..	..	Rs. ..	..	Rs. ..	1	Rs. 38,050	1	Rs. 38,050						
	..	17	17,450	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1,32,400	..	1,32,400						
	..	..	..	52,600	..	4,820	..	57,420	281	1,74,498	..	52,633	..	52,633						
	..	..	..	..	..	19,755	20	19,755	20	19,755	..	..	..	..						
Total ..	17	17,460	110	52,600	39	24,675	149	77,175	309	3,64,703	58	90,983	..	90,983						
Sattér	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	16,300	1	16,300						
	..	13	15,350	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	1,96,200	..	1,96,200						
	..	..	..	11,960	..	11,990	..	23,950	162	1,13,776	..	31,151	..	31,151						
	..	..	..	..	..	30,000	120	30,000	120	30,000	..	..	..	..						
Total ..	13	15,350	28	11,960	166	41,990	194	53,950	293	3,56,276	32	47,451	..	47,451						
Othappidám	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	61,500	2	61,500						
	..	11	27,770	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	3,32,400	..	3,32,400						
	..	..	..	1,870	..	950	..	2,820	75	32,054	..	33,384	..	33,384						
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..						
Total ..	11	27,770	8	1,870	5	950	13	2,820	87	4,45,954	23	94,884	..	94,884						
Srivaikuntam	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	24,500	1	24,500						
	..	34	20,340	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1,96,516	..	1,96,516						
	..	..	..	7,840	..	7,500	..	15,340	596	1,69,744	..	45,834	..	45,834						
	..	..	..	..	..	1,000	102	1,000	102	1,000	..	..	..	..						
Total ..	34	20,340	162	7,840	277	8,500	439	16,340	706	3,91,760	57	70,334	..	70,334						
District Total	..	68,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	2,71,140	11	2,71,140						
	..	205	1,98,430	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	70	17,45,017	1	9,701						
	..	..	..	1,39,170	..	51,300	..	1,90,470	2,701	13,42,930	..	3,88,722	608	3,88,722						
	..	..	..	..	..	1,89,010	448	1,89,010	448	1,89,010	..	..	..	..						
Grand Total ..	209	2,66,430	441	1,39,170	972	2,40,310	1,413	3,79,480	3,230	35,48,097	620	6,69,563	..	6,69,563						

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To

The Board of Revenue, Revenue Sett:

" Public Works Dept. ✓

" Local and Municipal Department.

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