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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No.	1330	Press ~~Mis.~~
301-302. Dated	13-5-1868.	

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No. 301. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th May 1868.

Read the following letters :—

From the Collector of Madras, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated on circuit at Ennore, 9th April 1868, No. 103.

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings of the 6th February 1868, No. 922, asking me to inform them "what the Collector of Madras has done with the estimates selected by him for execution out of those forwarded by the Superintending Engineer, with reference to Board's letter to him, dated 17th December 1867, No. 8,140," I have the honor to state, that out of those estimates, I have selected, during my recent Jummabundy tour, works to the extent of Rupees 16,132 for execution in the Tercovellore talook, and of Rupees 10,154 for execution in Ponnery.

2. I have not yet finally settled upon the works for Sydapet, but as the Jummabundy of that talook is now going on, I shall select works to the amount of about 10,000 Rupees during the next few days.

3. Mr. MacGregor, the Sub-Collector, has been asked to prepare a list for his division also during the Jummabundy, at which time alone can the wants of each talook be satisfactorily ascertained.

4. The total estimates sent by Colonel Boileau amounted to about a lac and thirty-five thousand Rupees. The regular budget allotment for the year for this district being only 98,000, a large number of the works thus estimated for will have to be laid aside for another year, although some of them have been since included in the 29,244 Rupees sanctioned by Government as famine works, upon Mr. Robinson's report of the 3rd February 1868.

From the same Officer, dated Sydapet, 18th April 1868, No. 113.

1. I have the honor to report on the state of the season. No change has taken place in it since my last report, and no rain has fallen anywhere in the district.

2. I have just completed the settlement of the principal division, and calculate that the out-turn of the whole crop is a little less than half the usual. Sydapet talook having no river irrigation has suffered by far the most, and in it whole villages have failed. Even under the great Chembrambakam tank no villages have had a full crop, and many not even a quarter one. The great want of this talook appears to be not so much tank repairs, as channels to supply water to the tanks from rivers or other distant drainage.

3. Prices are the same as at the date of my last report, and the markets are still abundantly supplied; no distress, therefore, is anywhere apparent, and the public works now on hand seem, for the present at least, to afford as much labor as is desired.

4. The allotment for the public works for this year has been nearly completed, and as the works are in addition to the special famine works, I am of opinion that they will be quite sufficient to employ all the laboring poor of the district till the next monsoon.

5. Small-pox and fever still prevail nearly all over the district, the cattle disease called Vakkai also prevails in all the talooks except Ponnery, but very few deaths from it are reported. Grass is getting scarcer every day; the Savi straw, lately cut and sold at Rupees 6 per 100 lbs., is the only fodder for cattle in many of the villages.

Statement shewing the average Bazaar price in the District of Madras for the week ending 28th March 1868.

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Statement shewing the average Bazaar price in the District of Madras for the week ending 4th April 1868.

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1st Sort.		2nd Sort.		1st Sort.		2nd Sort.									
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Statement shewing the average price in the District of Madras for the week ending 11th April 1868.

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Week ending 4th April 1868.	Week ending 11th April 1868.	Week ending 4th April 1868.	Week ending 11th April 1868.	Week ending 4th April 1868.	Week ending 11th April 1868.	Week ending 4th April 1868.	Week ending 11th April 1868.	Week ending 4th April 1868.	Week ending 11th April 1868.	Week ending 4th April 1868.	Week ending 11th April 1868.	Week ending 4th April 1868.	Week ending 11th April 1868.	Week ending 4th April 1868.	Week ending 11th April 1868.
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(Signed) J. B. JONES,
Assistant Collector in charge of the District.

From the Acting Collector of Madras, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 2nd May 1868, No. 126.

1. I have the honor to report that no change has occurred in the state of the season since the last weekly report was sent in.

2. On the 21st ultimo a few light showers fell in Trivellore and Conjeveram talooks, and the sky was much overcast with thunder and lightning; the rain was not sufficient to be of any benefit to the country.

3. Cattle disease of different kinds is still prevalent in parts, and the cattle of the district generally are suffering from want of pasture and water.

4. Small-pox is unusually rife throughout the district, and fever prevails in the coast north of Madras. At Ennore it was reported that 200 coolies employed on salt works had been somewhat suddenly attacked. I requested the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals to provide medical aid, and the Dresser attached to my office has been despatched to the spot.

5. Prices continue stationary, and the public works, special and ordinary, afford employment for so many of the poor that no actual distress is felt anywhere at present.

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1. Submitted for the information of Government.

2. Mr. Fane's report is far more favorable than the Board had anticipated.

3. Mr. Thornhill's report of a fortnight later records only slight showers in Trivellore and Conjeveram in the interval.

4. Mr. Fane states that as the regular Public Works allotments for the current year are in addition to the special works sanctioned, they will be sufficient to employ the laboring poor till the next monsoon.

5. The sums sanctioned as special funds in two Budgets amounted to 1,64,291 Rupees, but it is observed that the Order of Government providing funds for second Budget was dated 23rd March, and can only have been received within a few days of the end of the official year.

6. The greater part of the funds allotted must, therefore, have been unspent when the new Budget allotment became available, and a large portion would have to be deducted from those allotments under the restriction in the order that special funds were to be provided only for works "not included in Imperial or Local "Budgets or fairly chargeable thereto."

7. The total allotment for the district for irrigation repairs is 98,000 Rupees, or less than one-third of the amount for which it is believed detailed estimates for current repairs have been actually prepared.

8. The Board consider that, under the circumstances of the season, the best course would be to increase largely the sum at the disposal of the Collector for these irrigation repairs.

9. The tanks and channels for which the repairs are needed are so widely distributed as to enable the Collector to provide work anywhere, and it can be carried out by the regular department without any delay, having been already estimated for in detail.

10. In reference to paragraph 3 of his letter of April 9th, the Acting Collector is requested to submit without delay the report of the Sub-Collector on the allotment of [illegible] repairs in the Sub-division.

1. Wallajabad to Trunk Road No. VIII, near Irumbaliyur.
2. Kunatur to Streeperumbuttoor.
3. Ootoocottah to Trunk Road No. VI, *via* Periapollium.
4. Ponnery to Pulicat.
5. Trivellore to Nagalapuram.

11. The Road Fund Budget of the Collector of Madras for 1868-69 was prepared in November last. In December, Government sanctioned a special outlay on some of the roads entered in the margin.

12. The Collector is requested to state the actual expenditure up to 31st March 1868, and approximately the sum required for their completion in addition to the allotments in the road Fund Budget of 1868-69.

13. He is also required to give the same information regarding the four roads specified in the margin of their Proceedings of 16th December.

No. 302. ORDER THEREON, 13th May 1868, No. 1,330.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government did not intend, in passing the G. O. of 23rd March 1868, No. 743, to restrict expenditure in the Madras District under the sanctions for Relief-works to any smaller sum than the aggregate estimated cost of the works proposed by Mr. Robinson, which amounted to Rupees 1,64,291. Of this sum, it is understood, that a balance of about Rupees 1,30,000, more or less, remained unexpended at the close of the last official year, and the Government resolve to regard this balance as available (in addition to the Public Works Budget "Repairs" allotment of Rupees 98,000, for the execution of such irrigational repairs and road works as Mr. Robinson and the Board recommended or may approve for the relief of distress and for local benefit.

2. The Board will satisfy themselves that the works contemplated are in every case within reasonable distance from the localities most affected by scarcity and drought. It is understood that for most of the irrigational works referred to, designs and estimates have been prepared already in the Public Works Department.

3. The Government leave it to the discretion of the Collector of the District, in communication with the Board, to appropriate such portion of the funds above mentioned to the repair and improvement of wells and other sources of water-supply for drinking purposes, as may seem desirable.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Collector of Madras.
„ the Accountant General.
„ the Department Public Works.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

The sum available for expenditure
repairs to the Madras Detention
for the second year is Rs. 1,50,000
In addition to this sum there
remains unexpended the sum
of about Rs. 1.80.000.
Sanctioned by Government
for the execution of certain
works in the Detention
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Revenue Department

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the May 1868.

Read the following

Proceedings of the Board

of Revenue.

Subg. to Govt. report from Coll. of Madras on state of season in District, recommending that amount at disposal of Coll. for irrigation repairs be largely increased, & requesting Coll. to report actual expenditure incurred on certain roads.

(Here enter 5th May)

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Relief works in the
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several proposals was to
provide for the execution
of the works suggested as
measures to relieve existing
or impending distress.

In his letter of 12th
March 1868 submitted by
the Board with their Pro-
ceedings of 17th Idt. he
stated that previous
the expenditure made on
these works had been met
from the Public Works
budget allotments for
the district and requested
to know whence funds were
to come for the rest - and
in D.O. dated 23rd March
1868 No. 713, the Govt. stated
that for all Relief works
for which provision was
in the Imperial or

of Loss means - and which it was shown had been in some cases so executed -

The Collector may understand that to the extent originally contemplated relief works may be carried out - and that if Imperial or Local funds are not available for them - the cost will be met from special sources - It will be for him to bring to the notice of Government if the measures originally sanctioned are inadequate to meet the requirements of the case - but the Govern. are not prepared to sanction expenditure in excess of the estimates necessary to relief distress and are not prepared to add to the available Imperial and

In entering upon a methodical system of protecting the irrigation works of the district with reproductive [illegible] It is hoped that the Board and the works [illegible] in such sufficiently [illegible] of this enquiry the purpose for which Relief [illegible] sanctioned.

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Local funds solely with reference to the needs of the district in regard to repairs of irrigation works -

It was not however originally contemplated that the cost of any portion of the Relief works sanctioned would be met from Imperial or Local Budget funds - and it was merely in reply to the Collector's letter showing that such funds were available and had been employed - that the Government explained how any further expenses was to be met - and it is not [illegible] that the expenditure [illegible] necessary [illegible] works [illegible]

allotments made in the budgets of works for the year whether Imperial or Local.

Dept. Public Works
Accountant-General.

Ed. Tidball

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 13th May 1868

Read the following

Proceedings of the

Board of Revenue

Submitting to Govt: report from Coll: of Madras on state of Season in Districts recommending that amount at disposal of Coll: for irrigation repairs be largely increased and requesting Coll: to report actual expenditure incurred on certain roads—

(Rec'd entered 5 May 68)

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~~year~~ of Rs. 98,000 for ~~Irrigation~~ repairs ~~in the Jaffna District~~ for the execution of such irrigation and repairs and road works as W. Robinson and the Board recommended or may approve for the relief of distress and for local benefit -

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It is
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the irrigational works reported to be required and Estimates have been prepared already in the P.W. Dept:

The Govt: leave it to the discretion of the Coll: of the District in comm: with the Board, to appropriate such portion of the funds above mentioned to the repair and improvement of wells and other sources of water Supply for drinking purposes, as may seem desirable—

[signature]

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