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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
31st March 1874.

No. 264. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th March 1874:—

Read the following letter from J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 21st March 1874, No. 142.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of the Board's Proceedings of the 17th instant, pointing out that I have mistaken the orders of Government about the Special Deputy-Collector, calling on me to submit lists of works selected for execution as relief works and their localities, and asking for further information regarding the insect that attacked the grain of last year; and, in reply, to state that I certainly interpreted the orders of Government as to the duties of the Deputy-Collector to mean that he was to report on the necessity for remissions in each of the taluqs of the district.

2. As to lists of works selected I have simply called on the District Engineer to put in hand forthwith *all* the Local Fund road-works entered in the budget for 1874-75 for execution in the six taluqs of Cuddalore, Tindivanum, Villapuram, Trinomallay, Trickalore, and Kullakurchy, and have placed at the disposal of the general duties Deputy-Collector the sum of Rs. 1,750, entered in Statement IVB. of the budget, for expenditure on sanitation in the Trinomallay and Trickalore Taluqs, as well as 4,770 Rs. out of the General Fund balances for expenditure on the twenty works entered in List No. 1, herewith enclosed. In addition to this, I have called on the District Engineer to push on with the thirteen irrigation and two road-works entered in List No. 2 now forwarded. These works, as well as the three sanctioned by Government in their Proceedings of the 3rd instant, will afford employment to numbers of labourers in all parts of Trinomallay and Trickalore. The difficulty with respect to them will be supervision. I could find quite enough for ten or twelve Overseers to do, and if relief works are really to be carried out I *must* have at least six more Overseers who can survey, measure work, keep accounts, and pay labourers daily.

3. For Tindivanum and Villapuram I have placed at the Head Assistant's disposal the budget allotment of Rs. 3,130 for cleaning tanks and wells and removing prickly-pear, and am prepared to place more funds at his disposal for village relief works, such as clearing channels and repairing tank-bunds, if necessary, so soon as lists are submitted.

4. The Cuddalore Taluq will be under the charge of my Assistant Mr. Thomson and myself. The road-works budgeted for this taluq will give great relief in their execution, and I shall place at Mr. Thomson's disposal whatever sums may be necessary for sanitary works, such as deepening tanks and cleaning wells; the want of drinking water already beginning to be felt rather severely in some villages.

5. I shall address the Board in a separate communication relative to additional Overseers and the views of the Local Fund Board on the point of their employment; but, in the meantime, I may state my opinion that all additional expense incurred in respect of supervision by reason of Local Funds works being hurried on to afford relief should be treated as an Imperial charge, and I shall be glad to know what I am to do for funds if all the Cuddalore General Local Funds are exhausted.

Either Imperial Funds should be placed at my disposal, or I must be permitted to draw on the Virdachellum Local Fund General balances.

6. On this point I request the instructions of the Board.

Enclosure No. 1.

LIST No. I.

Trickalore Taluq.

		Rs.
1.	Extension of Jambai channel to Manlurpett and Siddahpatnam tanks, at an outlay of ...	1,670
2.	Excavation of a river-channel to Mudianore tank, estimated cost about	500
3.	Repairing the bund and re-constructing two sluices in Parikal tank, estimate already submitted for	1,300
4.	Repairs to the bund of, and construction of a sluice to, the tank in Perumbakkam village, estimated cost	1,000
5.	Repairs to the bund and raising the calingulah of Kullacoorchy tank	600
6.	Repairs to the bund and re-constructing sluice to the Seruthanore tank	500
7.	Repairs to Kunjaram tank-bund...	500
8.	Clearing the supply-channel in Ulundur, estimated cost	200
9.	Repairs to the bund of Nagar tank and constructing a sluice	300
10.	Repairs to Adukkum tank	250
11.	Do. to Narayur tank	300
12.	Do. to Verinjepuram tank and construction of a sluice	500
13.	Do. to Kodukkapat tank, constructing a sluice, as well as repairing thesupply-channel.	500
14.	Road from Trinomallay to Cheyyur river ...	2,000
15.	Constructing a hospital at Trikalore	5,000

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Collector.

Enclosure No. 2.

LIST No. 2.

Local Fund Works.

Sanitary, etc.

		Rs.
1.	Repairs to Allipakum pond	400
2.	Do. to Ariyur pond	200
3.	Well to be dug in Vadacarai Thayanore	250
4.	Repairs to Mellathore pond	250
5.	Do. to Edapoliem pond	200
6.	Do. to Kadahnur pond	200
7.	Do. to Armatham	300
8.	Do. to Sandapet pond	250

Trinomallay Taluq.

Repairs to Ponds.

		Rs.
9.	To Tamarakolum in Trinomallay	250
10.	To Madalakolum in Trinomallay	175
11.	Repairing the supply-channel to Pumandakolum in Cusbah Trinomallay	200
12.	Repairs to pond in Paramanandal village ...	400
13.	Do. to pond in Reddipoliem, Chekkady Jaghire	175
14.	Do. to the only drinking-water well in Veppur, in Chekkady Jaghire	170
15.	Do. to Pudur pond in Malamunjanoor, Chekkady Jaghire	200
16.	Do. to Puliankolum pond	400
17.	Do. to pond in Adi Annamalai	150
18.	Do. to Vadandavadi pond	250
19.	Do. to Mekkalur pond	200
20.	Do. to Packal pond	150

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Collector.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Collector must be on the alert to arrest the hurrying on of work if labour turns out not to be procurable. From information furnished by Mr. Banbury, the Board are led to expect that in many places the scarcity is not pronounced to such an extent as to make the people forsake their ordinary avocations to work on roads.

3. The subject of additional Overseers is laid before Government in separate Proceedings.

4. The question what is to be done when funds now available are exhausted does not press for immediate decision, and the Board resolve to await a report from their Second Member before dealing with it.

No. 265. Order thereon, 31st March 1874, No. 404.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of Madras.

REVENUE.

To

The BOARD OF REVENUE,

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Dated March 31st.

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G. O., 31st March 1874, No. 404.

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Relief-works for the Employment of the labouring Classes in South Arcot District.—Records Board's Proceedings regarding the steps taken by the Collector in the selection of —.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 25th March 1874

Read the following:-

No. 142

From J. N. Garstin Esquire
Collector of
South Arcot

To, J. Grose Esquire
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras.

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Engineer to put in hand forthwith all the Local Fund Road Works entered in the Budget for 1874-75 for execution in the 6 Talugs of Cuddalore, Tindivanum, Villapuram, Trinomalay, Trickalore and Kullakurichy and have placed at the disposal of the General duties Deputy Collector the sum of Rupees 1750 entered in Statement VB of the Budget for Expenditure on Sanitation in the Trinomalay and Trickalore Talugs - as well as 4770 Rupees out of the General Fund Balances for Expenditure on the 20 works entered in List No 1 herewith enclosed

enclosed. In addition to this I have called on the District Engineer to push on with the 13 Irrigation and 2 Road works entered in list No 2 now forwarded. These works as well as the 3 sanctioned by Government in their Proceedings of the 3rd instant will afford employment to numbers of labourers in all parts of Trincomalay and Trickalore. The difficulty with respect to them will be supervision. I could find quite enough for 10 or 12 Overseers to do, and if Relief works are really to be carried out I must have

have at least 6 more Overseers who can survey, measure work, keep accounts and pay labourers daily.

3. For Tindivanum and Villapuram I have placed at the Head Assistant's disposal the Budget allotment of Rupees 3130 for cleaning tanks and wells and removing prickly pear and am prepared to place more funds at his disposal for Village relief works such as clearing channels and repairing tank bunds if necessary - so soon as lists are submitted.

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be under the charge of my Assistant Mr. Thomson and myself - the Road works budgetted for this Taluq will give great relief in their execution and I shall place at Mr. Thomson's disposal whatever sums may be necessary for sani= =tary works such as deepening tanks and cleaning wells, the want of drinking water already beginning to be felt rather severely in some villages.

5. I shall address the Board in a Separate Communication relative to additional Overseers and the views of the Local Fund Board on

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I have &c.

South Arcot Collector's Kutcherie 21st March 1874

/Sgd/ J. H. Garstin
Collector

Submitted for the information of Government.

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J Grote
Secretary.

To The Ag Secretary to Government Revenue Department with Copies of 2 Enclosures

C.H.W. Bro. Heads

List A. No. I

Trikkalore Taluq

1. Extension of Jambai channel to Maduripett and Siddalipat-nam Tanks at an outlay of Rs. 1670.
2. Excavation of a River channel to Mudianore tanks, estimated cost about Rs. 500
3. Repairing the bund and reconstructing 2 Sluices in Parikal tank, estimate already submitted for Rs. 1,300. 9/1004
4. Repairs to the bund of and construction of a Sluice to the tank in Perumbakkam Village estimated cost Rs. 1,000.
5. Repairs to the bund and raising

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raising the Caliyagulah of Hulla-
-coorely tank Rs. 600.

6. Repairs to the bund and reconstructing sluice to the Seru-
thanore tank Rs. 500.

7. Repairs to Hunjaveru tank bund Rs. 500.

8. Clearing the supply channel in Ulundur, estimated cost Rs. 200.

9. Repairs to the bund of Rajar tank and constructing a Sluice Rs. 300.

10. Repairs to Adukkamm Tank Rs. 250.

11. Repairs to Karaiyur D. Rs. 300.

12. Repairs to Veringepuram tank and construction of a Sluice Rs. 500.

Repairs

13. Repairs to Kodukkapur Tank, constructing a Sluice as well as repairing the supply channel Rs. 500.

14. Road from Trinomallay to Cheyyur River Rs. 2000.

15. Constructing a Hospital at Tiruvalore Rs. 5,000.

/Signed/ H. Garstin
Collector. 10/404

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Secretary

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List No 2.

Local Fund Works

Sanitary &c:

1. Repairs to Illipakum Pond
Rupees 400.
2 Repairs to Arigyar Pond
Rupees 200.
3. Well to be dug in Vadacarai Thay
anore Rupees 250.
4 Repairs to Mellathore Pond
Rupees 250.
5 Repairs to Edapoliem Pond
Rupees 200.
6. Repairs to Kadahnur Pond
Rupees 200.
7 Repairs to Nunattam
Rupees 300.
8. Repairs to Sandaipet Pond
Rupees 250.

Trinomallay Taluq.

Repairs to Ponds.

9. To Tanjavur Kolunnai Trinomallay
Rs 250.

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10. To Madalakolum in Trincomalay Rupees 175.

11. Repairing the Supply Channel to Tumandakolum in Cuddah Trincomalay Rupees 200.

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/Signed/ F. H. Garstin
Collector.

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J Grose
Secretary.

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