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Famine Relief.

No. 443. Read the following letter from W. McQUIHAE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to H. G. P. FEN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Mana-Madura, 8th April 1877, No. 1,159:—

With reference to your Circular-letter, No. 407, of the 30th January last, I have the honor to forward the reports of the divisional officers regarding the supply of drinking water in the district, and to state that the present supply of water is fairly good throughout the district, except in a few localities. Water is usually procured from wells, and much has been done for their improvement by the people and the Local Fund Boards. Late rains have supplied water to many ponds and tanks and there is no anxiety about the future supply. There are now freshes in the Vygai River which will revive the springs in wells in the country on both sides. Rain is falling in different parts of the district, and there are signs of more rain coming.

2. I have authorised the Temporary Deputy Collector to sink temporary wells wherever necessary from relief funds at his disposal.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Acting Tahsildar of Peralacolum, to W. McQUIHAE, Esq., Collector of Madura, dated 10th February 1877, No. 47.

With reference to your order on the Government Circular, dated 10th January 1877, No. 407, I beg to report that there is a good supply of drinking water in a greater portion of the taluq.

2. Cumbum Valley is supplied by Suraly River. The River Theniyar goes through the Zemindari of Bodinaikanoor and Vygai through Gundamaikanoor and some Ayan villages, (Coonoor, &c.). The northern and north-easternmost part of the taluq is supplied by the rivers Varagarady, Pambar, and Manjalar. In these portions want of drinking water is never felt.

3. It is only in the portions marginally noted that the people depend on well-water. A list for deepening those wells in which the supply of water is scanty has been submitted. This work, if taken up, may probably result in an increase of the supply for the present.

1. Tevarum Zemindari.
2. Erasikaikanoor Zemindari.
3. A portion of Gundamaikanoor.
4. Combat.
5. Pamaipuram.
6. Andiputty.

4. The supply of drinking water may fail

further only in the portions referred to in paragraph 3.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From C. W. W. MARTIN, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of Madura, to W. McQUIHAE, Esq., Collector of Madura, dated Dindigul, 13th February 1877, No. 185.

With reference to your foot-note to Circular from Government, No. 407, of the 30th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that the water-supply is fair in both the taluqs, in the portions bordering on the Manjalar, Keduvanan, Shunmuganadi, and Amaravati.

2. There is a large number of wells in the Dindigul Taluq, and they have held out fairly hitherto; and though they are getting low, there is no present cause of anxiety for want of drink.

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3. As regards Palni Taluq the water-supply is getting very low in nearly all the villages. But the number of wells is so great that unless the year turns out again much drier than usual, there ought to be a sufficient supply of drinking water in every village. Estimates have been prepared and sanctioned for a number of wells from money placed at my disposal by the Local Fund Board.

4. The April rains, if at all up to their ordinary amount, will relieve all necessity for anxiety regarding drinking water.

Enclosure No. 3.

From the Acting Deputy Collector, General Duties, Madura, to W. McQUHAE, Esq., Collector of Madura, dated 17th February 1877, No. 108.

ADVERTING to your foot-note, No. 9, to the Circular-memorandum from the Additional Secretary to Government of the 30th ultimo, No. 407, I have the honor to report that the supply of drinking water in the Madura and Tirumangalam Taluqs is at present really deficient. I might say without exaggeration that one-fourth of the wells in the Madura Town itself is empty and the rest have gone very low, and contain a small quantity. In the villages generally the condition is not better. The springs in the River Vygai are exhausting. The tanks and ooranies throughout the taluqs are quite dry; but people and cattle depend upon wells. If the weather continues dry till the end of March, I fear distress of water will arise in the district.

2. I beg to observe, however, that the people are not wanting in energy to provide themselves with new wells and deepening old ones whenever their means permit them. I have shown in the margin the number of new wells in each taluq dug during the year. Although these were not intended exclusively for drinking purposes, I am confident they might prove a support to the villagers about them. In addition to the above the Local Fund Board have sanctioned the sums shown in the margin for improving the sources of water-supply. In the Madura Taluq 53 ooranies and 17 wells are in course of construction or improvement, and several more will be undertaken shortly.

3. After the expiration of two or three weeks, I intend applying for funds, if necessary, to excavate a long wide running channel and fountains in the bed of the River Vygai as well as of the streams running through the Tirumangalam Taluq which are supposed to contain spring eyes.

Enclosure No. 4.

From J. LEE-WARNER, Esq., Special Assistant Collector, Ramnad, to W. McQUHAE, Esq., Collector of Madura, dated Mudukulattur, 12th March 1877, No. 89.

In reply to your Miscellaneous No. 95, dated 3rd ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that I have no fears about the sufficiency of the water-supply in the two northern taluqs of this estate for the next two months at least. Also in the Ramnad Taluq, though in a few villages the women may not take the water of their own wells for household purposes, as a rule, there is a sufficiency of drinking water; and I am not alarmed over the prospect. The cattle, however, depend in this taluq mainly on the water drawn from the wells for their use. In Mudukulattur and Kamootly and Teruchooly Taluqs, except in the most northern parts, or along the line of the channel of the Reghunakavary, the little water that can be got from the wells is, with few exceptions, brackish. Sanctions have been accordingly given for the clearing and deepening of many village wells, where it was reported to be urgently necessary; and the villagers are unable to help themselves. The cattle of these parts have been nearly all removed by their owners to more favored localities, till the water distress is over, or have been sold, or exported to Colombo. With regard to the future supply, as an instance of the uncertainty of the rain-fall in Ramnad estate, a good shower

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is reported to have fallen over Araraem and a few villages in that quarter only a day or two ago, and water came into the pits where the coolies have been at work excavating earth for the repair of the tank. Some rain does usually fall about the end of this month.

ENCLOSURE No. 5.

From F. A. NICHOLSON, Esq., Ag. Head Assistant Collector, Ramnad, to W. McQUHAE, Esq., Collector of Madura, dated Mana-Madura, 20th March 1877, No. 163.

I HAVE the honor to report on the state of the drinking water-supply in the Shevagunga Zemindari.

2. From the report of the Tripatore Deputy Tahsildar (P. Sivaramier) who went systematically over the worst part (west and south) of his division, it is clear that no difficulty is or is likely to be experienced in this matter. When in Tripatore (February) I made personal inquiries: in most places, especially along the Palar River, fact, good water is near the surface, and some of the ooranies still contained water from the rains of 24th December. At Trigosthioor, the teppakulam had plenty of water in it, and thence northward gardens watered by wells were common. In my tour eastwards I found near Caragood and in the neighbouring tracts plenty of water; good crops had been got, and there was still surplus water even in the tanks and a portion in the ooranies which are not used for irrigation. The rains of 24th December were heavy in these parts.

3. In the southern part matters were now well off till lately. In Shevagunga Cusbah and thereabouts there was still water in the ooranies, but not much: wells, however, gave fair supply. The Mangalam Taluq in which Mr. Kitts and myself have spent some time was the worst off, having had little of the rain of the 24th December, and having no springs below the surface, wells seem unknown even in tank-beds. In some ooranies there was still water. But Providentially there has just (15th and 16th) been heavy rain over this very taluq, and both tanks and ooranies have now a good supply, which will last some time, say at least two or three months in the drinking ooranies. Mr. Kitts reports much water about. South of Mangalam Taluq is Mangalam Taluq, where I found wells everywhere, both old and newly dug, and gardens flourishing: water is very near the surface. The ooranies and tanks of Eliangudy, &c., were quite dry, but the late rain has given a good supply, especially to the drinking tanks, which at least in some cases have four or five months' supply.

4. The taluqs south of the river have water near the surface, and garden cultivation is going on fairly; there is, therefore, no danger to these taluqs, which, however, have not had the late rain, except in the west. Along and near the river there is, of course, no difficulty, as water can always be got at a few feet below the surface.

5. The Mana-Madura Taluq where I now am is probably the worst off. Near the river, water, but not good hereabouts, (Mana-Madura) can of course be got, and here and there are excellent springs and wells, but the whole country is arid and gravelly. As a rule, however, it is also thinly populated. There is no cause for anxiety even in this taluq, as water can be got in most places from wells, but the soil is usually hard.

6. On the whole we are fairly off: the late rains have greatly improved the supply in the worst part, except Mana-Madura; and we hope for good rains as usual in Chittri. The great obstacle indeed up to this time in improving the ooranies has been the fact that they have mostly got water in them. I am endeavouring, however, out of Local Funds to put down a few wells (permanent) in good places and to improve some of the existing ooranies.

ENCLOSURE No. 6.

From the Temporary Deputy Collector of Madura, to W. McQUHAE, Esq., Collector of Madura, dated 6th April 1877, No. 90.

With reference to your endorsement, No. 95, dated 3rd February 1877, on the Circular No. 407 of the Additional Secretary to Government, I have the honor to submit that the Tahsildar

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of Melur reports that in 31 hamlets of his taluq there is scarcity of water, and that the residents have to go two or three miles for water. He apprehends scarcity of water in 31 more villages in a fortnight, I presume, if the usual rains in April fail. There are no wells in these 62 hamlets. The water-supply in other villages is fair.

2. I propose to dig at once temporary wells in beds of sand, or in any other suitable locality in the vicinity of the first 31 villages at a cost of about Rs. 50 for each after visiting them myself or having them inspected by the Tahsildar in person. It would be impossible to frame even a rough estimate of the cost, as I have no idea of the extent of the sand. I therefore beg that I may be authorised to spend up to Rs. 50 for each well in anticipation of sanction.

3. The works have to be entrusted to a special officer who should not be below that of a Revenue Inspector on Rs. 25 a-month with a permanent batta of Rs. 5. I beg permission to appoint one, as the ordinary staff of Inspectors are fully engaged in the inspection of shavy and other work connected with the annual settlement and in inspecting villages to see that people are not allowed to die from starvation. I propose to promote a deserving taluq clerk for the post, and to appoint one of the registered volunteers for his place.

4. I shall leave this for Melur in a couple of days.

No. 444.

ORDER THEREON, 19th April 1877, No. 1,473.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Collector of Madras.
„ the Financial Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

En. No. 2
No. 185
Sub-folio office
Dindigul 13th February
1877.
From
The Dy. Sub-collector
of Madurai

To
The collector of
Madurai
Sir

With reference to your foot-
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to inform you that the water supply
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3. As regards Palani Taluq the
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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obt. Servant,

C. W. W. W. W.
Agent Collector

Mr. P. 3
No 108

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Chadra
Deputy Collector's Office
17 February 1877

From
The Acting Deputy Collector
or General Duties
Chadra

To
The Collector
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Referring to your footnote
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From
The Sub Collector
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To
The
Collector
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Dated 13
Received 14th February 1877

No. 185
Enclosure.

Reference
No. 22476

Subject
9-8-14 of 17th 11th 1877

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Enclosure No 1 to Madura
Circular No 108 to the addl
Secretary to Govt. Madura
dated 8th April 1877
No 1159.

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end of march, I fear, distress of water
will arise in the District.

2. I beg to observe however that
the people are not wanting in energy
to provide themselves with new wells
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the margin the number of new wells in Chandra 408
in each Taluk dug during the year. *Surmugalam 417*
Although these were not intended
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Yours truly
Thos. W. B. C. C.
J. D. P. S. S.

In H. L. 1473 Here a column
 20 10th February
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To the Hon. Secy. to Govt.
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Madras Temp. of Collectors
Office, dated 6th April 1877

The Dy. Collector of
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The Dy. Collector
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To The Collector
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I have the honor to be
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 Your most Obedt Servt
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Asst. Secy to Govt.

Department

24th March 1871

From Mr. J. H. D. D. D.

Revenue

To the Collector of

Madras

Dated 23rd March 1871

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Mr. J. H. D. D. D.
Camp. Madras
12th March 1871

From
J. H. D. D. D. Esquire
Principal Asst. Collector
Ramanathapuram
W. Allen Esquire Esquire
Collector of Madras

Sir,

In reply to your letter of 20th dated 3rd ult.
I have the honor to inform you that I have no
fears about the sufficiency of the water supply
in the two northern Taluqs of this District for the
next two months at least. Also in the Ramanathapuram
Taluk in a few villages the women may not take
the water by their hands but they should be able to
do so as there is a sufficiency of drinking water
and I am not alarmed over the prospect. The cattle
however depend in this Taluk mainly on the water
drawn from the wells for their use. In Madhavaram
and Ramanathapuram and Perambalur Taluqs, except in the
most northern parts or along the line of the channel
of the Puzosathankavary, the little water that can
be got from the wells is with few exceptions much
diminished have been accordingly given for the clearing
and deepening of many village wells, where it was
reported to be urgently necessary; and the village
are unable to help themselves. The cattle of these
parts have consequently all removed by their
owners to more favored localities, till the water
distress is over; or have been sold or exported.

The great obstacle indeed up to this time
in improving the canals has been the
fact that they have nearly got water
in them. I am endeavouring however
out of Local Funds to put down a few
wells (permanently) in good places and to
improve some of the existing canals.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Yours most obedt Servt

W. Nicholson

Asst. Secy to Govt.

Department

24th March 1871

From Mr. J. H. D. D. D.

Revenue

To the Collector of

Madras

Dated 23rd March 1871

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Mr. J. H. D. D. D.
Camp. Madras
12th March 1871
From
J. H. D. D. D. Esquire
Principal Asst. Collector
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W. M. D. D. Esquire
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...the future supply as an
 instance of the uncertainty of the rain fall in Coimbatore
 state a good shower is reported to have fallen over
 Coimbatore, and a few villages in that quarter may
 as it were, and water came in to the pits where
 water have been at work excavating earth for the
 base of the tank. Some rain descending from the
 end of the mountain.

I have the honor to be
 Sir

Yours truly & obedient servant

J. Lee was
 Secy to the Govt

Report on the
 state of the drinking
 water supply in the
 villages of the Coimbatore
 District
 Dec 12 1877
 No 6 to the Coimbatore
 District Officer to the
 Coimbatore District Officer

The Collector
 Coimbatore
 Dated 12th March
 1878
 No 89
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1. From the District Officer regarding
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No 1159

Madras Collector's Office
 On Circuit
 Camp Coimbatore

8th April 1877
 From W. McDuffie Esquire
 Collector of
 Madras
 To J. H. Garstin Esquire
 Additional Secretary
 to Government
 Fort St George

Sir, With reference to your Circular
 letter No 107 of the 20th January last, I have
 the honor to forward the reports of the
 Divisional Officers regarding the supply
 of drinking water in the District, and
 to state that the present supply of water
 is fairly good throughout the District
 except in a few localities. Water is
 usually procured from wells and much
 has been done for their improvement
 by the people and the Local Fund Board.
 Late rains have supplied water to
 many ponds and tanks and there is
 no anxiety about the future supply.
 There are now freshes in the Vygai
 River which will revive the springs
 in wells in the country on both sides.
 Rain is falling in different parts of
 the District and there are signs of
 more rain coming.

2. I have authorized the Tempo-
 rary District Collector to sink temporary
 wells.

also wherever necessary from
his funds at his disposal.

6 June 1800 I have the honor to

Dear Sir
Your most Obedt Servt

Wm Innes
Collector



1877 No. 10
From Feb. 24/76.

See below

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Notes: in April 1877

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Reporting on

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