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JANUARY. *officers concerned.*

Famine Expenditure.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), Mis. No. 8, dated 3rd January 1898 :—

Read—again Board's Proceedings, No. 9923, dated 12th December 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Communicating, with remarks, to certain Collectors G.O., Mis. No. 6359, Revenue, dated 10th December 1897.

Read—also file of replies from Collectors to the above.

Resolution—Mis. No. 8, dated 3rd January 1898.

The Famine Commissioner begs to submit the estimate of probable expenditure on famine relief during 1898–99 called for in G.O., Mis. No. 6359, Revenue, dated the 10th ultimo.

2. The figures furnished can only be regarded as representing a very rough estimate of the requirements, for it cannot be said, with any approach to accuracy, what the state of the season will be in the ensuing year. The estimate has been based on the assumption that both the monsoons of the year 1898 will be up to the average; and that relief measures will be necessary only in the districts noted in the margin, in consequence of the partial failure of the north-east monsoon of this year.

3. A memorandum explaining the details of the estimate for each district is appended to these Proceedings.

Nellore.	Chingleput.
Cuddapah.	North Arcot.
Kurnool.	Trichinopoly.
Anantapur.	

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,
for Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with estimate and explanatory memorandum.

APPENDICES.

Explanatory memorandum.

Ganjām.—The amount provided for this district under 33-A represents the cost of the establishment entertained at the Central Weaver's depôt, which will have to be paid during the next official year. No other famine expenditure is anticipated.

Kurnool.—The estimate is based on the assumption that relief measures will be necessary from April 1898 to September 1898 in the Markapur taluk.

Under "Salaries and Establishments" provision is made for the entertainment of the following special establishments :—

Three Circle Inspectors on Rs. 70 each for five months.
Three peons for Circle Inspectors on Rs. 6 each for five months.
Five kitchen superintendents on Rs. 15 each for six months.
Five " " on " 20 " for " "

A storekeeper, a paymaster, an appraiser, a clerk on Rs. 15, two attenders and two weighers for five months at an aggregate cost of Rs. 167 per mensem.
One Special Deputy Tahsildar for weavers-relief operations on Rs. 100 for five months.
One clerk on Rs. 15 to Special Deputy Tahsildar for five months.

A sum of Rs. 150 is also included under the same head on account of the travelling allowance of the Special Deputy Tahsildar and his establishment.

The amount shown under 33-C represents the probable expenditure on account of advances to weavers, while under 33-G provision is made for the entertainment of a Special Deputy Collector for four months, a Special Deputy Tahsildar for six months, two Loans Revenue Inspectors for five months and their establishments, costing Rs. 2,460 in all for the whole period. Under the latter head, viz., 33-G, are also included the pay of two extra medical subordinates for famine work, and batta to Government servants Rs. 2,000 on account of dearness of provisions.

Anantapur.—The estimate is based on the assumption that relief will be necessary for four months, viz., April—July. The estimate under "Establishments" is fixed at one-third of the revised estimate for 1897–98. No provision is made under "Salaries" as the services of a special relief officer are considered unnecessary. Under 33-C a sum of Rs. 20,000 is provided for the relief of weavers in the Tadpatri taluk.

Cuddapah.—The estimate is based on the assumption that relief measures will have to be undertaken, on a small scale, during the next hot weather in portions of seven taluks. No provision is made for the relief of weavers in their own trade as it is thought that they can safely tide over the season, and can resort to relief works, if necessary.

Under 33-A provision is made for the undermentioned special establishments :—

Twenty-five paymasters on Rs. 30 each for four months.
Twenty kitchen superintendents on Rs. 15 each for four months.
Twenty overseers on Rs. 40 each for four months.
Twenty overseers' clerks on Rs. 15 each for four months.
Ten Circle Inspectors on Rs. 60 each for four months.
Ten Circle Inspectors' peons on Rs. 6 each for four months.

The amount shown under 33-G includes the salary of a Special Assistant Collector on (Rs. 675 per mensem) for four months and of a Special Deputy Collector (Rs. 250 per mensem) for the same period. Provision is also made under this head for the entertainment for four months of—

Three Deputy Tahsildars on Rs. 100 each.
One clerk to the Special Deputy Collector on Rs. 20.
One clerk for the Collector's office on Rs. 20.
One accountant for the Collector's office on Rs. 20.
Seven taluk clerks on Rs. 20 each.
Seven taluk accountants on Rs. 15 each.
Two peons for the Special Deputy Collector on Rs. 7 each.
Three peons for the three Deputy Tahsildars on Rs. 6 each.

Under 33-H a sum of two lakhs is provided. This represents the probable amount of land revenue remissions.

Nellore.—(Vide Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 10177, dated 28th December 1897.)

North Arcot.—The estimate is based on the assumption that relief measures will be necessary in parts of Polur and Wandiwash from April to July. Provision is made under 33-B for the relief of 3,000 persons *per diem* for four months on works and of 500 persons in other ways. Under 33-G provision is made for two Special Deputy Tahsildars on Rs. 100, with their establishments for four months.

Chingleput.—The estimate under 33-B is based on the assumption that work will have to be provided for 7,500 persons *per diem* for a period of four months. The cost is calculated at 1½ as per head *per diem*. The amount shown under 33-A includes charges on account of the following :—

Six Circle Inspectors on Rs. 70 each for four months.
Twenty-five paymasters on Rs. 30 each for four months.
Nine kitchen superintendents on Rs. 20 each for four months.

Under 33-C a sum of Rs. 5,000 is provided for the relief of weavers in the Conjeeveram and Ponneri taluks. The provision made under 33-G includes the salary of a Special Assistant to the Collector (Rs. 4,500 for four months) and that of a Special Deputy Collector (Rs. 250 per mensem) for the same period to relieve the Sub-Collector of his ordinary duties. The amount also includes the pay for four months of three Deputy Tahsildars on Rs. 100 each to relieve Tahsildars of their ordinary work.

Three Deputy Tahsildars' clerks on Rs. 15 each.
 Three " peons on " 6 each.
 Two Special Deputy Collectors' peons on Rs. 7 each.
 One clerk for the Collector's office on Rs. 40.
 One accountant for the Collector's office on Rs. 20.
 One Deputy Collector's clerk on Rs. 20.

Trichinopoly.—The estimates under 33-B and 33-D are based on the assumption that relief works will have to be provided for three months (April to June) for 2,000 persons *per diem* in Udayarpalaiyam taluk, 5,000 in Kulittalai and 3,000 in Musiri; and that 2,000 persons will have to be relieved daily otherwise in all the taluks together during the above period.

ESTIMATE of probable expenditure on account of famine relief in 1898-99.

Items.	Ganjān.	Kurnool.	Anantapur.	Cuddapah.	Nellore.	North Arcot.	Chingleput.	Trichinopoly.	Total.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Salaries and establishments (33-A).	500	3,750	5,800	11,500	4,100	5,500	2,400	..	33,550
Relief works in charge of Civil officers 33-B.	..	5,000	4,000	10,000	2,53,667	30,000	75,000	75,000	4,52,667
Relief to people employed otherwise than on relief works (33-C).	..	20,000	20,000	..	..	..	5,000	..	45,000
Gratuitous relief (33-D) ..	..	20,000	15,000	10,000	5,000	4,000	6,500	11,200	71,700
Miscellaneous (33-E) ..	..	..	..	1,000	100	800	1,000	..	2,900
Total, Civil Department ..	500	48,750	44,800	32,500	2,62,867	40,300	89,900	86,200	6,05,817
Relief works in charge of Public Works Department officers (33-F).	..	1,20,000	..	1,50,000	..	..	..	..	3,50,000
Total, 33 Famine Relief ..	500	1,68,750	44,800	1,82,500	3,12,867	38,800	92,900	67,500	10,03,617
Famine expenditure debited to other service heads (33-G).	..	5,250	..	6,000	8,833	1,200	7,100	..	28,383
Other measures of relief, viz., relinquishment of revenue on account of famine (33-H).	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Grand total, Famine Relief.	500	2,69,000	44,800	3,88,500	3,21,700	40,000	1,00,000	67,500	12,32,000

READ—also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 31st December 1897, Mis. No. 10186:—

Read—the following letter from the Collector of Kurnool, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated 22nd December 1897, R. C. No. 2195-F:—

As directed in Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 9923, dated 14th December 1897, I have the honour to submit, herewith, a preliminary estimate of probable expenditure on famine relief in this district for the ensuing year 1898-99. The estimate has been framed on the supposition that relief measures may become necessary in the Markapur taluk. The relief measures, if any, may have to be started from February next and continued till the end of September.

2. As it is difficult at present to accurately forecast the expenditure that will be incurred in the months of February and March, I request that a lump sum of Rupees 50,000 may be provided for in the estimate for the current official year, and the accompanying estimate taken to relate exclusively to the next year.

ENCLOSURE.

BUDGET estimate of Famine expenditure for 1898-99.

Detailed estimate No. 33. Famine Relief.	1898-99.	Remarks.
	RS.	
33-A. Salaries of Superior officers—	500	One Special Deputy Tahsildar on Rs. 100 for weavers-relief operations for five months.
Other Special officers	1,140	Three Circle Inspectors on Rs. 70 for five months.
Establishments—		
II. On village relief inspection	1,050	Ten superintendents for six months on salaries varying from Rs. 15 to Rs. 20.
IV. In kitchens	835	One depot with one storekeeper, one paymaster, one appraiser, one clerk, two attenders and two weighers for six months.
VII. In Weaver's department	75	One clerk for five months for Special Deputy Tahsildar, weavers-relief operations.
VIII. Office establishments	150	
Travelling allowance of officers		
Total ..	3,750	
33-B. Relief works in charge of Civil officers—	5,000	
Communications		
33-C. Relief to people employed otherwise than on relief works—	20,000	
Advances to weavers		
33-D. Gratuitous relief in Government institutions	15,000	
At houses of people	20,000	
Total ..	35,000	
33-F. Public Works Department Works—	2,00,000	
Works in charge of Public Works Department		
33-G. Famine charges debited to departmental heads of accounts—		
3. Land Revenue	* 2,460	
20. Police	500	
24. Medical	† 290	
32. Famine batta	2,000	
Total ..	5,250	
Grand Total ..	2,69,000	

* One Special Deputy Collector for four months, one Special Deputy Tahsildar for six months, two Loans Revenue Inspectors for five months and their establishments.
 † Two medical subordinates (additional).

Resolution—Mis. No. 10186, dated 31st December 1897.

Submitted to Government, with the request that a sum of Rs. 50,000 may be provided in the current year's budget for the relief of distress in Kurnool.

2. The estimate for the ensuing official year will be included in the consolidated estimate for the Presidency which is due on the 31st instant.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
 „ Collector of Kurnool.

ORDER—No. 21, Revenue, dated 11th January 1898.

Miscellaneous.

With the first of the proceedings read above, the Board of Revenue submits the estimate of famine expenditure for 1898-99 called for in G.O., No. 1030, Financial, dated 8th December 1897. The estimates for the different districts which may be affected are not based on any uniform principle, but being framed at a time when it cannot be foreseen with certainty whether relief measures will be actually required, or, if so, to what extent they will be

needed, they must necessarily be in a great measure conjectural. The Government is, however, of opinion that they may be accepted for the present, subject to the alterations indicated below.

2. *Ganjām*.—Calls for no remarks.

Kurnool, 33-D.—The provision of Rs. 35,000 made for gratuitous relief seems to be too high and will be cut down to Rs. 20,000.

33-F.—Two lakhs of rupees will provide employment for six months for 13,333 persons, or over 13 per cent. of the population of Markapur. It seems sufficient to provide for 8 per cent., and the estimate under this sub-head will accordingly be cut down to 1.2 lakhs.

Anantapur.—No provision is made for works in charge of the Public Works Department. It should be reported whether this is an oversight, the provision made for gratuitous and other branches of relief being out of proportion to that made for "works".

Cuddapah, 33-A.—It is presumed that the paymasters, overseers and overseers' clerks, for whom provision is made, are for works in charge of the Public Works Department; if so, the salary is not debitable to Civil and should be excluded from this sub-head.

33-H.—The question of remissions need not be considered at present.

Nellore.—The estimates for this district are dealt with in detail in G.O., No. 20, dated the 11th January 1898. In accordance with the decision in this Government Order, the total provision for 1898-99 will be taken at 2.2 lakhs. The amount of Rs. 50,000 provided for loans and erroneously shown by the Board under 33-C will be excluded.

North Arcot, 33-B.—Under section 9 of the Famine Code, the provision to be made for 3,000 persons to be employed on works for four months is Rs. 30,000; not Rs. 28,500.

Chingleput.—The works contemplated are apparently petty works and no estimate is given under 33-F. It is not therefore clear why a provision of Rs. 3,000 is made for 25 paymasters under 33-A; the amount will be excluded.

Trichinopoly, 33-B.—The provision for 10,000 persons to be employed on works for three months should be Rs. 75,000.

4. The estimates revised with reference to the remarks above and aggregating Rs. 8,25,482 will be transferred to the Financial Department. The attention of that department will be drawn to the letter from the Collector of Kurnool embodied in the second of the Board's Proceedings read above, from which it will be seen that that officer anticipates that relief measures, if any, may become necessary in February, and proposes a lump provision of Rs. 50,000 for the current year. A sum of Rs. 96,216 has also to be provided for Nellore in the current year.

(True Extract.)

Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, &c.).

„ Accountant-General.
„ Financial Department.
„ Public Works Department.
„ Local and Municipal Department.

APPENDIX.

ESTIMATE of probable Expenditure on account of Famine Relief 1898-99.

Items.	Ganjām.	Kurnool.	Anantapur.	Cuddapah.	Nellore.	North Arcot.	Chingleput.	Trichinopoly.	Total.
<i>33. Famine Relief.</i>	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
33-A. Salaries and Establishment ..	500	3,750	5,800	4,100	4,832	5,500	2,400	..	26,882
33-B. Relief works in charge of Civil Officers ..	..	5,000	4,000	10,000	35,000	30,000	75,000	75,000	2,34,000
33-C. Relief to people employed otherwise than on relief works ..	..	20,000	20,000	..	..	..	5,000	..	45,000
33-D. Gratuitous Relief ..	..	20,000	15,000	10,000	5,000	4,000	6,500	11,200	71,700
33-E. Miscellaneous ..	..	..	..	1,000	100	800	1,000	..	2,900
Total (Civil Department) ..	500	48,750	44,800	25,100	44,932	40,300	89,900	86,200	3,80,482
33-F. Relief works in charge of Public Works Department ..	..	1,20,000	..	1,50,000	1,75,000	..	..	..	4,45,000
Total (Civil and P. W. D.) ..	500	1,68,750	44,800	1,75,100	2,19,932	40,300	89,900	86,200	8,25,482
33-G. Famine Expenditure debited to other service heads ..	..	5,250	..	6,000	4,112	1,200	7,100	..	23,662
Grand Total ..	500	1,74,000	44,800	1,81,100	2,24,044	41,500	97,000	86,200	8,49,144

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Famine Expenditure.

Revising and transferring to the Financial Department the estimate of — during 1898-99
in the Nellore district.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceeding of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), Mis. No. 10177, dated 28th December 1897 :—

Read—the following letter from the Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated 22nd December 1897, Ref. No. 2680-Ver. :—

In continuation of this office letter, Ref. No. 953-G.B.—Ver., dated 17th December 1897, and with reference to Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 9923, dated 14th December 1897, I have the honour to forward herewith two statements—A and B—one showing the probable expenditure on works during the next six months and the apportionment thereof under the several heads, and the other giving a list of works proposed to be undertaken to meet distress. An abstract statement showing the probable expenditure in 1897-98 and 1898-99 is also enclosed.

2. In this office letter, No. 3968-Ver., dated 4th December 1897, I have given the estimated number requiring relief both on works and gratuitously. The areas therein treated were the Government taluks of Kandukur, Kanigiri and Udayagiri and the zamindari divisions of Podili and Darsi. Since writing the above letter, the prospects in the above tracts have not improved. On the other hand, the Atmakur taluk, which was considered safe in the previous report, is likely to call for relief operations. The crops, both wet and dry, in that portion of the taluk which is north of the Pennér are reported to be in a very precarious condition and lack of demand for labour is greatly felt. I expect that a test-relief work will have to be opened in this taluk also very shortly, or probably one of the large major irrigation works might be executed under the intermediate system. I shall report later on regarding this taluk.

3. I have assumed throughout that 4 per cent. of the population on the average will have to be relieved on works in all the taluks and divisions above named. The maximum number attained in 1891-92 on works in the Udayagiri and Kanigiri taluks and Podili and Darsi divisions was 23,404. There are already 1,000 coolies working at the test-relief work at Udayagiri. On the whole I estimate that an approximate expenditure of Rs. 3,80,445 will be required on works.

4. As regards gratuitous relief, it will be enough to attach a kitchen for children and other incapacitated persons to each work and to open one or two additional kitchens in each taluk. A lump sum of Rs. 15,000 may be allotted for this purpose.

5. *Establishments.*—As to extra establishments, the requirements of the affected taluks and divisions will probably be—

(a) One Special Assistant Collector to relieve the Collector; cost for six months, say, Rs. 4,200.

(b) One Deputy Collector to assist the Sub-Collector in routine, magisterial and famine work; cost for six months, say, Rs. 1,800.

(c) One Deputy Collector to give similar assistance to the Atmakur Deputy Collector; cost for six months, say, Rs. 1,800.

(d) Five Deputy Tahsildars (for Udayagiri, Kanigiri, Kandukur, Podili and Darsi) to assist the Tahsildars or Deputy Tahsildars in magisterial and routine work; cost for six months, say, Rs. 3,000.

(e) Establishment connected with kitchens—cost for 16 kitchens at Rs. 38 each for six months, Rs. 3,648—

	RS.
16 kitchen superintendents at Rs. 15 each for six months	1,440
16 warders at Rs. 4 each for six months	384
32 water-women at Rs. 3—cost for six months	576
32 cooks at Rs. 5 each for six months	960
16 scavengers at Rs. 3 each for six months	288
Total	3,648

(f) Paymasters, Rs. 2,500.

(g) Gratuitous relief apart from that at kitchens on works may be required to some small extent in a few villages, but I am doubtful if any special establishment will be wanted and have therefore not provided for it in the estimate.

(h) Extra clerical establishments would probably cost not less than Rs. 268 a month, or Rs. 1,608 in all as detailed below :—

	RS.
(i) Clerical establishment for two Special Deputy Collectors—one clerk on Rs. 20 and two peons on Rs. 7 each for each Deputy Collector for six months	408
(ii) Clerical establishment for five Special Deputy Tahsildars—one clerk on Rs. 20 and one peon on Rs. 6 for each Deputy Tahsildar for six months	780
(iii) Additional establishment at the Collector's office—	
One clerk on	50
One „	20
	70
	—
	420
	1,608

6. My estimate under establishments excluding travelling allowances, thus amounts to Rs. 14,908.

7. Loans under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Acts were granted extensively in 1891-92, and I do not expect that, having regard to the indifferent expenditure under that head during the previous five years, there will be any great demand for that purpose during the ensuing year. I have called upon Divisional officers to submit estimate of probable requirements and am awaiting their replies. A lump sum of Rs. 50,000 is however provided for in the present estimate, which will be about the maximum that will be spent.

8. The totals under all the heads are—

	RS.
Works	3,80,500
Gratuitous relief	15,000
Extra establishments	14,908
Loans	50,000
Total	4,60,408

9. Steps are being taken to enlarge the works in Kanigiri. The necessary establishment required by way of Public Works Department officers and subordinates has not been provided for in the estimate.

ENCLOSURE.

A. FORECAST of outlay on works proposed to be executed from January to June 1898 as famine-relief works in the Nellore district.

Taluk.	Population as per census of 1891.	Average number of persons who will probably require work up to end of June 1898 at 4 per cent.	Cost of providing work for the persons in column 3 at As. 1-4 per head per diem for six months.	Heads under which work is proposed to be provided and cost under each head.					
				Public Works Department.	Minor Irrigation works.	Local Funds.			Grand total.
						Repair and construction of roads.	Village sanitation and water-supply.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Udayagiri ..	100,227	4,009	RS. 60,135	RS. 47,110	RS. 15,880	RS. 45,134	RS. 1,000	RS. 46,134	RS. 62,014
Atmakūr ..	101,154	4,046	60,690	20,000	2,986	12,188	..	12,188	62,284
Kandukur ..	148,475	5,935	89,025	..	..	73,046	..	73,046	93,046
Kanigiri ..	131,222	5,249	78,735	4,700	30,056	37,883	..	37,883	72,639
Podili ..	68,466	2,739	41,085	..	..	33,733	5,361	39,094	39,094
Darsi ..	84,631	3,385	50,775	..	..	64,807	..	64,807	64,807
Total ..	634,175	25,363	3,80,445	71,810	48,922	2,66,791	6,361	2,73,152	3,93,884

B. STATEMENT showing the names of works proposed to be undertaken during 1898-99 up to end of June 1898.

Taluk.	Name and cost of work proposed to be executed.			Remarks.
	Name of work.	Amount of estimate.	Estimated expenditure up to June 1898.	
1	2	3	4	5
Udayagiri ..	<i>Minor Irrigation Works.</i>			
	1. Repairs to Kondareddipally tank ..	2,990	2,990	Items 1 to 7 included in the famine programme for 1897-98.
	2. Do. to Guvvadi old tank ..	2,950	2,950	
	3. Constructing a tank at Venkata-dripollem.	1,390	1,390	
	4. Repairs to Vadlamudipalli tank ..	620	740	In all cases estimates are ready in the Huzur office.
	4-a. Supply channel ..	120	..	
	5. Repairs to Timmayapalem tank ..	1,075	1,075	
	6. Do. to supply channel of Appasamudram.	320	320	Item No. 5.—Board of Revenue already addressed for sanction—vide this office No. 4136-Ver., dated 11th December 1897.
	7. Do. to Guvvalavarigunta of Duttalur.	185	185	
	8. Bhimavaram tank ..	2,450	2,450	
	9. Repairs to Udayagiri big tank ..	650	650	Item No. 8.—Board of Revenue already addressed for sanction—vide this office No. 4192-Ver., dated 18th December 1897.
	10. Do. to the supply channel of big tank.	1,700	1,700	
	11. Do. to Appasamudram tank ..	1,430	1,430	
	Total ..	..	15,880	
	<i>Local Fund Roads.</i>			
	1. Duttalur-Bhata road ..	8,734	8,734	Included in the famine programme. Estimates ready in the Huzur office.
	2. Do. Pamur road ..	25,000	25,000	
	3. Udayagiri-Seetharampuram road ..	8,400	8,400	
	4. Repairs to Vinjamur tand bund ..	3,000	3,000	
	Total ..	..	45,134	
	<i>Village Sanitation and water-supply Works.</i>			
	Prickly-pear work at Udayagiri ..	1,000	1,000	
	Total, Udayagiri taluk ..	..	62,014	

B.—Statement showing the names of works proposed to be undertaken during 1898-99 up to end of June 1898—cont.

Taluk.	Name and cost of work proposed to be executed.			Remarks.
	Name of work.	Amount of estimate.	Estimated expenditure up to June 1898.	
1	2	3	4	5
Atmakur ..	<i>Public Works Department Works.</i>			
	1. Repairs of Atmakur tank-supply channel.	8,100	8,100	Estimate will be ready very shortly.
	2. Excavating channel from Beeraperu to Anamasamudram Pandipad tanks.	12,510	12,510	
	3. Ananthasagaram tank main channel.	26,500	26,500	
	Total ..	..	47,110	Note.—All the above three works are included in the programme.
	<i>Minor Irrigation Works.</i>			
	1. Repair to Pedda Annaber tank ..	935	935	Included in the famine programme. Estimates are ready in the Huzur office.
	2. Do. to Kakrapad tank ..	620	620	
	3. Do. to Pongur tank bund and sluice.	300	300	
	4. Do. to Kotitheertham tank ..	391	391	
	5. Do. to Nagula Vellatur ..	280	280	
	6. Do. to Budamagunta ..	360	360	
	7. Supply channel of Sallapalli tank ..	100	100	
	Total ..	..	2,986	
	<i>Local Fund Roads.</i>			
	1. Nellore-Someswaram road, last section	1,568	1,568	{ Included in the famine programme. Estimates ready in the Huzur office.
	2. Sangam-Kaligiri road ..	10,620	10,620	
	Total ..	..	12,188	
	Grand total ..	..	62,284	
Kandukur ..	<i>Public Works Department Works.</i>			
	Pakala tank-supply channel from Paleru.	20,000	20,000	The project is reported to be under investigation. It is included in the famine programme.
	Total ..	..	20,000	
	<i>Local Fund Road Works.</i>			
	1. Kandukur-Chundi road ..	4,000	4,000	Estimate ready in the Huzur office.
	2. Kandukur Sudlur-Thettu road ..	20,000	20,000	Estimate nearly ready.
	3. Oollapalem-Vemulapadu road ..	19,046	19,046	Estimate ready.
	4. Chundi-Kaligiri road ..	30,000	30,000	Estimate under preparation.
	Total ..	..	73,046	
	Grand total ..	..	93,046	
Kanigiri ..	<i>Public Works Department Works.</i>			
	Nandanavanam tank repairs ..	4,700	4,700	Estimate sanctioned. The work is being started as a test relief work.
	Total ..	..	4,700	
	<i>Minor Irrigation Works.</i>			
	1. Repairs to Pedacherlopalli tank ..	622	622	Estimate under preparation.
	2. Construction of a tank in Gudipodu ..	5,348	5,348	Estimate ready.
	3. Do. do. in Hanumanthapuram.	4,500	4,500	Estimate under preparation.
	4. Construction of a tank in Sankavaram do. in Chinnalavalapodu.	4,500	4,500	
	5. Do. do. in Chinnalavalapodu.	6,240	6,240	Estimate ready.
	6. Construction of a tank in Raviguntapalli.	8,846	8,846	
	Total ..	..	30,056	

B.—STATEMENT showing the names of works proposed to be undertaken during 1898–99 up to end of June 1898—*cont.*

Taluk.	Name and cost of work proposed to be executed.			Remarks.
	Name of work.	Amount of estimate.	Estimated expenditure up to June 1898.	
1	2	3	4	5
Kanigiri— <i>cont.</i>	<i>Local Fund Roads.</i>	RS.	RS.	
	1. Kanigiri-Podili road	4,327	4,327	Included in the famine programme. Estimates ready in all cases.
	2. Kanigiri-Pamur road	13,800	13,800	
	3. Oollapalem-Vemulapodu road ..	19,756	19,756	
	Total ..	..	37,883	
Podili	<i>Local Fund Roads.</i>			
	1. Special repairs of Ongole-Cumbum road.	28,773	28,773	Included in the famine programme. Estimates ready in all cases.
	2. Kanigiri-Podili road	3,960	3,960	
	3. Darsi-Podili road	1,000	1,000	
	Total ..	..	33,733	
Darsi	<i>Village Sanitation and Water-supply Works.</i>			
	Digging and improving drinking-water ponds and wells.	5,361	5,361	Included in the famine programme. Estimates ready in all cases.
	Total ..	..	5,361	
	Grand Total ..	..	39,094	
Darsi	<i>Local Fund Road Works.</i>			
	1. Darsi-Podili road	8,300	8,300	Included in the programme. Estimate ready in the Huzur office, not included in the famine programme. Estimate very nearly ready.
	2. From Darsi-Kurichedu road to Kocherlakota, via Chandalur and Donekonda.	56,507	56,507	
	Total ..	..	64,807	
	Grand Total of all taluks and divisions ..	..	3,93,884	

ABSTRACT statement of expenditure from January 1898 to June 1898.

Particulars.	Probable expenditure in 1897–98, January to March 1898.	Probable expenditure in 1898–99, April to June 1898.	Total expenditure.
1	2	3	4
Works	RS. 1,26,833	RS. 2,53,667	RS. 3,80,500
Gratuitous relief	5,000	10,000	15,000
Extra establishments	9,278	9,278	18,556
Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans ..	..	50,000	50,000
Total ..	1,41,111	3,22,945	4,64,056

Resolution—Mis. No. 10177, dated 28th December 1897.

Submitted to Government, in continuation of Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 10143, dated the 22nd instant.

2. The Collector estimates the expenditure likely to be incurred for the relief of distress at Rs. 4,60,000, of which Rs. 1,39,000 is to be incurred during the current official year and the balance during the ensuing year. He bases his estimate mainly on the supposition that relief would be required for 4 per cent. of the inhabitants in each of the marginally-noted taluks and divisions of the district. The approximate

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Atmakur. Podili.
Kandukur. Darsi.

expenditure on relief works would, on this basis, amount to Rs. 3,80,000.

3. As regards the provision for kitchens, it is observed that, if the "intermediate system" of works recommended in Board's Proceedings, No. 10009, dated the 17th instant, is adopted, there will be no necessity for opening relief kitchens on such an extensive scale as that contemplated in paragraph 4 of the Collector's letter. The provision under this head will, accordingly, be reduced to Rs. 10,000.

4. The cost of the extra establishment required is fixed at Rs. 14,908, but, according to the details furnished in paragraph 5 of the letter, the total cost would amount to Rs. 18,556. No provision has been made for accountants for the examination of vouchers and preparation of detailed bills, and the Famine Commissioner considers that an accountant on Rs. 20 should be entertained at once in each taluk and two in the Collector's office. The total cost under "establishments" will thus stand at Rupees 19,396, or in round figures Rs. 19,400.

5. The further report promised by the Collector in paragraph 2 of his letter, regarding the condition of the Atmakur taluk, is awaited; the provision made under "Loans under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Acts" will be retained, pending receipt of estimates from Divisional officers.

6. A statement showing the estimate under each head, as revised by the Famine Commissioner, is appended to these proceedings.

7. Provision for the charges to be incurred during the next official year will be made in the estimate asked for in G.O., Mis. No. 6359, dated the 10th instant, which will shortly be submitted to Government.

ENCLOSURE.

ESTIMATE of Famine Expenditure in Nellore.

Items.	Total estimate.	Estimate for	
		1897–98.	1898–99.
1	2	3	4
	RS.	RS.	RS.
33-A. Salaries and establishments	6,150	2,050	4,100
33-B. Relief works in charge of Civil officers ..	3,80,500	1,26,833	2,53,667
33-C. Relief to people employed otherwise than on relief works	50,000	..	50,000
33-D. Gratuitous relief	10,000	5,000	5,000
33-G. Expenditure debited to service heads other than famine	13,250	4,417	8,833
Add for rounding figures	100	..	100
Grand Total ..	4,60,000	1,38,300	3,21,700

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government (Revenue Department),
with four statements (three in original to be returned).

Collector of Nellore (with one statement).

ORDER—No. 20, Revenue, dated 11th January 1898.

Miscellaneous.

With the Proceedings read above, the Board of Revenue submits a list of works available for the relief of distress in Nellore and an estimate of the expenditure likely to be incurred under 33. Famine Relief in the district in the current and the next official year. The tracts where test works have been opened or will soon have to be opened are the taluks of Udayagiri, Kandukur, Kanigiri and Atmakur and the zamindari divisions of Podili and Darsi. The aggregate population of these portions of the district is 634,000 but there is no clear information as to the distribution or the intensity of the anticipated distress throughout the areas named. It is expected that relief measures will have to be gradually extended and continued till next July.

2. The list of works submitted with the above Proceedings is approved, but the estimates call for the following remarks:—

33-A. The estimate of Rs. 18,556 given by the Collector under this head includes provision for a Special Assistant to the Collector, two Deputy Collectors and five Deputy Tahsildars for six months; and the Board raises it to Rs. 19,400 by adding provision for extra accountants. Extra accountants will no doubt be required, but the Government does not think that a Special Assistant Collector will be needed in a light district like Nellore. Nor will there be any necessity to appoint an extra Deputy Collector for the Sub-Collector's division, a Special Deputy Tahsildar for Darsi or a second clerk for the Collector's office till distress becomes more pronounced than it is at present. The provision made for these three officers in the current year's estimate will therefore be omitted. On the other hand, the estimate should provide

	1897-98.	1898-99.
33-A. Paragraph 5 (a) of Collector's letter	1,216	2,432
Ten circle inspectors for four months	..	2,400
33-G. Paragraphs 5 (a), (b), (c), (d) and (h) of Collector's letter and paragraph 4 of Board's Proceedings modified as above ..	2,056	4,112

for the entertainment of some circle inspectors as village relief may possibly become necessary later on in Udayagiri and Kanigiri. The estimate for establishments and its distribution between the current and the next official year will then stand as noted on the margin. The

salary of paymasters is debitable to the Public Works Department.

33-B. The Collector's estimate of 3.8 lakhs for relief works, which makes provision for 4 per cent. of the population of the affected tracts, will be cut down to 3 lakhs and this amount distributed between the current and the next official year in the ratio of one to two. Further, as only petty works will be carried out by the Civil department all but half a lakh of this amount will be transferred to 33-F.

33-C. The sum of Rs. 50,000 shown under this sub-head is the Collector's estimate for loans which are not famine expenditure and are not debitable to "Famine Relief." The amount will be excluded from the statement.

3. The estimates, revised in accordance with the above observations and aggregating Rs. 3,16,148, will be transferred to the Financial Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement,
Land Records and Agriculture).

" the Financial Department.
" the Accountant-General.
" the Public Works Department.
" the Local and Municipal Department.

APPENDIX.

ESTIMATE of probable Expenditure under 33. Famine Relief in the Nellore district.

Items.	Total estimates.	Estimate for	
		1897-98.	1898-99.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
33-A. Salaries and establishments	6,048	1,216	4,832
33-B. Relief works in charge of Civil officers ..	50,000	15,000	35,000
33-C. Relief to people employed otherwise than on relief works	10,000	5,000	5,000
33-D. Gratuitous relief	100	..	100
33-E. Miscellaneous	..	..	..
Total, Civil Department	66,148	21,216	44,932
33-F. Relief works in charge of Public Works Department	2,50,000	75,000	1,75,000
Total, Famine Relief	3,16,148	96,216	2,19,932
33-G. Expenditure debitable to other service heads	6,168	2,056	4,112
Grand Total	3,22,316	98,272	2,24,044

Exd. A. F. Eccliston.