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Famine Relief.

No. 194C. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th March 1877, No. 1,336:—

Read the following letter from F. WILKINSON, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, dated 15th February 1877, No. 237 S. N.

I HAVE the honor to submit a report as to the progress of relief works in the Sub-division during the month of January last.

2. The system of payments by results has been in force throughout the month, and the outturn of work has been fairly satisfactory.

3. There has been a large falling off of laborers on relief works, as the following figures show:—

Number on relief works on the 31st December was	...	...	...	13,877
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This is attributable to the young, old, and infirm being unable to earn a day's wage under the present system. As Major Baynes remarks "those who can work turn off the weak and old who cannot," and unless some more extended system of gratuitous relief is introduced, those who, under the present system, cannot earn a day's livelihood must starve.

4. During the month I drew up, in consultation with the Range Officer, a list of irrigation works, for the repair of which estimates have been prepared but not sanctioned for want of funds, viz., in Oossoor sixteen works, in Kristnagheri twenty-two, and in Darampuri twelve, the allotment for which is Rupees 27,164. As the majority of these works are masonry, such as construction or repair of sluices, calingulas, but few laborers find employment on them.

Oossoor TALUQ.—Roads.—Fair progress has been made on the four main roads, viz.:—

- (1.) Shulagheri to Masti.
- (2.) Barikai to Bagalore.
- (3.) Udenahalli to Kelamangalam, and
- (4.) Talli to Jowlagherri.

During the month $9\frac{1}{4}$ miles have been completed and $10\frac{1}{2}$ miles are in progress. Two village roads have been commenced and are making fair progress. In addition to this nine miles of main road have been repaired.

Irrigation.—Twenty-two irrigation works have been under repair during the month.

Improvement of water-supply.—Thirteen guntas or ponds have been deepened or improved, five wells sunk, and nine wells deepened and improved with successful results.

Village site.—Nine village sites have been improved.

KRISTNAGHERI TALUQ.—Roads.—Satisfactory work has been executed on the five main roads, viz.:—

- (1.) Kunderapalli to Vepanapalli.
- (2.) Kristnagheri to Vurtanapalli.
- (3.) Valambatti to Pochampalli.
- (4.) Kunderapalli to Kakangarai, and
- (5.) Bargur to Mathur.

$8\frac{3}{4}$ miles of these roads having been completed during the month.

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9th April 1877.*

Irrigation.—Repairs have been executed to eight tanks and four river channels.

Water-supply.—Five new wells have been sunk and ten deepened and improved.

Village sites.—Eight village sites have been improved.

DARAMPURI TALUQ.—Major Baynes assumed charge of the relief works in this taluq on the 1st instant.

Roads.—Two roads only were in progress, viz. :—

(1.) Indore to Sholapadi, and

(2.) Nallamballi to Laligam;

and five miles of the former and four miles of the latter were completed in the month without tamping. The improvement of the Toppur ghaut was undertaken as a relief work, but abandoned by Major Baynes as unsuitable for unskilled labor. The Range Officer has now taken the work in hand.

Irrigation Works.—Eighteen tanks and three channels were under repair.

Water-supply.—Nine guntas for the use of cattle were repaired, five wells sunk, and twenty-one deepened and improved.

Village sites.—Twenty-three village sites have been improved by the repair of streets, filling up of holes, &c. Attempts were made to introduce the system of gratuitous relief villagewar, but the want of proper supervision was much felt, and after several contradictory orders on the subject a final order was received to start one or two relief camps for each taluq. These camps are now under formation, but considering the wide prevalence of cholera and the difficulty of conveying to a camp, situated at a long distance from their homes, all who are in need of gratuitous relief, I am not sanguine as to the result.

This report was written on the 15th February, but the Darampuri Tahsildar having failed to send in his accounts, notwithstanding repeated reminders, a delay has been caused in its despatch.

FORWARDED through the Board for the information of Government.

SALEM,
17th March 1877.

(Signed) C. T. LONGLEY,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

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3. Under recent orders full sanction has been given for village visitation and relief.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

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9th April 1877.*

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ORDER THEREON, 9th April 1877, No. 1,371B.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government are surprised that so important a remark as that of Major Baynes' is passed over by the Collector without any assurance that he has taken measures to obviate disaster and without any description of the measures so taken.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Financial Department.

Exd. A. E. Goodall.

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Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

dated 24th March 1877, No 1336

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Irrigation

Twenty two irrigation works have been under repair during the month.

Improvement of water Supply

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Kristnagheri Taluq

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and Burgur to Mather (5)

$8\frac{3}{4}$ miles of these roads having been completed during the month.

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Salem Sub Collector's Office

15th Feb. 1897

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