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*Famine Statement C.*—Submitting to the Government of India — summarising the programmes of famine relief works of the Madras Presidency for 1897–98.

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

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RESOLUTION—dated 2nd June 1897, No. 411.

With reference to rule V appended to the Circular Resolution, dated 30th July 1894, No. 16—36, the Board begs to submit a statement summarising the programmes of famine relief works for 1897–98 for all districts in the Presidency liable to drought.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to the Government of India,
Revenue and Agricultural Department.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" " Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" " Collectors concerned.

Exd. Md. Pahilvan.



## APPENDIX.

FAMINE Statement C.

| Districts. | Population. | Maximum number of persons for whom relief may be required daily in the event of serious famine. | Number of persons provided for by relief works on the programme daily for three months. Large works. Sanctioned. | Large works. Not sanctioned. | Small works. For relief of agricultural population in the neighbourhood of villages. | Small works. Others. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Ganjám | 1,896 | 379·2 | 87 | 253 | 113 | .. | The districts of Malabar, South Canara, Nilgiris and Madras and the deltaic taluks of Tanjore, Kistna and Godávari have been exempted from the operations of the rules for the preparation of programmes of famine-relief works. The programmes are for the rest of the Presidency and include generally the construction and repair of irrigation works and roads, and miscellaneous works for the improvement of the drinking-water supply and village sanitation, the clearance of village-sites and the like and for well-sinking, &c., to be executed with the aid of State loans under the Land Improvement Loans Act. The major portion of the provision relates to road works in most of the districts, as usual. Sanction for these works is accorded chiefly on the ground of their being serviceable as famine relief works.<br>The provision made is generally sufficient and it is greater under "large" than under "small" works, except in the districts of South Arcot and North Arcot. The deficiency in the last two districts is mainly due to the adoption of the revised classification of works, in accordance with the instructions of the Government of India at the end of paragraph 5 of its Circular Resolution, dated 24th August 1893, No. 35—33.<br>The number of persons provided for under "sanctioned" works is generally smaller than that provided under "not sanctioned," except in the districts of Bellary, Anantapur, Chingleput, South Arcot, North Arcot and Salem. More of the unsanctioned works have been, and are being as rapidly as possible, brought under sanction in obedience to the instructions of the Government of India in its Circular Resolution, dated 30th July 1894, No. 16—36. |
| Vizagapatam | 2,558 | 511·6 | 46 | 234 | 137 | .. | |
| Godávari (non-deltaic) | 1,006 | 201·0 | 11 | 384 | .. | 100 | |
| Kistna ( do. ) | 1,134 | 226·8 | 32 | 224 | 18 | .. | |
| Kurnool | 815 | 163·0 | 214 | 331 | 47 | 43 | |
| Bellary | 881 | 176·2 | 286 | 63 | 67 | .. | |
| Anantapur | 727 | 145·4 | 107 | 51 | 56 | .. | |
| Cuddapah | 1,269 | 253·8 | 30 | 194 | 85 | 17 | |
| Nellore | 1,462 | 292·7 | 69 | 109 | 151 | .. | |
| Chingleput | 1,212 | 242·4 | 101 | 93 | 84 | .. | |
| South Arcot | 2,160 | 432·0 | 32 | 176 | 302 | 2 | |
| North Arcot | 2,103 | 420·6 | 46 | 76 | 360 | 1 | |
| Salem | 1,962 | 392·4 | 239 | 167 | 47 | 3 | |
| Coimbatore | 2,005 | 401·0 | 79 | 225 | 245 | 2 | |
| Trichinopoly | 1,373 | 274·6 | 87 | 477 | 198 | 8 | |
| Tanjore (non-deltaic) | 412 | 82·4 | 10 | 104 | 24 | .. | |
| Madura | 2,608 | 521·6 | 76 | 338 | 94 | 34 | |
| Tinnevelly | 1,916 | 383·2 | 86 | 233 | 204 | .. | |

(*N.B.*—Numbers are given in thousands.)

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2. I have asked the Superintending Engineer to get by wire at least 8 more Overseers for the District and at least one more Famine Sub-Divisional Officer, and I request that the Board will press these measures on Government as the situation is urgent. I may also at any moment have to apply for 8 Taluk Relief Officers. Expedition is necessary to prevent distress developing, as, unless prices fall, it will do, faster than our measures can develop to meet it. As some small measure of self defence, I may represent that from the comparatively prosperous and favourable state of affairs at the end of last month it was not possible to anticipate what is now occurring.

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(True copy and extract.)

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