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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th November 1876.*

No. 244. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st November 1876, No. 2,716:—

Read the following letter from C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 26th October 1876, No. 276:—

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the Proceedings of the Board, No. —, dated 24th instant, and, in reference to the proposed establishment of a congee-house at Salem, to inform the Board that it was intended to meet the expenses from Municipal and Local Funds and *not* from the Government relief grant of Rupees 11,000, which will be spent entirely in the sub-division. I enclose copy of a letter received to-day from the Sub-Collector in regard to what he proposes for the Oosoor Taluq. I have informed Mr. Wilkinson that the opening of congee-houses must be deferred for the present at any rate, as it cannot be said that the distress is very widespread, and I have no doubt that all the pressing necessities of the people in Oosoor will be met by putting in hand the works proposed by Mr. Wilkinson in the accompanying list, which I entirely approve.

2. I cannot conceive that Mr. Wilkinson will have difficulty in purchasing raggy, of which he reports a large stock in the taluq of Oosoor, and of course *importing* grain at this time is out of the question.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

FROM F. WILKINSON, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, dated Royacotta, 23rd October 1876, No. 632.

I HAVE the honor to submit my proposals for the relief of the distress in the Oosoor Taluq.

2. I propose to open three congee-houses only for the present, viz., one at Oosoor, one at Dencanikotta, and one at Kilamangalam, the daily cost of which will be Rupees 23-8-0; should rain continue to hold off, and distress increase, it will be necessary to open congee-houses at Talli and Udenhalli, and in all probability at Royacotta, Shulageri, and Bagalur also. The cost of these will be Rupees 5 per diem each.

* Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th October 1876, sanctioning Rupees 2,000 for improvement of water-supply in Oosoor Taluq since received. Rupees 3,000 more for Oosoor required at once.

I require Rupees 5,000* for works to be put in hand at once, and, if we get no rain and distress continues, shall want in a few weeks' time another Rupees 10,000.

4. I have enumerated several tanks, &c., which require repair, and I request funds may be provided and their repair at once put in hand by the Department of Public Works. It is useless for me to write on the subject to the Range Officer as the last time I ventured to send him a list of tanks which, on my inspection, I found to be in need of repair, he returned it.

5. The great difficulty is in procuring grain. Those who have grain refuse to sell, hoping that prices will rise still higher. On Saturday fifty persons from the Muthagundhally Jaghire walked some twelve miles to my camp to complain of their inability to get grain, and yesterday a deputation from the Sandai or weekly market at Kilamangalam waited on me to complain that the merchants refuse to sell. The same complaint is made to me in every village I enter; there is grain, but its possessors will not sell.

6. In these enlightened days it is not permitted to compel the holders of grain to sell, nor am I allowed to import grain; but it is a mockery to offer people work when with the money they obtain as pay they cannot procure the necessities of life.

7. I request your instructions as to how the people are to be fed. The vaunted maxim that the supply is always regulated by the demand may be true in times of prosperity and plenty, but at present it is a dead letter. The people are offering the holders of grain the most extravagant

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terms (one man told me yesterday that he had offered to pledge his son for a supply of raggy), but all offers are refused, and the grain pits are unopened. Indignation is rising, and, unless grain is provided, looting will be the order of the day.

If I am provided with the funds for which I have been asking for the last month, I will endeavour to purchase raggy and pay in kind, but I know of no reason why should the possessor of grain sell to me rather than to their starving neighbours.

9. There is grain here and there in the taluq which will suffice if we can get hold of for the next month or so, but then some one must import. It is to me very doubtful if the merchants will do so, as they will keep by them enough for their own use, and will be too fearful of looting to care to run the risk of bringing in grain.

10. Under these circumstances I request to be informed whether, if I find it absolutely necessary, I may import grain as well as sell it.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. T. LONGLEY,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

1. The following are the relief works which must be set on foot either at once or if rains continue to hold off within a few weeks' time in the Usur Taluq.

2. In and around Usur a conjee-house should be opened to afford food to the sick, to children, to the aged, and those only who are unable to earn their livelihood. I calculate that about 100 persons will require to be fed daily. The cost of such a house will be Rupees 11 per diem; a shed will cost Rupees 20.

3. Works for the able-bodied.—Employment is available in the Remount Depot, in the erection of the Range Officer's house, and in certain works going on in the town of Usur. When it is found necessary to provide other employment, the only work which suggests itself (no new roads being required) is to clean out the Usur tank and a guntah below it, removing the silt and accumulated filth. This would provide employment for 200 persons for two months, and would cost about Rupees 2,000. This work will have to be put in hand should no rain fall within the next fortnight. Rupees 200 for the eradication of prickly-pear at Terpett and for the improvement of the village site by filling up holes, &c., may be spent at once if it is found necessary to afford employment.

4. Between Usur and Thalli.—There are nearly Rupees 400 in hand for the repair of the road. This work should be put in hand at once and pushed on with. If water is not available for tamping, gravel can be dug and placed where required and stones collected and broken up. The Local Fund Board have sanctioned Rupees 100 for a well at Bommandahulli. This will afford labor for the people of that and the neighboring villages for a time. The Local Fund Board have also sanctioned Rupees 50 for a well at Poonapully, which is being sunk (Rs. 70 more are required) Rupees 100 for a well at Kalgundaipulli, and Rupees 200 for cleaning out a guntah at Mathagoondahully. A well at a cost of Rupees 150 is required at Peria Balagoondapulli, and a wayside well at Ulancanahully requires cleaning out and deepening at a cost of Rupees 75. The Kodigai tank of Peria Balagoondapulli requires earthwork, repair to the bund, and, if the Inamdar can be made (we possess no power to force him, and he is very unlikely to do anything,) to execute the repair, work will be provided for all the able-bodied poor for the present. The Jaghiredar of Mathagoondahully promises to put in hand the repair of the Davaganapulli tank, which will afford employment to a large number from Beemamangalam, Togarai, and neighboring villages. The Local Fund Board have promised a grant of Rupees 500 towards the repair, and, if Government would advance the Jaghiredar Rupees 1,000, the work might be at once pushed on with. If this work is not taken up, there is a trace of a road from Mathagoondahully to Gumalapuram (five miles) which may be put in good order at a cost of Rs. 200 per mile.

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The Kodigai tank of Kuppetty requires earthwork to the bund, and the Inamdar will be at once required to execute it. This and the cleaning out and repairing of a wayside well at Davaganapully at a cost of Rupees 100 will suffice for the present.

5. Thalli, Gumalapuram, Jowlagheri, and neighborhood.—Rupees 400 are still in hand for the new road from Thalli to Gumalapuram. This must be pushed on with. There are some tanks near Gumalapuram (Chennabasaviea tank and Kogili tank) requiring repair. If the Public Works Department take these in hand, labor will be provided for those requiring it in this corner of the taluq. A conjee-house under the superintendence of the Revenue Inspector must be opened at Thalli, but I would wait for a fortnight or so before starting it. About 50 persons will be relieved, and the cost will be Rupees 5 per diem. The rough trace between Thalli and Jowlagheri, five miles, should be opened out at a cost of Rupees 200 per mile. Jowlagheri is an important place both as an emporium of grain and a forest station, and the road is required. Rupees 150 are required for the improvement of the water supply of Jowlagheri by clearing out a guntah and deepening the well there. A well (road-side) at Chikka Solipuram is in progress, for which the Local Fund Board have given Rupees 46; Rupees 100 more are required. The repair of the Kodigai tank of Gopasundaram should be at once put in hand. Between Jowlagheri and Denkecottah there are several villages, the people of which might have labor afforded them if some tanks (Patalamman, Yellareddy, Yerrayen, and Chikabanur) were repaired. The Kodigai tank of Koten Agharam requires repairs, and the Inamdar has been called upon to put the work in hand.

6. The Rupees 300 still unspent of the allotment on the Thalli—Denkecottah road should be at once expended. This brings us to Denkecottah.

7. Denkecottah.—A conjee-house under the supervision of the Deputy Tahsildar must be opened here: 75 persons will be fed, and the cost will be Rupees 7-8-0 per diem. Rupees 40 are being expended for the repair of the town roads. Another Rupees 50 are required for this purpose, and Rupees 100 for the eradication of prickly-pear. Rupees 200 have been sanctioned by the Local Fund Board for the cleaning out and repair of the big drinking-water well, and, should more work be required, the silt, &c., of the big tank, to which so many people resort for water, might be removed. For this Rupees 500 would be required, and another Rupees 250 will be required for the above well. If it is necessary hereafter to provide more employment, the sanitation of the fort, clearing away prickly-pear, filling up pits, levelling, and pelting the glacis for planting may be undertaken, and will afford ample employment for some time. Rupees 500 would be required.

8. Rupees 191 are still unexpended of the allotment for the Denkecottah—Kundicottah road. This should be spent. The repair of the following tanks in the Andavanahully valley by the Public Works Department should be undertaken:—

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| 1. Madagiri tank. | 4. Streenisvassien tank. |
| 2. Sujjalabatti tank. | 5. Meah Sahib guntah. |
| 3. Gungarao tank. | |

A wayside well at the 4th mile requires to be cleared of sand, deepened, and protected. This will cost Rupees 200. A new well is required at Kunducottah, which will cost Rupees 150, and hereafter the Andavanahully well may be cleaned out and deepened at a cost of Rupees 150. At Auchetty a well is much required at a cost of Rupees 150, and, if more is hereafter required, the ghaut may be improved at a cost of Rupees 500.

9. The repair of the forest road via Sandanapulli and Iruducottah is the only work I can suggest on this side as no wells are required. Rupees 1,000 might be allotted for this work, but it need not be put in hand for another fortnight.

10. Denkecottah—Usur.—There are Rupees 660 in hand for the repair of the road, and a new culvert is being built at the 8th mile. These will suffice for the present. Hereafter the repair of the Tandari anicut and tank and the repair of the tanks near Mudiganapulli should be taken in hand and other works must be undertaken.

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are required) Rs 100 for a well at
Halgunnapulli and Rs 200 for
clearing out a guntah at Mattha
gondabully. A well at a cost
of Rs 150 is required at Peria Balagondapulli
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upon to put the work in hand.
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5. Meshlahi Guntah.

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should be taken in hand and other works must be undertaken.

11. Dankemottah - Kelammungalam

The Rs 137 of the road allotment should be spent. A well is required at Konthalam for which Rs 100 are required. The repair of the Dooda Belur ancient and Channel of the Chikkabalar Tank and of the Venkataraj Tank in the village of Chinnally as well as the repair of the old ruined Channel and tank of Anigallu by Department of Public Works if undertaken at once would provide employment and be remunerative.

12. Kelammungalam. A Canje house

under the supervision of the Revenue Inspector and Dunsiff. (a most respectable Mohomedan) must be opened here 50 persons will be fed at a cost of Rs 5 per diem. The Nayakan Tank requires repair by Department of Public Works and the repair of the Kodigy Tanks viz Ramayan Kodigy, below Ajaganally and Gulisandaram, should both be put in hand. A well requires to be sunk at a cost of Rs 250 and Rs 150 may be given for clearing quickly pear filling up pits &c.

13. Kelammungalam to Inur. Clearing out and repairing a well at

Kundumaramahalli at a cost
of Rs 200 will provide present
employment for the people of
that place and the neighbouring
villages of Pyramungalam
Tamaudapully, Kottipalli &c.
There are Rs 300 for the repair
of the road from Belamungalam
to Attipully which should be
at once put in hand. The tanks
of Achutypalli and Aggundapalli
require repair by the Department
of Public Works and the Inamdar
of Omalaradi Tank below Aggundapalli
should be at once required to
execute those repairs which
for years he has neglected.

A well at Aggundapalli requires
cleaning out &c at a cost of Rs 100.
14. If more is required hereafter
the road from Belamungalam
to Indrabulli 6 miles may be
taken up at Rs 200 per mile
and will afford employment
for 2 or 3 months to all the able
bodied poor in the neighbourhood.
15. Jakeri. Achuttydurgam. Santalam
Anasonai &c. A wayside well
in Puchagantharapalli requires
cleaning out and repair at a
cost of Rs 75. Rs 50 are required
for clearing prickly pear at
Anasonai. A guntah is required
at Kalinayakanapully at a cost

of Rs 150 and Certain Ryots propose
to cut a river channel at the
abandoned Honasandiram ancient.
A well is also required at a cost
of Rs 100 near Jekeri and Rs 30 for
clearing prickly pear at Auchetty
Durgam. These works will provide
the necessary employment for the
present. The Munsif of Indaluram
is anxious to obtain a loan from
Government under the act for
the repair of 3 irrigation wells
and if Government can give the
money employment will be
provided.

16. The Rs 787 in hand for repair
of

of the road from Milammagalum
to Pogestah should be at once
expended. The Inamdar of
Nagamagalum Tank must be
required to push on with that
work - Rs 25 are required for
clearing prickly pear at Keraqana
- hully and Rs 50 for clearing prickly
pear at Nagasandiram.

17. Distress is felt in the Indra
Durgam Saraf as the Crops have
nearly perished. There is a gunat
near Puram which requires repair
being largely used by Cattle.
Rs 200 are necessary to put it
in proper order and the well
below it; a well near Surugurki

and another near Kalavara halli
require deepening and there
is prickly pear to be removed
the cost of which will be Rs 150.

The people here have been without
proper food for the last week

18. At present no relief work is
required in or around Panjapalli
but should distress increase
a channel from the river to
the tank may be undertaken
at a cost of Rs 200. The Department
of Public Works should undertake
the repair of the ancient.

19. Poyseottah. Rs 200 may be
given for clearing prickly pear

The Druttahar has done a
great deal and deserves help.
If more is required Rs 200 may
be spent in improving the
approaches to the fort on the
summit of the Hill.

20. There are Rs 1255 in hand
for the repair of the road from
Poyseottah to Usur. This
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prickly pear at Edenbally, Rs 200
for a well and Guntah at
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the present, as the large tank

of Komasan Dham is under
repair. A Carjee house will
be required here eventually but
not for the next fortnight or so.
50 people will be fed at a cost
of Rs 5 per diem.

21. On the Shulagheri side. A way
side well at Hamandoddi requires
deepening at a cost of Rs 100. There
are tanks near Perandafulli and
Hamandoddi which require repair
by the Department of Public Works.

22. There is a Kodigga tank Minakshayan
near Pallucottah which should
be repaired at once.

23. At Shulagheri Rs 150 may be

given for a well. There are
Rs 855 in hand for the new
road from Shulagheri to Beriki.
This should be pushed on
with and if more is required
the next 6 miles of the road
may be taken up at Rs 250 per
mile and present track between
Beriki and Bagalore 7 miles im-
proved at a cost of Rs 100 per
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Signed J. Frank Wilkinson
23-10-76 Ag Sub Collector

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C. J. Sengupta
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Revenue Department

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Enc. No. 2.

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1876, No. 276.

No. 4621/76

Letter of order

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Salem Collrs Office
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4. I have enumerated several tanks &c
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which require repair, and I request funds may be provided and their repair at once put in hand by the Department of Public Works - It is useless for me to write on the subject to the Range Officer, as the last time I ventured to send him a list of tanks which on my inspection I found to be in need of repair, he returned it.

who is he

5. The great difficulty is in procuring grain. Those who have grain refuse to sell hoping that prices will rise still higher.

On Saturday 50 persons from the Muthagundabelli Jaghire walked some 12 miles to my Camp to complain of their inability to get grain. And yesterday a deputation from the Sandai or weekly market at Kelamangalam waited on me to complain that the merchants refused to sell. The same complaint is made to me in every village I enter. There is grain;

grain; but its possessors will not sell. 18/8
6. In these enlightened days it is not permitted to compel the holders of grain to sell, nor am I allowed to import grain: but it is a mockery to offer people work, when with the money they obtain to pay they cannot procure the necessaries of life.
7. I request your instructions as to how the people are to be fed. The vainest maxim that the Supply is always regulated by the demand may be true in times of plenty, and plenty; but at present it is a dead letter. The people are offering the holders of grain the most extravagant terms (one man told me yesterday that he had offered to pledge his son for a supply of raggy), but all offers are refused, and the grain pits are unopened. Indignation is rising, and unless grain is provided, looting will be the order of the day.

8.

If I am provided with the funds for which, I have been asking for the last month, I will endeavour to purchase rassy and pay in kind, but I know of no reason why should the possessors of grain sell to me rather than to their starving neighbours.

9.

There is ~~some~~ grain here and there in the Taluk which will suffice, if we can get hold of it, for the next month or so, but then some one must import. It is to me very doubtful if the merchants will do so, as they will keep by them enough for their own use and will be too fearful of lost to care to run the risk of bringing in grain.

10. Under these circumstances I request

to be informed whether, if I find it absolutely necessary, I may import grain as well as sell it.

Salem Sub Collector's office
Rogacotta 23rd Oct/76

I have &c
(Signed) Frank Wilkinson
Asst Sub Collector.

(True copy)
(Sd/ C. F. Longley)
Collector.

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(Sd/ H. E. Stokes)
Asst Secretary.

To The Collector of Salem.

(True copy)

H. Stokes
Asst Secretary

To The Secretary to Government R.D.
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[Signature]

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