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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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Famine Relief.

No. 161. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th March 1877 :—

Read the following letter from P. T. RAJAGOPALAN, Deputy Collector of Salem, to C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, dated 22nd March 1877, No. 78.

I HAVE the honor to submit my report on the progress of the State relief-works under my charge in the Salem Taluq up to the end of February 1877.

2. Distress manifested itself early in December in the taluq, especially in Omalur Division, and no time was lost in starting relief-works of permanent utility in well-selected localities to afford labor to the needy. The Local Fund Board have placed at my disposal, for the improvement of water-supply, Rs.

1,100 which have been utilised to deepen 35 wells in 31 villages.

3. The amount sanctioned for the State relief-works in the taluq up to the end of the month is Rs. 42,921. This does not include the grants for irrigation works, the repairs of which are executed under the agency of Public Works Department, and of which I have no correct account.

4. Of the above sum, Rs. 24,303 have been spent up to the week ending the 3rd instant on three descriptions of works—

1st.—Improvement of water-supply.

2nd.—Improvement of village-sites, market-places, paths, &c.

3rd.—Communications.

The first division comprises the sinking and deepening of wells (most of them being square with steps) and those of reservoirs. Under this head Rs.

10,580 have been sanctioned for 271 wells (and 5 reservoirs in 170 villages. Of these, 100 wells have been completed and supply of water secured, and several of the rest in progress are almost being completed, so far as the deepening and securing of water-supply are concerned, leaving only portions of work, such as improvement of steps or resetting of revetments. Of the reservoirs, those at Mecheri, Amaracundy, and Chinnathirupathi, where large weekly fairs are held, have been cleared and deepened and water-supply obtained. The deepening of the reservoir at Namgavalli, where also there is a weekly market, is in progress, as also the new reservoir at Arisipalyam, the latter of which measures 140 × 112 × 13½ feet. I am glad to state that these well-works, which secure the villagers water-supply and afford labor are generally being done well.

5. As regards the second division of works, which forms the clearance and levelling of village-sites, paths, and improvement of market-places, a sum of

Rs. 3,991 has been sanctioned, which has been utilised on 43 works in 43 villages, of which 20 have been finished, while others are in progress.

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6. Regarding the third class of works, a sum of Rs. 28,350 has been sanctioned for 12 roads. Of these, 7 are new and others existing ones. Six of the new roads to a distance of $47\frac{1}{2}$ miles and two of the old of 11 miles have been taken in hand. Of the new two roads extending over a distance of eighteen miles and portions of others to an extent of sixteen miles, making on the whole 34 miles, have been finished with the spreading of gravel, and require a few culverts to be constructed across them. The average cost per mile calculated on the total outlay, with reference to the distance worked up, comes up to about 700 Rs., which should have been lessened to 550 Rs., but for the thick growth of prickly-pear on the line which necessitated clearance at a considerable cost. The two completed new roads were inspected by you, and are, as you will agree with me, well and satisfactorily done, and can compete with the best roads in the taluq.

Communications.

7. These works were first put in hand under the daily labor system, which has been subsequently superseded by contract and piece-work systems. This forced upon persons having other means to quit, and benefited those actually in need.

Cost per mile.

8. I now beg to turn to the gratuitous relief, which was first commenced in the shape of distributing cooked food in village centres to those who are unable to maintain themselves by labor. This system of cooked food having been found by short experience to be open to such abuse as cannot, with any amount of possible supervision, be detected, was substituted by the distribution of money which was in force till the end of January when the relief camp (at Chalk Hills) has been introduced in its place.

Gratuitous Relief.

9. In conclusion, I do not wish to touch much upon my exertions and pains in conducting and inspecting constantly the relief-works under my charge, having had to travel 30 and 35 miles a-day very often as you are well aware.

FORWARDED, through the Board, for the information of Government. The work done under Deputy Collector Rajagopala Charri's supervision does him great credit.

CAMP TENKARAICOTTAM,
23rd March 1877.

(Signed) C. T. LONGLEY,
Collector.

THE Board are glad to have the Collector's testimony that the Deputy Collector is doing good work.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

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No. 162.

ORDER THEREON, 6th April 1877, No. 1,356.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED. The Government note with satisfaction the creditable manner in which the Collector considers the Deputy Collector has discharged his duties as a Famine Relief Officer.

(True Extract).

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

To the Board of Revenue.
the Financial Department.

Erd. F. R. Bantleman.

Read the following

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue,

Dated 29 March 1877.

B.G. A. No.
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Read the following

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Special Deputy Collector
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To

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Govt. of (1877) Madras.
REVENUE.
THE BOARD OF REVENUE.
Dated April, 6th.
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P. T. RAJAGOPALA CHARIAR, N. E. C.
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Salem
Sd/- Mr. Collector
Office, Salem
22 March 1877

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132/ P. T. Rajagopala Chari
Sd/- Mr. Collector.

[True Copy]. Forwarded through the Board for the information of Govt. The work done under Mr. Collector Rajagopala Chari's supervision does him great credit.

Salem Office 132/ C. T. Langley
23 March 1877
Camp Tenkairacottai
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(True copy & extract)

N. Nichols
Secretary

To The Additional Secretary to
Government Rev. Depart^t

Comp. M. H.

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Dated 29 March 77.

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