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Famine-relief Works.—Reviewing the programme of — for 1898-99 submitted by the Collector of Tanjore.

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

READ—the following letter from W. B. AYLING, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated Vallam, 2nd April 1898, Dis. No. 1427-Rev. :—

I have the honour to submit a programme of famine-relief works for 1898-99, as required in B.P., No. 411, dated 7th June 1892.

2. In view of the fact that the deltaic portion of the district is protected and not liable to scarcity or famine, the programme has been prepared only for the non-deltaic portion, covering—

(1) the portion of the Tanjore taluk lying to the south of the Trichinopoly-Tanjore Railway line; and

(2) the whole of the Pattukkóttai taluk—*vide* B.P., No. 691, Revenue Settlement, dated 21st October 1892. Such of the works in the last year's list, as lie in the delta out of the reach of the tracts they are designed to protect, have accordingly been excluded, and new and suitable works to the amount of Rs. 14,63,000 lying in the portions likely to be affected have been substituted. In the case of estimates for road works, the amounts provided for cartage have been separated and only the amounts available for expenditure on famine labour are shown in the programme as directed in paragraph 4 of G.O., No. 604, Revenue, dated 21st July 1897. The programme provides for works in the Tanjore taluk to the amount of Rs. 11,02,713 sufficient to give employment to the whole of the population of the non deltaic part of the taluk concerned for three months at As. 1-4 per head per diem, and in the Pattukkóttai taluk for Rs. 6,86,100 sufficient to give employment to 33.7 per cent. of the population of that taluk for the same period.

3. Of the 132 irrigation works out of repair in the Tanjore taluk, provision is made for the repair of 116, the remaining 16 works having to be executed under kudimaramat. Of the 107 irrigation works out of repair in the Pattukkóttai taluk, provision is made for the repair of 96 works. No provision is made in regard to the remaining eleven works, as their investigation has not been completed by the Tank Restoration Scheme Party. No provision is made for well-sinking under the Loans Acts in the Pattukkóttai taluk for reasons given in paragraph 3 of this office letter, No. 681, dated 1st April 1895, disposed of in B.P., No. 115, dated 6th May 1895.

4. No forest fencing is proposed for reasons stated in paragraph 5 of this office letter, No. 203, dated 3rd April 1893, printed in B.P., No. 132, Revenue Settlement, dated 14th April 1893.

5. Seven of the road works marked with an asterisk and put down for sums aggregating Rs. 84,500 are really unsuited for famine-relief works inasmuch as the total approximate cost of the said works is Rs. 3,85,000, and the difference would be expended in such way as to afford no relief to famine coolies.

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

Works.	Amount in lakhs of rupees.
Construction of 14 new irrigation works	14.76
Repairs to 212 old irrigation works	52
Construction and metalling of roads (301 miles)	1.60
Repairs to old roads—5 works	12
Construction of works for the improvement of drinking water-supply—44 works	15
Construction of other miscellaneous works including sinking of wells with the aid of State loans—8 works	74
Total	17.89

This is sufficient to provide employment for 57.8 per cent. of the total population for the period of three months. It has to be observed in this connection that in times of absence of demand for their labour, a large number of the cooly classes in the upland portions of the district migrate themselves to Ceylon, Straits Settlements, &c., in quest of employment, and in this circumstance the provisions in the programme may be held sufficient for a longer period than three months.

7. Estimates are reported to be ready for Rs. 1,11,700 or 6 per cent. of the total provision. The Executive Engineer, Negapatam, states that, as his division staff was deputed on famine duty and did not return till late in December last, their time has been fully taken up in working out the year's grants, but that they have been instructed to take up the famine-relief works immediately. With reference to the instructions in B.P., No. 115, Revenue Settlement, dated 6th May 1895, I have requested the Public Works Department and Local Fund Engineering officers concerned to bring as many more works as possible on the sanctioned scale at an early date.

RESOLUTION—No. 213, dated 18th June 1898.

The abstract of the programme of famine-relief works for 1898-99 received from the Collector of Tanjore will be submitted for the information of Government.

2. The programme is for the non-deltaic portion of the district—the only part considered liable to famine. Details of the various classes of works proposed and the amounts provided for them are given in paragraph 6 of the Collector's letter. The total provision made is Rs. 17,88,113 and it is calculated to afford employment for three months to 57.9 per cent. of the population.

3. Estimates are stated to be ready for only 6 per cent. of the total provision. This low percentage is attributed to the deputation of the Negapatam Executive Engineer's Division staff to famine duties till late in December. Now that the staff has returned to its ordinary duties, it may be hoped that the deficiency will be made up in the next year's programme.

4. Notwithstanding the Board's remarks in paragraph 3 of its Proceedings, No. 392, dated 22nd May 1897, it would seem that not a single work has been added to the sanctioned list in the present programme.

5. Of the seven road works referred to in paragraph 5 of the Collector's letter, in only one case (metalling road from Arantangi to Aiyangudi on road No. 19) in the Pattukkóttai taluk does the work provide much employment for famine relief; in the other cases by far the greatest portion of the allotment made for them is not, as is shown in the margin, available for the purpose of relief. The scarcity of stone and gravel, no doubt, makes it very hard to devise any useful road-work suitable for the employment of famine labour.

6. The following mistakes and omissions are noticed in the programme :—

Statement A.—(a) In the Tanjore taluk, item 1 under new roads in the last year's programme, referred to in paragraph 1 of the Collector's letter disposed of in B.P., Mis. No. 8668, dated 23rd October 1897, is omitted, without remark, in the present programme.

(b) In the Pattukkóttai taluk, the new road in item 2 is described as road from Pattukkóttai to Oratanad, whereas, in paragraph 3 of the Collector's letter last referred to, it is described as road No. 8 (Tanjore to Pattukkóttai) from Tanjore to Oratanad.

Description of work.	Total allotment.	Amount available for famine relief.
Rs.	Rs.	
<i>Tanjore taluk.</i>		
1. Gravelling road No. 8 from Tanjore to Oratanad, 16 miles	30,000	9,000
<i>Pattukkóttai taluk.</i>		
2. Metalling road from Pattukkóttai to Adirampatnam and to Mannargudi, 29 miles	1,75,000	15,000
3. Gravelling road No. 8 from Pattukkóttai to Oratanad, 14 miles	45,000	7,000
4. Gravelling road No. 75 from Arantangi to Nagaram, 12 miles	48,000	16,000
5. Metalling road from Kattumavadi to Arantangi, 11 miles	50,000	19,000
6. Gravelling road from Arantangi to Avadaiyarkoil, 9 miles	20,000	8,500
Total	3,68,000	74,500

(c) In the last-mentioned taluk, the length of the new road in item 10 is given as 9 miles but as 19 miles in the programme for 1896-97.

Statement B.—(d) The total number of irrigation works in the Pattukkottai taluk is, according to this statement, 246, but, according to the jamabandi statement No. 15, 258.

(e) The amounts in columns 7 and 9 against the Pattukkottai taluk are omitted, their total alone being given in column (11).

Statement C.—(f) In the Tanjore taluk, the total number of works in column 24 against "small" is 160 and not 140.

(g) The totals in columns 2 and 3 are omitted.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Tanjore.
" Superintending Engineer, V Circle.

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APPENDIX.
Form C.—Abstract statement of programme of famine-relief works in the Tanjore district for the year 1898-99.

Taluka.	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.	Number provided for.	Total per cent. of population.	New.	Repairs.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Miles.	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 Improvement .. Total ..	9,693 126,533 10,735 67 147,028	104.3	5	9,40,000	116	43,463	..	..	1	16	9,000
Pattukkottai ..	271	54,200	Large—Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Total ..	81,000 10,450 91,450	33.8	7	5,24,000	96	9,000	..	..	6	80	83,500
Total ..	412	82,400	Large—Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land Improvement .. Grand Total ..	207,533 21,215 67 238,508	57.9	14	14,64,000	212	52,463	..	..	7	96	92,500
												25	244	1,32,800
												33	301	59,820

APPENDIX.

Form C. — Abstract statement of programme of famine-relief works in the Tanjore district for the year 1898-99—*cont.*

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