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Famine Relief works.—Reviewing the programme of — of Tanjore district for 1899-1900.

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

READ—the following letter from J. TWIGG, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Camp, Kumbakonam, 13th April 1899, R.C. No. 731-G.R.:—

I have the honour to submit the programme of Famine Relief works for 1899–1900 as required in B.P., No. 411, dated 7th June 1892.

2. As usual the programme is for the non-deltaic portion of the district 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). In the case of estimates for works connected with the Vadavar extension project, the cost of masonry works and in the case of road works, the amounts provided for cartage have been excluded and only the amounts available for expenditure on famine labour are shown in the programme.

3. The programme provides for works in the Tanjore taluk to the amount of Rs. 9,77,050, sufficient to give employment to 92.4 per cent. of the population of the non-deltaic portion of the taluk concerned for three months at 1½ anna per head per diem and in the Pattukkóttai taluk for Rs. 7,82,074 sufficient to give employment to 38.4 per cent. of the population for the same period.

4. Of the 173 irrigation works out of repair in the Tanjore taluk provision is made for the repair of 157, the remaining 16 having to be executed under kudi-maramut. In regard to the Pattukkóttai taluk provision is made for the repair of 17 tanks in charge of the Revenue Department which are out of repair.

5. No provision is made for well sinking under the Loans Acts in the Pattukkóttai taluk and for forest fencing for reasons explained in the reports of former years.

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

Works.	Amount in lakhs of rupees.
Construction of 7 new irrigation works	13.71
Repairs to 174 old irrigation works	66
Construction and metalling of roads (358½ miles)	1.93
Repairs to old roads—5 works	11
Breaking laterite boulders for maintenance of roads	30
Construction of works for the improvement of drinking-water supply—44 works	14
Construction of other miscellaneous works including sinking of wells with the aid of State loans	74
Total	17.59

This is sufficient to provide employment for 57.0 per cent. of the total population for a period of three months. The greater part of the above provision relates to the Pattukkóttai irrigation scheme which is still somewhat in the air. On the other hand though it is not possible to show it in the programme there is no doubt that the Railway extension of the Májavaram-Muttupet line would be able in case of need to give employment to large numbers even during the current year.

7. Estimates are reported to be ready for Rs. 2,29,726 or 13 per cent. of the total provision. Of the large works, works for 1.33 lakhs have been brought on to the sanctioned list and another work for which an estimate for Rs. 16,000 is ready will be brought on to the sanctioned list shortly. Instructions have again been issued to the Public Works and Local Fund Engineering officers to bring as many more works as possible on the sanctioned list at an early date.

RESOLUTION—No. 148, dated 3rd June 1899.

The abstract of the programme of Famine Relief works for 1899–1900 in the Tanjore district forwarded by the Collector with his letter read above will be submitted for the information of Government.

2. The programme is for the upland tracts which alone are considered liable to famine. The following statement shows the provision made under the main heads, the amounts being given in lakhs of rupees:—

Class of work.	Large works		Small works.	Total.
	Sanctioned.	Not sanctioned.		
Irrigation works	..	13.59	0.12	13.71
Road works	..	0.16	0.50	0.66
Drinking-water supply	..	0.71	0.91	2.23
Other miscellaneous works	..	..	0.11	0.11
Land improvements	..	..	0.14	0.14
	..	..	0.01	0.73
	..	..	0.01	0.01
Total	1.33	14.46	1.80	17.59

The bulk of the provision relates to irrigation works, but none of the large irrigation works proposed have been sanctioned. An extract from the Collector's detailed programme will be forwarded to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation and he will be requested to inform the Board whether the large works shown therein can be counted on as available relief works with special reference to the Collector's remarks regarding the Vadavar extension project. Judging from what is said in the programme, this work should have been entered as a supplemental work.

The total provision is 17.59 lakhs, and this amount is calculated to afford employment to 57 per cent. of the population of the non-deltaic tracts, for a period of three months.

The amount for which estimates are ready is small; being only 13 per cent. of the total provision. Large works costing 1.33 lakhs have been sanctioned and the Collector states that he has taken steps to bring more large works under sanction.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. BENSON,
for Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Chief Engineer for Irrigation, with an extract in MS.

Collector of Tanjore (D.O. and Tahrs. of taluks concerned).

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Form C.—Abstract of Programme of Famine Relief works in the

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 work.				Forest fencing works.	
			Class of work.	Number provided for.	Total percentage of population.	New.		Repairs.		Number.	Amount.
						Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Tanjore ..	141	28,200	Large—				RS.		RS.		
			Sanctioned ..	9,693							
			Not sanctioned ..	110,000		1	8,00,000	1	16,000		
			Small ..	10,513				156	45,000		
			Land Improvement.	67							
			Taluk Total ..	130,273	92	1	8,00,000	157	61,000		
Pattukkottai.	271	54,200	Large—								
			Sanctioned ..	8,087							
			Not sanctioned ..	82,800		4	5,59,000				
			Small ..	13,390		2	12,000	17	5,110		
			Land Improvement.								
			Taluk Total ..	104,277	38	6	5,71,000	17	5,110		
Total ..	412	82,400	Large—								
			Sanctioned ..	17,780							
			Not sanctioned ..	192,800		5	13,59,000	1	16,000		
			Small ..	23,903		2	12,000	173	50,110		
			Land Improvement.	67							
			Grand Total ..	234,550	57	7	13,71,000	174	66,110		

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Road works.					Miscellaneous works.						Grand Total.		Works for which estimates are ready.	
New.			Repairs.		Drinking-water supply.		Others.		Total.					
Number.	Miles.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Approximate cost.	Number.	Cost.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	72,700	2	72,700	2	72,700	2	72,700
1	16	9,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	8,25,000	..	..
6	34	15,745	3	10,000	33	7,375	1	730	34	8,105	199	78,850	68	39,362
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	500	5	500	5	500	5	500
7	50	24,745	3	10,000	33	7,375	8	73,930	41	81,305	209	9,77,050	75	1,12,562
4	37	60,650	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	60,650	4	60,650
4	70	62,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	6,21,000	1	16,000
26	201½	75,389	2	1,500	11	6,425	..	..	11	6,425	58	1,00,424	21	40,514
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
34	308½	1,98,039	2	1,500	11	6,425	..	..	11	6,425	70	7,82,074	26	1,17,164
4	37	60,650	..	..	..	..	2	72,700	2	72,700	6	1,33,350	6	1,33,350
5	86	71,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	14,46,000	1	16,000
32	235½	91,134	5	11,500	44	13,800	1	730	45	14,530	257	1,79,274	89	79,876
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	500	5	500	5	500	5	500
41	358½	2,22,784	5	11,500	44	13,800	8	73,930	52	87,730	279	17,59,124	101	2,29,726

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(True Extract.)

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