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Famine-relief Works.—Reviewing the revised programme of — received from the Collector of Coimbatore for 1897-98.

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

READ—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), Mis. No. 4154, dated 8th June 1897:—

Read—the following letter from HERBERT BRADLEY, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, Dis. No. 1329/Rev., dated 21st April 1897:—

- I have the honour to submit the programme of famine-relief works for 1897-98 in forms A, B and C for the Coimbatore district.
1. Kalingarayan channel extension and improvements (Erode).
 2. Nanjakalakurichi improvements (Karur).
 3. Pallapalayam channel improvements (Karur).
 4. Kallapuram channel improvements (Udamalpet).
 5. Komaralingam channel improvements (Udamalpet).
 6. Dharpuram channel improvements (Dharpuram).
 7. Dalavapatnam channel improvements (Dharpuram).
 8. Bhavani reservoir project (Satyaman-galam).
 9. Muttikulam project (Coimbatore).
 10. Restoring Sanjeevarayan tank (Satyaman-galam).
 11. Agricultural works such as improving river conservancy (Karur).
 12. Chinnar road (Udamalpet).

2. It will be observed that provision has been made for 20 per cent. of the population in Pollachi taluk and that there is an increase in this year's list in the amount under the head of sanctioned works as compared with last year's list. Steps were taken to obtain the sanction of Government for the estimates which were ready in the past year. The increase under the head of small works is due to the classification of the works according to the instructions contained in paragraph 4 (a) of B.P. No. 84 (Sett.), dated 1st May 1896.

3. With regard to the works noted in the margin,* the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, states as follows:—

The first seven items are practically useless as famine-relief works. It is almost certain that

† Restoring the present channel.

the extension of the Kalingarayan channel will not be carried out until the improvements † have been completed and work on the improvements and on the other six works can only be carried out for at most three months (about March to May in each year).

Estimates for items 8 and 9 will not be sufficiently advanced to allow of work being started for another year at least.

Items 10, 11 and 12 are the only ones which can be styled suitable for famine-relief works during 1897-98.

4. The Bhavani reservoir project and the Muttikulam project have been included in the current year's programme as additional works, as the estimates are not in a forward state of preparation. The works of restoring the Sanjeevarayan tank and constructing the Chinnar road have also been added to this year's programme, as the Superintending Engineer says that estimates are nearly ready. The orders of the Board are requested as to whether the first seven works referred to in paragraph 3 above can be removed from the famine programme of future years.

Resolution—Mis. No. 4154, dated 8th June 1897.

The Board resolves to return the programme to the Collector of Coimbatore for revision, with reference to the conference held at Coimbatore on June 2nd and 3rd, at which the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, the Commissioner, Revenue Settlement, the Collector, and the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, were present. The estimates entered in column 8 of the programme (form A) were not produced at the conference, and the special object of the revision is to ascertain how many of the estimates in column 8 have been scrutinized and passed by the Collector, and are in such shape that they may (in case of need) be immediately acted upon.

2. The programme should be resubmitted with the least possible delay.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Coimbatore, with enclosures.

READ—also the following letter from HERBERT BRADLEY, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to the Famine Secretary, Board of Revenue, Dis. No. 2871/Rev., dated 16th August 1897:—

With reference to B.P., Mis. No. 4154 (Settlement), dated 8th June 1897, I have the honour to submit the revised programme of famine-relief works for 1897-98 as therein called for.

2. The irrigation projects of the Bhavani reservoir and the Kalingarayan channel extension for which provision was made in the programme first submitted, are now omitted in accordance with the instructions of Government contained in their

Order, Mis. No. 3658, Revenue,* dated 16th July 1897. The Muttikulam project also is excluded, as its investigation is not sufficiently advanced. The other works referred to in paragraph 3 of this office Dis. No. 1329/Rev. of 1897, dated

21st April 1897,† except the "restoration of the Sanjeevarayan tank" are likewise omitted from this programme.

3. As observed in paragraph 3 of the Chief Engineer's note read in the Government Order quoted above, steps will be taken to have estimates prepared for the collection of limestone and buildingstone at the quarries for the Bhavani reservoir project and to include the same in the programme for the next year.

4. Estimates for works for which provision has been made in the programme under "by Collector" have been received completely only from three Tahsildars, (viz., Karur, Dharpuram and Udamalpet); those from the other Tahsildars are still being received in batches as they are got ready. As it is unnecessary and will result in delay to wait for all the estimates before the submission of the revised programme, only those received up to date have been scrutinized and included in this programme. Those that may hereafter be received will be shown in the programme for next year.

5. The provision made in the programme for the taluks of Palladam and Pollachi, will not give labour for 20 per cent. of the population which is the minimum prescribed. Orders have been issued to the Tahsildars to prepare and submit estimates for more works, so that adequate provision may be made in the programme for those taluks. These will be included in the next year's statement.

6. In paragraph 1 of G.O., No. 486, dated 24th June 1897, it is stated that estimates for petty works, such as the clearance of prickly-pear from village-sites and from the banks of tanks and channels, the improvements of village-sites and village

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water-supply and the improvement of village-roads not ordinarily maintained by the Local Boards, may be sanctioned by Collectors. The famine programme provides for the repair and construction of roads which are apparently not petty works. I request to be informed by whom these works should be sanctioned, so that more may be brought under the head of "sanctioned estimates." Unsanctioned Local Fund works will be laid before the District Board at an early date.

RESOLUTION—No. 654, dated 6th October 1897.

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

2. Provision is made for the following works :—

		Cost in lakhs of rupees.
Irrigation	Two new works	...
	Repairs	1.15
	Forest fencing	7.49
Roads	New (688 miles)	0.37
	Repairs	5.73
Miscellaneous	Improvement of drinking-water supply	16.91
	Land improvements	0.59
	Others	1.00
Total		36.93

* Restoration of the Sanjeevarayan tank and its supply channel in Satyamangalam taluk; construction of a tank at Dhárápura.

These works will provide employment for three months for nearly 25 per cent. of the population of the district. The provision is adequate in all taluks, except Palladam and Pollachi, where the works will employ for the prescribed period only 16 and 14 per cent. of the population, respectively. The Collector states that he has issued instructions to the Tahsildars concerned to amplify their programmes so as to provide for the full 20 per cent. of the population. It is hoped that these instructions will produce better results than those issued last year in connection with the Pollachi taluk. Of the twelve works noted in the margin of paragraph 3 of the Collector's letter disposed of in the Board's Proceedings quoted above, the restoration of the Sanjeevarayan tank alone is retained in the revised programme. But it is not clear whether the investigation of this project has advanced far enough to entitle it to a place in the programme. It is, moreover, doubtful if the work will be found suitable for famine-relief purposes (*vide* paragraph 9 of its report, embodied in B.P., No. 508, dated 16th July 1897). The Bhávaní reservoir project and the extension of the Kálingarayan channel are omitted from the revised programme, as, from the Chief Engineer's report communicated in G.O., Mis. No. 3658, dated 16th July 1897, both projects appear to be in a backward state. They are, however, still under consideration and might have been shown as additional works in statement A. The works noted in the margin are also omitted from the programme. As pointed out in paragraph 2 of B.P., Mis. No. 4728, dated 30th September 1896, the Muttikulam project should have been shown as an additional work. Explanation should have been given for the exclusion of the Coimbatore town water-supply scheme, which, from the Collector's letter disposed of in B.P., Mis. No. 3255, dated 1st July 1896, appears to be under investigation and spoken hopefully of; and of the third and fourth named works, which, the Collector reports in his first letter read above, are considered by the Superintending Engineer suitable for famine-relief purposes. It should now be reported to what stage of preparation each scheme has been advanced.

	Cost.
	RS.
1. Muttikulam project	...
2. Scheme of water-supply to the Coimbatore town	25,000
3. Improvement of river conservancy (Karúr)	30,000
4. Chinnar road (Udamalpet)	12,000

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3. Detailed estimates are stated to be ready for works to cost Rs. 25,28,656 or about 70 per cent. of the total provision, exclusive of land improvements. But the proportion of the sanctioned to the unsanctioned large works is only as 5 to 19. It is noticed that no estimate is ready for any one of the large irrigation works, proposed in the Coimbatore taluk, nor for the construction of a tank at Dhárápura to cost approximately Rs. 95,000.

4. The amount of Rs. 6,57,448, has been set down for small works. Complete estimates under this head have been received from only three taluks—Karúr, Dhárápura and Udamalpet. Estimates are ready for Rs. 5,49,834, but have been sanctioned for only Rs. 80,385, as shown below :—

Taluks.	Approximate cost.	Detailed estimates.	Sanctioned amount.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Coimbatore	1,64,915	1,39,205	23,670
Dhárápura	1,30,397	1,26,887	16,770
Karúr	1,37,250	1,29,210	22,885
Pollachi	66,505	27,111	11,860
Udamalpet	1,58,381	1,27,421	5,200
Total	6,57,448	5,49,834	80,385

In other taluks, no sanction appears to have been accorded and consequently no small work can be regarded as immediately available for execution. In paragraph 1 of G.O., No. 486, dated 24th June 1897, the Collector has been named as the sanctioning authority for such works, and steps should now be taken to bring a due proportion of them under sanction. With reference to his query in paragraph 6 of his letter, the Collector will be informed that estimates for the repair and construction of roads, other than petty works, should be passed by the Local Boards.

5. In paragraph 2 of his letter disposed of in B.P., Mis. No. 3952, dated 11th August 1896, the Collector reported that the Superintending Engineer was asked to provide in the present programme for the repair of the three works noted in the margin. Of these, the last does not appear to be provided for. The Collector will be requested to see that it is included in the next programme.

6. The programme calls for the following remarks in addition to those already made :—

Statement A.—(1) The clearing of jungles and removing of prickly-pear from the banks of irrigation sources are shown as repairs to irrigation works. They should be shown in future under "Miscellaneous—Others."

(2) Provision appears to be made for the repair of the Cheluva Chintamani and Narasámbudi tanks. But from paragraph 1 of the Collector's letter disposed of in B.P., Mis. No. 4728, dated 30th September 1896, it would seem that their restoration is not necessary.

(3) Works costing less than Rs. 5,000 are shown separately, whereas they may be grouped together and given in the lump—*vide* paragraph 5 (4) of B.P., No. 411, dated 7th June 1892.

(4) Forest fencing works are provided for in the Erode and Satyamangalam taluks. But it is not clear whether the opinion of the Conservator has been sought as directed in paragraph 5 (10) of the Board's Proceedings last quoted.

Statement B.—(5) In statement A, provision is made for the repair of six minor irrigation works in the Erode and of nine in the Coimbatore taluk. But from Statement B it would seem that none of these works are out of repair, column 5 being left blank against these taluks.

(6) In the Palladam taluk the repair of six irrigation works is proposed in this statement, but in Statement A, the number is given as seven. Similarly three works in the Satyamangalam taluk are shown in this statement as against four in statement A. These discrepancies should be explained.

Statement C.—(7) In the Erode taluk the figure 158 entered in column 26 against "small" should be 81, as the former figure includes works for which no estimates are shown to be ready.

(8) In the Satyamangalam taluk the total length of new roads is entered in this statement as $97\frac{3}{8}$ miles in column 14 against "small," while it is shown in statement A as $96\frac{3}{8}$ miles.

(9) In the Pollachi taluk, against "small" the number of works is entered as fourteen in column 18, as twenty in column 22, and as twenty in column 26, while the corresponding entries in statement A are respectively, twenty-four, forty and thirty-one.

(10) In the Erode taluk, the number of persons provided for by sanctioned large works is 6,578 and not 6,644 and in the Karur taluk, the number provided for by "small works" is 18,300 and not 18,000.

(11) In the Udumalpet taluk, the percentage entered in column 6 is 43 and not 45.

The necessary corrections have been made in this office. The Collector will be requested to carry them out in his office copy.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Coimbatore.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Revised Form C.

A abstract statement of programme of famine-relief works in the Coimbatore district for the year 1897-98—cont.

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

Taluk.	Population by last census in thousands.	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 works.	Number provided for on.	Total per- cent. of population	New.		Repairs.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Miles.	Amount.	RS.
						Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Dharmapuram ..	219	49,800	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land Improvement .. Total ..	6,743 41,880 17,386 1,333 66,342	27	1	95,000	8	4,871	..	..	11	..	1,36,300 20,700	..
Karur ..	212	42,400	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land Improvement .. Total ..	6,760 19,579 18,300 933 45,572	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	64,400 19,550	..
Pollachi ..	184	36,800	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land Improvement .. Total ..	3,933 11,520 8,868 1,833 25,654	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Udamalpet ..	143	25,600	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land Improvement .. Total ..	8,165 31,845 21,118 933 62,061	43	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14,600 5,200	..

Abstract statement of programme of famine-relief works in the Coimbatore 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	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Dharmapuram ..	4	43,070	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	7	83,800	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	9	51,720	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	20	1,77,590	7	1,119	406	55,987	413	57,106	457	4,97,567	450	3,89,057	4	43,070
Karur ..	4	50,700	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	6	62,900	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	16	74,235	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	26	1,77,135	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pollachi ..	3	29,500	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	6	55,400	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	13	42,450	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	22	1,27,350	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Udamalpet ..	6	61,241	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	6	1,17,795	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	4	28,394	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	15	2,09,330	67	14,178	100	1,16,114	167	1,30,292	202	4,65,462	184	3,45,422	5	61,241

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

Taluka.	Population by last census in thousands.	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 works.	Number provided for on.	Total per cent. of population.	New.		Repairs.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Miles.	Amount.	
						Number.	Amount.									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
Kollegal ..	69	17,800	Large—	2,369	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Rs.	
			Sanctioned ..	26,003	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26,300
			Not sanctioned ..	13,063	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
			Small ..	266	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34
			Land Improvement ..	41,701	47	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15,200
			Total ..					18	1,58,350	..	..	6	52	41,500		
Bhavani ..	120	24,000	Large—	6,345	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
			Sanctioned ..	12,173	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	44,900
			Not sanctioned ..	12,622	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34,150
			Small ..	1,600	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Land Improvement ..	32,740	27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	69,050
			Total ..					8	47,730	..	..	11	992			
District Total ..	2,005	401,000	Large—	67,918	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
			Sanctioned ..	248,312	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14,865
			Not sanctioned ..	182,898	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,25,500
			Small ..	13,331	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,32,905
			Land Improvement ..	492,459	25	2	1,15,000	169	7,49,089	10	36,813	95	688½	5,73,271		
			Grand Total ..													

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

Taluka.	Road works—cont.			Miscellaneous works.						Grand Total.			Works for which estimates are ready.		
	Repairs.		Number.	Drinking water supply.		Number.	Others.		Total.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
	Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.							
Kollegal ..	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	10	62,650	17	11,735	29	38,527	46	50,262	80	3,12,762	37	1,27,322	..	..	..
Bhavani ..	4	47,589	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	3	18,400	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	6	18,250	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	13	84,239	20	4,513	57	40,024	77	44,537	109	2,45,556	102	1,86,075	..	..	..
District Total ..	41	4,94,530	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	66	7,67,813	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	120	4,28,319	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	227	16,90,662	232	59,442	809	4,69,188	1,041	5,28,630	1,544	36,93,465	1,236	25,28,656	..	..	..

* Out of this sum estimates for about Rs. 93,100 have already been sanctioned.

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