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Famine-relief works.—Reviewing the programme of — for 1898-99 from the Collector of North Arcot.

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

READ—the following letter from J. K. BATTEN, Esq., Acting Collector and District Magistrate, North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Chittoor, 23rd May 1898, Ref. on Cur. No. 607-Eng.:—

I have the honour to submit herewith the programme of famine-relief works for 1898-99 in forms A and C.

2. Of the four works shown at the end of statement A in last year's programme as additional works, Morthana project in Gudiyattam Taluk and a small anicut project in Chendragiri Taluk have been omitted in the current year's programme with reference to B.P., Mis. No. 9443, dated 23rd November 1897. The causeway across Kam- mandala river referred to in paragraph 7 of B.P., No. 432, dated 12th June 1897, and three other causeways in Chittoor Taluk involving an estimated amount of Rupees 22,000 and a bridge over the Kaveripauk surplus main channel for Rs. 5,500 have also been omitted as these are masonry works requiring skilled labour and are therefore unsuitable for famine-relief work.

3. The programme provides labour for 24 per cent. of the total population of the District for three months. The provision made is generally sufficient and is above the prescribed minimum (viz., 20 per cent.) in all Taluks and Divisions except Vellore, Puttur and Punganur. The deficiency in these latter tracts is very small. In paragraph 2 of the second Board's Proceedings referred to above, the provision has now been increased by 6 and 13 per cent., respectively, as compared with the previous year. The total provision for the District is also in excess of that of last year by 2 per cent.

4. Excluding the two additional works entered at the end of statement A, the other works proposed represent an expenditure of Rs. 39,17,696, of which eight lakhs represent the outlay to be incurred on irrigation works, 21 lakhs on road works and 10 lakhs on forest fencing works and miscellaneous works, such as drinking water-supply, improvement of village-site, sinking of wells, &c. Estimates are ready for 1,741 works involving an amount of Rs. 22,20,443.

5. Statement B will be submitted shortly. It has not been submitted with this for want of certain information from the Sub-Collector and the Head Assistant Collector who have been reminded on the subject.

READ—also letter from the same officer dated 4th June 1898, Dis. No. 927-Eng., submitting statement B of the famine programme for 1898-99.

RESOLUTION—No. 278, dated 3rd August 1898.

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

2. The following table shows the nature of the works and the sums provided for them in lakhs of rupees:—

Classes of works.	Large.		Small.	Total.
	Sanctioned.	Unsanctioned.		
Irrigation works { New (53)	..	0.61	1.13	1.74
.. { Repairs	..	0.10	6.47	6.57
Forest-fencing	..	0.09	0.06	0.15
Roads { New (1,537½ miles)	2.68	3.30	7.49	13.47
.. { Repairs	1.95	0.10	4.46	6.51
Drinking water-supply	0.56	0.08	5.64	6.28
Other miscellaneous works ..	..	0.08	1.87	1.95
Land improvement works ..	..	..	2.51	2.51
Total	5.19	4.36	29.63	39.18

In addition to this provision, two additional irrigation works to cost roughly Rs. 40,000 are shown at the end of the

	RS.
Wallajah Taluk—	
Repairs to Balakristnapuram group	5,000
Chandragiri Taluk—	
Tirupati large tank	4,000
Gudiyattam Taluk—	
Repairs to Pasumattoor tank	10,000
Wandiwash Taluk—	
Channel from Oolandai anikat	5,000
Do. from Desur	5,000
Repairs to Vinnamangalam tank	5,000
Do. to Vedamangur tank	5,000
Do. to Anathur tank	5,000
Polar Taluk—	
Manjalur embanking	7,000
Improvement of irrigation works under Aliabad anikat	13,000
Chittoor Taluk—	
Supply channel to Karakampalli Mushti yeri ..	20,000
Do. to Kukulapalli tank	10,000
Repairs to the supply channel to Pilleri yeri of Kanipakkam	5,000

programme, but the stage which the investigation thereof has reached has not been stated, as required by instruction (5) on page 40 of the Famine Code. No information is given in respect of the preparation of estimates for the marginally noted irrigation works included in the programme. This should be obtained from the Public Works Department before another programme is prepared.

3. The total estimated cost of the works shown in the programme and the amount for which estimates have been got ready are mentioned in paragraph 4 of the

Collector's letter. The works are considered capable of providing employment during a period of three months for 24.83 per cent. of the total population of the District. The provision is generally adequate for all parts of the District.

4. The total amount for which estimates are ready is Rs. 22,20,443 or 60.6 per cent. of the total provision excluding the land improvement works. The total estimated cost of large works amounts to Rs. 9,55,219 and the sanctioned estimates for such works to Rs. 4,92,339, while estimates are ready for Rs. 68,315 in the case of unsanctioned works. It is, however, observed that there is no large work on the sanctioned list in the Gudiyattam and Wandiwash Taluks, and the Kangundi and Arni Divisions, while there is no large work at all in the Palmanér taluk. The length of new roads (1,538 miles) included is probably far in excess of what the Local Board could maintain in addition to the existing roads.

5. The statements submitted by the Collector call for the following remarks:—

(1) Statement A.—The lengths of No. 13 new road work in the Wallajah Taluk and of No. 8 in the Wandiwash Taluk have not been given. This information should be supplied.

(2) It is observed that portions of the amounts shown in column 3 against certain new roads in the Puttur Division relate to masonry works for which estimates have been called for. As masonry works involve skilled labour, and are therefore unsuited for famine-relief, care should be taken to exclude such items and to show in the programme only such sums as are actually available for unskilled labour.

Statement B.—The sums entered in columns 7 and 9 relate to 1,151 irrigation works, viz., (a) 1,096 repairs or improvements to existing works, (b) 53 new

works, and (c) two additional works. Items (b) and (c) should in future be omitted from the columns referred to. In them should be shown only items (a) which should correspond with the entries in column 10 of statement C.

Statement C.—The entries in column 5 against the District total seem to have been calculated on the corresponding entries in column 25. This is incorrect. They should be the totals of figures in the same column shown against the several Taluks and Divisions.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. BENSON,
Dy. Dir., L. Rds. and Agri.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with a copy in MS. of B.P., Mis. No. 9443, dated 23rd
November 1897 (*vide* paragraph 2 of Collector's letter).
Collector of North Arcot (Divisional officers—Tahsildars).

Exd. P. Seetharam.

[Appendix.

APPENDIX.
Form C.—Abstract statement of programme of famine-relief works in the North Arcot District for the year 1898-99.

Taluk.	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 works.	Number provided for on	Percentage to the total population.	New.		Repairs.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Miles.	Amount.	
						Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Wallaja ..	239	47,800	Large—	16,593	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	31	44,920	
			Sanctioned ..	15,600	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	81	1,17,000
			Not sanctioned ..	32,426	..	9	9,610	116	79,783	1	2,800	13	37	39,610	
			Small ..	6,667	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Land Improvement ..	71,286	..	9	9,610	116	79,783	1	2,800	26	149	2,01,530	
Total ..					29.82										
Chendragiri ..	114	22,800	Large—	10,816	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	31	36,840	
			Sanctioned ..	29,400	..	..	4,000	105	51,600	..	..	10	46	46,210	
			Not sanctioned ..	1,333	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Small ..	41,549	..	1	4,000	105	51,600	..	..	13	77	83,050	
			Land Improvement ..	Total ..			36.44								
Vellore ..	193	38,600	Large—	9,432	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
			Sanctioned ..	1,080	..	..	..	39	20,951	..	..	3	9½	2,105	
			Not sanctioned ..	22,407	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Small ..	6,333	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Land Improvement ..	Total ..			19.81								
Gadiyattam ..	177	35,400	Large—	4,550	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
			Sanctioned ..	34,821	..	..	12,000	119	68,800	..	..	26	77½	58,233	
			Not sanctioned ..	1,600	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Small ..	40,971	..	2	12,000	120	78,800	1	850	28	95½	74,233	
			Land Improvement ..	Total ..			23.14								

Abstract statement of programme of famine-relief works in the North Arcot District for the year 1898-99—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.	Approximate cost.	Number.	Cost.		
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27				
Wallaja	7	71,730	1	7,800	..	..	1	7,800	12	1,24,450	12	1,05,058				
	86	65,460	106	35,010	36	10,925	142	45,935	9	1,17,000	184	1,52,688				
	..	..	..	..	..	50,000	..	50,000	367	2,43,198	..	..				
Total ..	93	1,37,190	107	42,810	36	60,925	143	1,03,735	388	5,34,648	196	2,57,746				
Chendragiri	3	44,281	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	81,121	6	78,993				
	25	60,011	47	34,800	97	23,880	144	68,680	285	2,20,501	167	1,68,673				
	..	..	..	..	..	10,000	..	10,000	..	10,000	..	..				
Total ..	28	1,04,292	47	34,800	97	33,880	144	68,680	291	3,11,622	173	2,37,666				
Vellore	3	22,790	3	47,950	..	..	3	47,950	5	70,740	5	70,740				
	23	71,620	42	8,100	..	4,500	44	8,100	1	8,100	1	8,100				
	..	..	..	68,787	2	40,000	..	73,377	109	1,68,083	99	1,42,703				
Total ..	25	94,410	46	1,24,837	2	44,590	48	1,69,427	115	2,86,893	105	2,21,643				
Gadiyattam	..	..	..	..	..	8,125	..	8,125	..	34,125	..	8,125				
	76	20,215	73	62,860	153	38,202	226	1,01,062	4	2,61,160	203	1,09,315				
	..	..	..	..	..	12,000	..	12,000	450	12,000	..	..				
Total ..	76	20,215	73	62,860	154	58,327	227	1,21,187	454	3,07,285	204	1,17,440				

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			Class of works.		Number provided for on.		New.		Repairs.	New.		Amount.	New.		Amount.
			Large—Sanctioned	Small—Not sanctioned	Percentage to the total population.	Number.	Amount.	Number.		Number.	Amount.		Number.	Miles.	
Arcot ..	176	35,200	Large—Sanctioned	..	1,107	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	10	8,300
			Not sanctioned	..	37,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	126	73,545
			Small—Land Improvement	..	1,206	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Total	..	39,313	22.33	14	14,130	202	1,22,404	1	460	29	136	81,845
Wandiwash ..	178	35,600	Large—Sanctioned	..	7,667	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Not sanctioned	..	43,306	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	36	38,000
			Small—Land Improvement	..	5,333	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	51	56,312
			Total	..	56,306	31.63	12	57,670	156	1,34,068	..	..	23	87	94,312
Polar ..	140	28,000	Large—Sanctioned	..	2,195	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Not sanctioned	..	4,105	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	9	7,960
			Small—Land Improvement	..	21,672	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	37	40,520
			Total	..	33,305	23.78	5	16,370	109	75,847	..	..	15	58	57,480
Chittoor ..	200	40,000	Large—Sanctioned	..	1,067	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Not sanctioned	..	7,840	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	7	8,000
			Small—Land Improvement	..	30,563	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	15	20,000
			Total	..	41,470	20.73	2	4,300	114	57,356	1	2,200	37	117	83,600
Palmanér ..	48	9,600	Large—Sanctioned	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Not sanctioned	..	10,686	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Small—Land Improvement	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	62	23,550
			Total	..	10,686	22.26	4	4,475	135	35,706	..	..	14	62	23,550

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

Taluk.	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.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.						
									16	17	18	19	20	21
Arcot	..	Rs. ..	..	Rs. ..	..	Rs. ..	..	Rs. ..	1	Rs. 8,300	..	Rs. 8,300	..	Rs. 8,300
	5	26,700	..	27,023	..	25	13,241	71	40,264	321	2,77,503	183	1,86,831	
	..	..	..	..	..	..	9,050	..	9,050	..	9,050	..	..	
	Total ..	5	26,700	46	27,023	25	22,291	71	49,314	322	2,94,853	184	1,95,131	
Wandiwash	..	10,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25,500
	17	22,434	72	35,360	37	28,455	109	63,815	312	3,24,799	226	1,79,696		
	..	..	..	..	..	40,000	..	40,000	..	40,000	..	..	..	..
	Total ..	18	32,434	72	35,360	37	68,455	109	1,03,815	318	4,22,299	229	2,06,096	
Polar	1	8,500	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	16,460	2	16,460	2	16,460
	4	17,053	42	12,750	..	..	..	..	3	30,790	2	17,790	62	78,840
	..	..	..	..	..	40,000	..	40,000	173	1,62,540	..	..	..	..
	Total ..	5	25,553	42	12,750	..	40,000	42	52,750	178	2,49,790	66	1,13,090	
Chittoor	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	8,000	1	8,000	1	8,000
	25	60,420	49	24,350	..	..	..	..	5	58,800	133	1,63,170	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	12,000	..	12,000	228	2,32,226	..	..	..	..
	Total ..	25	60,420	49	24,350	..	12,000	49	36,350	234	3,11,626	135	1,79,970	
Palmanér	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	17	12,915	21	2,500	29	1,003	50	3,503	220	80,149	78	42,821	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Total ..	17	12,915	21	2,500	29	1,003	50	3,503	220	80,149	78	42,821	

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			Class of works.	Number provided for on.	Percentage to the total population.	Number.	New.		Repairs.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Miles.
							Number.	Amount.						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Puttur division ..	156	31,200	Large—Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small Land Improvement	7,974	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	45	Rs. 44,303
			Total	21,914	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	62,007
Tirutani division ..	173	34,600	Large—Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small Land Improvement	29,888	19-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	116	1,08,310
			Total	6,189	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	32	29,300
Kalahasti division.	71	14,200	Large—Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small Land Improvement	3,213	21-83	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	69	69,000
			Total	18,760	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	37	45,620
Kangundi division.	54	10,800	Large—Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small Land Improvement	21,973	30-94	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	124	76,450
			Total	6,420	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arni jaghire ..	92	18,400	Large—Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small Land Improvement	14,298	26-47	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	129	85,050
			Total	2,667	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Total	22,355	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Total	2,666	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Total	27,688	30-09	..	..	..	..	..	..	38	119	1,04,155

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

Taluk.	Road works—cont.				Miscellaneous works.						Grand Total.		Works for which estimates are ready.	
	Repairs.		Drinking-water supply.		Others.		Total.		Approximate cost.	Number.	Approximate cost.	Number.	Cost.	Number.
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.						
Puttur division	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	27	27
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	2	15,500	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	3	15,200	77	83,450	14	3,700	91	87,150	106	1,64,357	53	1,15,193	..	..
Total ..	5	30,700	77	83,450	14	3,700	91	87,150	112	2,24,100	59	1,65,601	..	..
Tirutani division	2	17,120	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	4	15,570	195	88,342	232	18,502	427	1,06,844	440	1,67,934	99	69,332	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	6	32,650	195	88,342	232	18,502	427	1,06,844	462	2,83,354	104	1,15,752	..	..
Total ..	1	8,100	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	24,100	3	24,100	..	..
Kalahasti division	3	13,200	39	43,500	65	23,550	104	67,050	126	1,40,700	110	1,15,050	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	4	21,300	39	43,500	65	23,550	104	67,050	129	1,64,800	113	1,39,150	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	7	18,980	6	1,000	19	2,210	24	3,210	47	1,07,340	3	11,680	..	..
Kangundi division	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	7	18,980	6	1,000	19	2,210	24	3,210	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	27	21,257	57	44,080	38	18,175	95	62,255	158	1,67,667	79	1,00,837	..	..
Total ..	27	21,257	67	44,080	38	18,175	95	62,255	160	2,07,667	79	1,00,837	..	..

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		Class of works.		Number provided for on.		New.		Repairs.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Miles.	Amount.	Miles.
		Large—Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land Improvement ..	Percent- age to the total population.	..	..	..	..	..	..						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	15
Punganur division.	92	18,400	Large—Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land Improvement ..	10,648 .. 4,540 2,400	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	60	72,160	..
District Total	2,103	420,600	Large—Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land Improvement ..	69,234 58,129 361,519 33,471	19.11	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	95	1,01,220	..
			Grand total ..	522,353	24.89	53	1,74,345	1,096	6,56,515	5	15,110	312	1,637	13,46,710	..

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

Taluk.	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.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.				
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Pungandur division ..	1	7,700	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	79,860	7	79,860
..	2	4,900	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34,050	6	83,960
..	..	..	..	..	..	18,000	..	18,000	..	18,000	..	..
Total ..	3	12,600	..	..	..	18,000	..	18,000	14	1,31,910	13	1,13,420
District Total ..	19	1,95,721	4	65,750	..	8,125	4	65,750	48	5,19,254	48	4,92,339
..	1	10,000	1	8,100	1	1,86,433	2	16,225	40	4,35,965	8	68,315
..	394	4,46,025	871	6,63,812	747	2,51,050	1,618	7,50,245	3,346	27,11,427	1,685	16,59,789
..	..	..	..	..	..	2,51,050	..	2,51,050	..	2,51,050	..	..
Grand total ..	344	6,51,746	876	6,27,602	748	4,45,608	1,624	10,73,270	3,434	39,17,696	1,741	22,30,443

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ORDER THEREON, No. 3586 Mls, dated the 1st September 1898.

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(True Extract)

J. J. J.
For Under Secretary to Government.

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The Local and Municipal Dept.

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