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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

READ—the following letter from C. H. MOUNSEY, Esq., Acting Collector of Salem, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated 2nd April 1898, Register No. 1520 :—

I have the honour to submit, herewith, the programme of famine-relief works for 1898–99 prepared in the forms prescribed in the B.P., No. 411, dated 7th June 1892, as modified by the B.P., Nos. 502 and 360, dated 16th July 1892 and 6th September 1894, respectively.

2. Provision is made in the programme as follows :—

	RS.
(1) Irrigation works	2,15,987
(2) Forest fencing works	27,066
(3) Road works—	
(a) Breaking and stacking metal and storing gravel along the sides of the existing roads	23,18,750
(b) New roads	44,200
(4) Miscellaneous works—	
(a) Improvement of water-supply and village-site, &c. ...	33,073
(5) Works to be carried out by the aid of State loans	65,000
Total approximate cost ...	27,04,076

3. In forwarding his programme the President, District Board, states that the provision for new roads has been reduced by Rs. 6,31,500 in reference to the remarks contained in paragraph 3 of B.P., No. 349, dated 8th May 1897, that no works have been included in their stead as the District Board Engineer, to whom a copy of the above Proceedings was communicated, has not submitted any fresh proposals, that his attention will again be invited to it, and that every endeavour will be made to add some more works as early as possible. The works proposed are calculated to afford employment for a period of three months to 360,542 persons or 18 per cent. of the total population of the District according to the census of 1891. The proportion of the population for whom provision is made in each taluk for three months is more than 20 per cent. only in four taluks,* while it is less in the other taluks. Steps are, however, being taken for making provision for 20 per cent. of the population for three months in the other taluks also.

* Atúr. | Krishnagiri.
Hosúr. | Uttangarai.

4. It is necessary to have estimates ready to provide labour for 5 per cent. of the population (98,100) for three months. At the rate of Rs. 7-8-0 for three months per cooly the amount of the estimates ready should be Rs. 7,35,750. But estimates are ready for Rs. 16,39,538 in the several taluks of the District as noted below :—

Taluks. 1	Amount of estimates that ought to be ready in order to provide employment for 5 per cent. of the population for three months. 2	Amount of estimates ready. 3	Amount for which estimates have been got ready in excess of the requirements. 4
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Salem	1,56,375	2,99,029	1,42,654
Atúr	68,625	1,70,793	1,02,168
Hosúr	58,500	1,86,679	1,28,179
Dharmapuri	66,750	1,91,065	1,24,315
Krishnagiri	57,000	1,70,912	1,13,912
Tiruppattúr	70,875	1,06,234	35,359
Uttangarai	51,750	1,78,866	1,27,116
Námakkal	1,12,500	3,19,368	2,06,868
Tiruchengód	93,375	16,592	* ..
Total ..	7,35,750	16,39,538	9,03,788

* Rs. 76,783 (estimates not ready).

As estimates can be got ready for some more minor irrigation works, &c., all Tahsildars will be directed to have them prepared for a large number of irrigation works as well as for drinking-water wells and other works mentioned in their programmes. Steps will also be taken for having estimates for Rs. 93,000 and odd ready in the Tiruchengód taluk.

5. The irrigation works entered in the statement received from the Executive Engineer and the road works entered in the list received from the President, District Board, are shown in the statement A herewith submitted.

6. In this programme ample provision is made for minor irrigation works in all the taluks. The forest fencing works included in the programme have been sanctioned by the Conservator of Forests.

7. The Krishnagiri reservoir project, ordered in paragraph 5 of B.P., No. 349, dated 8th May 1897, to be retained, pending further investigation and the final orders of Government, has been included in this programme.

8. The taluks have been arranged in the order followed in the statement showing the charges of Divisional-officers.

RESOLUTION—No. 237, dated 7th July 1898.

An abstract prepared by the Board of the programme of famine-relief works for 1898–99, received from the Collector of Salem, will be submitted for the information of Government.

2. The total provision made in the programme amounts to Rs. 27,04,076 under heads particularized in paragraph 2 of the letter read above. This, when compared with the provision made in the previous year's programme, shows a decrease of a little over 7 lakhs; of this, the sum of Rs. 6,31,500 represents the approximate cost of some new road works which, if constructed, the District Board would be unable to maintain. These have been excluded from the current programme. The remaining works are calculated to provide employment, in a period of distress, for 18 per cent. of the total population of the District, the prescribed minimum being 20 per cent. The percentage of the population provided for is below this mark in all taluks except Atúr, Hosúr, Krishnagiri and Uttangarai; it is only 13 per cent. in Salem and 16 per cent. in Námakkal. The Collector in paragraph 3 of his letter states that steps are being taken to enlarge the provision in those taluks where it is below the prescribed minimum.

3. From paragraph 7 of the report recorded in G.O., No. 465, Revenue, dated 17th June 1897, recorded in B.P., Mis. No. 5310, dated 13th July 1897, it is observed that the total amount of estimates duly sanctioned and available for immediate execution, in case of necessity, was as follows :—

	RS.
Amount of estimates presented in June 1897 for examination ...	16,70,301
Amount of estimates not presented but said to be then in taluk offices, about	50,000
Total ...	17,20,301

Deducting from this sum Rs. 96,550, which is the amount of the estimates of the excluded road works referred to in the preceding paragraph, the net amount of the estimates prepared up to June 1897 would be Rs. 16,23,751. The amount for which detailed estimates are now stated to be ready is Rs. 16,39,538. This shows that but little progress has been made during the last 12 months in preparing estimates. Although the estimates at present ready amount to 62·1 per cent. of the total provision (excluding the provision on account of the loan works) and may be considered to be generally sufficient, detailed estimates have yet to be got ready for large works to cost Rs. 8,02,172, especially in the Tiruchengód taluk, where they have not been prepared for any of the proposed road works to cost Rs. 3,16,600. The Collector, in his capacity as the President of the District Board, should, as laid down in section 9 (3) of the Madras Famine Code, see to the preparation, in the ordinary course, of these estimates by the Engineering Establishment concerned.

4. The Collector shows, as an additional work at the end of the programme, the Krishnagiri reservoir project, estimated to cost 30 lakhs. Regarding this and the Vaniár project, the opinion of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation was sought in paragraph 2 of the G.O., No. 465, Revenue, dated 17th June 1897. It is not known whether any report has been received by Government from that officer.

5. It is observed that, in numerous cases, works which are "small" within the meaning of section 59 of the Famine Code have been included under "large" works. These errors have been corrected in the revised statement appended, and should not be allowed to recur.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Salem (Divisional-officers—Tahsildars).

Exd. W. D'Moss.

[Appendix.

APPENDIX.

FORM C.—Abstract statement of programme of famine-relief works in the Salem District for the year 1898–99.

Taluks.	Population in thousands by Census of 1891.	Maximum number of persons in thousands 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.	Number provided for.	Total percentage of population	New.		Repairs.		Number.	Amount.	New.		
						Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.			Number.	Miles.	Amount.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
									RS.		RS.			RS.
1. Salem	417	83·4	Large— Sanctioned	38,653		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Not sanctioned	..		..	..	24	11,750	3	5,115	2	..	4,000
			Small	11,050		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Land Improvement	3,600		..	..	..	..					
			Total ..	53,303	13	..	..	24	11,750	3	5,115	2	..	4,000
2. Atur	183	36·6	Large— Sanctioned	28,560		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Not sanctioned	..		..	..	48	47,350	..	..	5	13	11,700
			Small	9,796		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Land Improvement	533		..	..							
			Total ..	38,889	21	..	..	48	47,350	..	..	5	13	11,700
3. Hosúr	156	31·2	Large— Sanctioned	28,254		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Not sanctioned	2,267		..	..	193	50,042	3	6,270	..	..	..
			Small	8,317		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Land Improvement	400		..	..							
			Total ..	39,238	25	..	..	193	50,042	3	6,270	..	..	..
4. Dharmapuri ..	178	35·6	Large— Sanctioned	25,960		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Not sanctioned	..		..	..	63	18,842	..	..	..	..	..
			Small	4,486		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Land Improvement	933		..	..							
			Total ..	31,379	18	..	..	63	18,842	..	..	..	..	..
5. Krishnagiri ..	152	30·4	Large— Sanctioned	25,260		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Not sanctioned	3,287		..	..	99	27,224	2	324	..	..	..
			Small	5,855		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Land Improvement	267		..	..							
			Total ..	34,669	23	..	..	99	27,224	2	324	..	..	..

Abstract statement of programme of famine-relief works in the Salem District for the year 1898–99—*cont.*

Taluks.	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.	Approximate cost.	Number.	Cost.
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.
1. Salem	16	2,89,900	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	2,89,900	16	2,53,230
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	29	48,000	48	5,850	26	8,160	74	14,010	132	82,875	23	45,799
	..	..	..	..	..	27,000	..	27,000	..	27,000	..	..
Total ..	45	3,37,900	48	5,850	26	35,160	74	41,010	148	3,99,775	39	2,99,029
2. Atur	9	2,14,200	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	2,14,200	9	1,46,218
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	2	13,600	5	518	4	300	9	818	64	73,468	29	24,575
	..	..	..	..	..	4,000	..	4,000	..	4,000	..	..
Total ..	11	2,27,800	5	518	4	4,300	9	4,818	73	2,91,668	38	1,70,793
3. Hosúr	11	2,11,910	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	2,11,910	11	1,38,207
	1	17,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	17,000	..	..
	1	5,100	6	723	4	243	10	966	207	62,378	143	48,472
	..	..	..	..	..	3,000	..	3,000	..	3,000	..	..
Total ..	13	2,34,010	6	723	4	3,243	10	3,966	219	2,94,288	154	1,86,679
4. Dharmapuri	9	1,94,700	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	1,94,700	9	1,66,020
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	2	11,050	..	..	13	3,749	13	3,749	78	33,641	56	25,045
	..	..	..	..	..	7,000	..	7,000	..	7,000	..	..
Total ..	11	2,05,750	..	..	13	10,749	13	10,749	87	2,35,341	65	1,91,065
5. Krishnagiri	9	1,89,450	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	1,89,450	9	1,37,231
	3	24,650	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	24,650	..	..
	2	13,600	3	548	4	2,217	7	2,765	110	43,913	109	33,681
	..	..	..	..	..	2,000	..	2,000	..	2,000	..	..
Total ..	14	2,27,700	3	548	4	4,217	7	4,765	122	2,60,018	118	1,70,912

Abstract statement of programme of famine-relief works in the Salem District for the year 1898–99—*cont.*

Taluks.	Population in thousands by Census of 1891.	Maximum number of persons in thousands 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.		
						New.		Repairs.				New.		
			Class of work.	Number provided for.	Total percentage of populatio .	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Miles.	Amount.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
									RS.		RS.			RS.
6. Tiruppattúr ..	189	37·8	Large—											
			Sanctioned	16,000		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Not sanctioned	15,733		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Small	4,117		..	..	92	9,980	4	342	1	9	13,500
			Land Improvement ..	267		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Total ..	36,117	19	..	..	92	9,980	4	342	1	9	13,500
7. Úttangarai ..	138	27·6	Large—											
			Sanctioned	20,619		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Not sanctioned	1,386		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Small	9,830		..	..	58	14,282	8	15,015	..	..	..
			Land Improvement ..	133		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Total ..	31,968	23	..	..	58	14,282	8	15,015	..	..	..
8. Námakkal ..	300	60·0	Large—											
			Sanctioned	41,027		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Not sanctioned	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Small	5,886		..	..	69	16,450	..	..	7	10	15,000
			Land Improvement ..	533		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Total ..	47,446	16	..	..	69	16,450	..	..	7	10	15,000
9. Tiruchengód ..	249	49·8	Large—											
			Sanctioned	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Not sanctioned	41,480		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Small	4,053		..	..	39	20,067	..	..	..	..	..
			Land Improvement ..	2,000		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Total ..	47,533	19	..	..	39	20,067	..	..	..	..	..
District Total ..	1,962	392·4	Large—											
			Sanctioned	224,333		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Not sanctioned	64,153		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Small	63,390		..	..	685	2,15,987	20	27,066	15	32	44,200
			Land Improvement	8,666		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Grand total ..	360,542	18	..	..	685	2,15,987	20	27,066	15	32	44,200

Abstract statement of programme of famine-relief works in the Salem District for the year 1898-99—*cont.*

Taluks.	Road works—*cont.* Repairs. Number.	Road works—*cont.* Repairs. Amount.	Miscellaneous works. Drinking water supply. Number.	Miscellaneous works. Drinking water supply. Amount.	Miscellaneous works. Others. Number.	Miscellaneous works. Others. Amount.	Miscellaneous works. Total. Number.	Miscellaneous works. Total. Amount.	Grand Total. Number.	Grand Total. Approximate cost.	Works for which estimates are ready. Number.	Works for which estimates are ready. Cost.
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.
6. Tiruppattúr	5 4 1 ..	1,20,000 1,18,000 6,000 ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. .. 1 ..	.. .. 1,050 2,000	.. .. 1 ..	.. .. 1,050 2,000	5 4 99 ..	1,20,000 1,18,000 30,872 2,000	5 .. 27 ..	93,323 .. 12,911 ..
Total ..	10	2,44,000	..	..	1	3,050	1	3,050	108	2,70,872	32	1,06,234
7. Uttangarai	8 1 8 ..	1,54,640 10,400 41,950 ..	.. .. 4 ..	.. .. 825 ..	.. .. 19 ..	.. .. 1,658 1,000	.. .. 23 ..	.. .. 2,483 1,000	8 1 97 ..	1,54,640 10,400 73,730 1,000	8 .. 70 ..	1,19,549 .. 59,317 ..
Total ..	17	2,06,990	4	825	19	2,658	23	3,483	106	2,39,770	78	1,78,866
8. Námakkal	15 .. 5 ..	3,07,700 .. 10,300 ..	.. .. 22 ..	.. .. 1,619 ..	.. .. 19 ..	.. .. 778 4,000	.. .. 41 ..	.. .. 2,397 4,000	15 .. 122 ..	3,07,700 .. 44,147 4,000	15 .. 26 ..	3,07,700 .. 11,668 ..
Total ..	20	3,18,000	22	1,619	19	4,718	41	6,397	137	3,55,847	41	3,19,368
9. Tiruchengód	.. 15 1 ..	.. 3,11,100 5,500 ..	.. .. 3 ..	.. .. 2,750 ..	.. .. 3 ..	.. .. 2,085 15,000	.. .. 6 ..	.. .. 4,835 15,000	.. 15 46 ..	.. 3,11,100 30,402 15,000	.. .. 23 ..	.. .. 16,592 ..
Total ..	16	3,16,600	3	2,750	3	17,085	6	19,835	61	3,56,502	23	16,592
District Total	82 24 51 ..	16,82,500 4,81,150 1,55,100 ..	.. .. 91 ..	.. .. 12,833 ..	.. .. 93 ..	.. .. 20,240 65,000	.. .. 184 ..	.. .. 33,073 65,000	82 24 955 ..	16,82,500 4,81,150 4,75,426 65,000	82 .. 506 ..	13,61,478 .. 2,78,060 ..
Grand total ..	157	23,18,750	91	12,833	93	85,240	184	98,073	1,061	27,04,076	588	16,39,538

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