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Famine Relief.

No. 905. Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Chittoor, 19th March 1877, No. 40:—

I HAVE the honor to enclose, as called for in the Circular No. 407, dated 30th January last, the marginally-noted reports, received from my divisional officers, regarding the present supply of drinking-water in the various taluqs of the district, and the future prospects thereof.

1. Sub-Collector's letter, No. 113, of 23rd February 1877.
2. Head Assistant Collector's letter, No. 75, dated 2nd March 1877.
3. General Duty Deputy Collector's letter, No. 50, of 14th February 1877.

2. The Sub-Collector's letter shows that the taluqs in the sub-division have not, except in a very few localities, commenced to experience insufficiency of water-supply for drinking purposes, and that the villages along the Palar and other rivers still command a fair supply. Due arrangements are made for improving the water-supply in localities where it is likely to fail in future, in consequence of the extremely unfavorable character of the season.

3. It is clear from the Head Assistant Collector's letter, that the Tirtani, Narrayanavanam, and Tripati Divisions are not threatened with any immediate want of water-supply, and that the eastern parts of the Chendragherry Taluq are also in tolerably good circumstances. Steps have been taken to improve the water-supply in those portions of the taluq where distress made its first appearance and a diminution of the supply began to be felt. I have lately myself twice visited and carefully inspected these parts of the district, and am therefore in a position to testify to the accuracy of the information furnished by the Head Assistant. The Kalastri Division commands a fair supply of drinking-water in villages bordering on the Swarnamuki river, and I am taking active steps to improve it wherever insufficiency is likely to be felt. In the other parts of the Kalastri Zemindari, including Maderpak, wells likely to yield good springs are now under repair, and I am now in communication with the Zemindar in view to effect further extensive improvements of a highly useful character.

4. As regards the Wallajah Taluq, I am glad to state that the villages situated along the Palar river have an abundant supply of drinking-water. The River-channels in that direction command good springs, and are not likely to fail for some time to come. Kasam or spring-channels and the Kaveripak surplus channel supply water to a large number of other villages, and are in a promising condition. The central and northern portions of the taluq are dry and require improvement. I have accordingly directed my best attention to them, and given orders for the repair of a large number of reservoirs likely to furnish a water-supply.

5. The taluqs of Chittoor and Palmanair and also the Punganur Division are immediately in my charge, and I spare no pains in improving their water-supply. A large number of wells have been dug and others are still under improvement in Palmanair and Punganur, while new wells are also now being dug in many places.

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6. The taluqs of Wandewash and Poloor and the Arni Division, comprising the General Duty Deputy Collector's Range, are far better off than the other parts of the district as regards water-supply. I shall not, however, fail promptly to attend to the requirements of the range in proper time.

7. In the Chendragherry Taluq the repair of many spring-channels and other sources of irrigation is in progress in addition to the repair of wells, in view to provide against future contingencies. Failure of rain in April next may lead to deficient water-supply; but the timely arrangements that have been made for months back will doubtless obviate the difficulty in a great measure.

8. In conclusion, I beg to explain that the delay in submitting this report is due to the circumstance of my having had to obtain accurate replies from my divisional officers after careful inquiries.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From G. D. IRVINE, Esq., Acting S. D. Collector, to W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, dated Vellore, 23rd February 1877, No. 113.

With reference to your letter, No. 201, of the 6th instant, I have the honor to forward, in original, the Arzis received from the Tahsildars and the Deputy Tahsildars of the sub-division, together with a precis of their report.

2. From these you will observe that the villages lying along Palar, &c. rivers have a fair supply of drinking-water. There is no actual scarcity at present even in other parts of the Godavari and Vellore Taluqs. It, however, appears that the wells, &c., in the villages situated between Moranam and Abdullapuram, of the Arcot Taluq, and in seven villages of the Kangundi Division have become dried up. A large number of wells in the former are already undergoing repairs.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From ARTHUR F. COX, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, North Arcot, to W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, dated Rancepett, 2nd March 1871, No. 75.

With reference to your letter, No. 201, dated February 6th, I have the honor to forward reports upon the present condition and the future prospects of water-supply forwarded by the Tahsildar and Deputy Tahsildars of this division. None have as yet been received from Chendragherry or Tripetti.

1. The Tahsildar of Wallajah states that the villages situated in the eastern side of the taluq have a sufficient supply from the Palar river-channels. The centre and northern portions are, however, already suffering from great want of water, and he proposes that 87 wells and guntas be deepened at the cost of Rupees 22,530. Of these, he particularly urges the necessity of clearing works in the villages of Ochery and Arigalavadi, and I concur with him in thinking these works are very desirable. Ochery is a favorite halting-place, and Arigalavadi has a large choultry. I consider that the number of 87 wells and guntas may be judiciously decreased; but I am not just now in a position to make a decision.

2. The Tritani Division appears from the Deputy Tahsildar's report to be in no immediate want of water. I would, however, recommend that Rupees 250 be granted for clearing out a capital

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well in Tritani town, which has become silted up, and was in December quite dry. It used to be used largely by the villagers, and is inconveniently situated. It is important that really good wholesome water should be made available in this town, as there is a monthly feast which considerable numbers attend.

4. The Narayanavanam Division is also reported to be fairly supplied with water, and there appears no immediate necessity of undertaking works upon wells or guntas there.

5. In the neighbourhood of the Swarnamuki river, the Kalastri Division is well supplied, but elsewhere there seems to be a great want of water. The Deputy Tahsildar urges the carrying out of the works suggested by him and submitted to for your approval with this office letter, No. 53-A, dated 22nd February 1877. Should rain hold off much longer, I am apprehensive that great distress will occur in the division, and still more in Maderpak, where the soil is hard and stony and springs are scarce. Some allotment for the deepening of old wells and the construction of new ones is, I think, desirable. You have sanctioned the repair of twenty wells. I would recommend the allotment of Rupees 500 more for others, as requested by the Deputy Tahsildar in an Arzi received this day.

6. The Tripetti Division is not likely to suffer from want of water, nor the eastern parts of Chendragherry, but the southern and western portions of the taluq in which distress was apparent as early as September and October will require a few wells to be sunk in the large villages.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

From MIR UNSURDIN SAIB, Deputy Collector on General Duties, North Arcot, to W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, dated Arni, 14th February 1877, No. 50.

1. Wandewash Tahsildar's Arzi, No. 72, dated 10th February 1877.
2. Poloor Tahsildar's Arzi, No. 32, dated 10th February 1877.
3. Arni Deputy Tahsildar's Arzi, No. 46, dated 13th February 1877.

With reference to your letter, dated 6th instant, No. 204, I have the honor to enclose the Arzis of Tahsildars regarding the present supply of drinking-water.

2. The quantity in the fresh-water pond in the Cusbah Wandewash will last for a month or forty days, while the supply in ponds of Cusbah Poloor and of Vesoor, a village adjacent to Poloor, will last for about two months.

3. The scarcity of water in most of the wells in several villages of both taluqs is already much felt, and they have only supply of one or two months more, while some will last for ten or twenty days. The water is going down by degrees as the season is getting hot. Several wells and ponds have already become dry.

4. If there be no chance of rains even in April, it is not unlikely that the ryots and cattle will be put to much inconvenience for water.

5. I learn that most of the fresh-water supply in the ponds mentioned in Arni Division will last till May next, while in some parts the supply is gradually on decrease. On the road from Arni to Vellore there is only one pond near Attamalaput, to which travellers resort for drinking-water: the present supply therein will not be exhausted before six or seven months.

6. The cause of wells and ponds getting dry is not only owing to the failure of rain, but for want of springs in some parts.

7. The good water in some ponds which are within the reach of my view in the town of Arni is going down every day.

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No. 906.

ORDER THEREON, 28th March 1877, No. 1,269.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED. The Government are glad to find that the sources of water-supply throughout the North Arcot District are generally so good.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of North Arcot.
.. the Board of Revenue.
.. the Financial Department.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

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Northbrook Road, Feb. 11th 1877.
Cambridge 2 March 1877.

From

Arthur T. Fay Esq.

By Head Assistant Collector
Chas. J. Fox

R. S. Whitcomb Esq

Collecta de Mont. Brasil.

[Handwritten signature]

With reference to your letter No: 204 dated February 6th I have the honor to forward reports upon the present condition and the future prospects of water supply forwarded by the Tahsildar and Deputy Tahsildar of this Division. None have as yet been received from Chendragherry or Sipetto.

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position to make a selection.

The Britani Division appears
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no immediate want of water. I would
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construction of new ones is I think desirable.
You have sanctioned the affair of 900 wells.
I would recommend the allotment of 5000
more for them as requested by the District
Tahildar in an order received this day.

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to suffer from want of water nor the eastern
parts of the Chindwara but the southern &
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Signed Arthur F. C.
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South Coast
Collector's Office
Chittoor 19 March 1877

From

W. S. Whitridge Esq
Collector of Chittoor
J. A. Garsin Esq
add. Secretary to Govt
Govt Bank House
Chittoor

I have the honor to enclose
as called for in the Circular No 407
dated 30 January last, the same

1. Lule Collection letter
No 115 of 23 February
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2. Head Assistant Collector's
letter No 75 dated 2 March
1877.
3. General D. L. Esq's
Collection letter No 80
of 14 February 1877.

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officers regarding the present
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3. It is clear from the Head
Assistant Collector's letter that the
Sirtani, Narayanavanam and
S. P. Divisions are not threatened
with any immediate want of water
supply and that the Eastern parts
of the Chendrayan Taluk are also
in relatively good circumstances.

Steps have been taken to im-
prove water supply in
those portions of the Taluk where
it has made its first appearance

Wells likely to yield good springs
are now under repair and I am
now in communication with the
Burmese in view of
further extensions.

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The Salaks of Chittor
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Pungam Dams are immediately
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dug in many places.

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and Palam and the Arni Dam
comprising the General Duty

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better off than the other parts of
the District as regards water supply.
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to attend to the requirements of
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Failure of Rain in April next
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8 In conclusion I beg to

explain that in
submitting this Report
the circumstances of my having
had to obtain numerous replies
from my Divisional officers
after careful enquiries.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

J. P. White
Collection.

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