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Famine Relief.

No. 443. Read the following letter from W. McQUHAE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to J. H. G. B. P. N. 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 Pereacolum, to W. McQUHAE, 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. Cambum 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 Varaganady, 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.

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. McQUHAE, 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, Koduvannar, 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-

19th April 1877.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.

19th April 1881

ENCLOSURE No. 6.

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19th April 1877.*

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 granite, 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 quantity of water. 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. Office of Secy
Cuddalore 13th February
1877.

From

The Dy. Sub-Collector
of Madurai

To

The collector of
Madurai

Sir,

With reference to your foot
note to Circular from Government, No. 407
of the 30th ultimo, I have the honour
to inform you that the water supply
is fair in both the Taluqs in the
portions bordering on the Marigalar,
Koduvanar, Shunmugakudi and
Amaravati.

2. There is a large number of wells
in the Cuddalore Taluq and they have
held out fairly hitherto and though
they are getting low there is no present
cause of anxiety for want of drinking
water. In villages where difficulty
is felt arrangements have been made
to deepen the wells from Local Funds.

3. As regards Palani Taluq the
water

Govt. of 1877 Madurai

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated April 19th.

G.O. 19th April 1877, No. 1,473.

APRIL
No. 44344.

PAID BY THE GOVT. No. 889.

Drinking Water in Madurai District. According
letter from the Collector regarding the state of
the supply of water and intimating that there is no
anxiety about the future supply.

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 Land
Board.

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

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obt. Servant,

C. W. W. W. W.
Ag. Secy Collector

Ln No 3
to 108

1423/10
Chadra
Deputy Collector's Office
17 February 1877

From
The Acting Deputy Collector
or General District
Chadra

To
The Collector
Chadra

Sir
Referring to your footnote
No 95 to the Circular Memo from the additional
Secretary to Government of the 30th 2nd Division
No 407. I have the honor to report that in
the supply of drinking water in the Chadra
and Tirumayalam Taluqs is at present
really deficient. I might say without
exaggeration that one fourth of the wells
in the Chadra Town itself is empty and
the rest have gone very low and contain
a small supply. In the villages generally
the condition is not better. The springs
in the river Nigay are exhausting.
The tanks and Boranics throughout
the Taluqs are quite dry. But people
and

post office

14-2-77
No 562
1877
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
From
The Sub Collector
Madura.

To
The
Collector
Madura

Dated 13
Received 14th } February 1877

No. 185
Enclosure.
Reference

No 22476

Subject
9-8-19 of 14th 2nd Division
No 1475

under supply of
the Chadra.

Enclosure No 1 to Madura
Collector to the addl
Secretary to Govt. Madura
dated 8th April 1877
c/o 1159.

and cattle entirely 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 Chandra 408
in each Taluq dug during the year. Tiruchengalur 417
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 Chandra 12850
water supply. Tiruchengalur 4213
In the Chandra Taluq
53 Borewells and 17 wells are in course
of construction or improvement and several
more will be undertaken shortly.

3. After the expiration of 2 or 3 weeks
I

I intend applying for funds if
necessary, to excavate a long wide
draining channel and fountains in the
bed of the river Tigar as well as of the
streams running through the Tiruchengalur
Talug which are supposed to contain
spring eyes.

I have the honor to be
Your obedt Servt
Thos. W. B. C. Esq.
J. Deputy Secy

En H. 1. Pare a column
 10th February 1877

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 To the Hon. Secy. of the
 Govt. of Madras
 Collector of
 Madras

In reference to
 your order on the Govt. Circular
 dated 10th January 1877 No. 407,
 I beg to report that there is a
 good supply of drinking water
 in the greater portion of the Salug
 & the Gunder valley is sup-
 plied by the Salug river. The
 river Theinigar goes through the
 headwaters of Bodinagar
 & Paigai through Gundamanik
 near & some Ceylon villages
 (Gundamanik etc). The northern &
 North Eastern most part of the
 Salug is supplied by the
 rivers Taraganady, Pambas &
 Chayalar. In these portions
 want of drinking water is
 never felt.
 It is only in the
 portions

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 The Secy. of the
 Govt. of Madras
 Yes
 The Secy. of the
 Govt. of Madras
 17th Feb 1877
 No 108
 Reporting on the
 present supply of
 drinking water in the
 Salug & Gunder
 valleys of the
 Madras District.
 Enclosure No 2 to Mr
 Collyer's letter to the Secy
 of the Govt. dated
 10.1.77

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Madras Temp. by
Office, dated 6 April 1877

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The By of Collector of
Madras

The Collector of
Madras

Sir,

With reference to your enclosure
number, 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
of Ancho reports that in 31 hawlets
of his taluq there is scarcity of water
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miles for water. He apprehends scarcity
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in these 62 hawlets. The water supply
in other villages is fair.

I propose to dig at once tem-
porary wells in beds of tanks, or in
any other suitable locality in
the vicinity of the first 31 villages

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The Collector
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To
The Collector
Madras

Dated 10. 2. 77

Recd. 14. 2. 77.

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There is a great
scarcity of drinking
water in a greater
part of the taluq.

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Enclosure 10. 3. 77. To Madras
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Govt. to Govt. Secy.

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at a cost of about Rs 50 for each
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in person. It would be impossible
to frame even a rough estimate of
the cost as I have no idea of the
character of the sub-soil. I therefore
beg that I may be authorized to spend
up to Rs 50 for each well in antici-
pation of sandstone.

The works have the entrusted
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people are not allowed to die from
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gistered volunteers for his place.

March 18077 Chh 1159.

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for on Rs 4
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The Temporary Dy
Collector
To the Collector of
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Dated 6th April
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Reporting on the
water supply in the
Tally and proportion
in connection with
with
Council House No. 4 to Mr
Foster's letter to the Dy
to Govt dated 28th
1807 14 11 59

I have the honor to be
 Sir
 Your most obedt. servt
 Wm. T. Ainsworth
 Temp. Dy. Collector

n. No 5th No 163
 Anna Madusa
 No. 163
 23rd March 1877

F. N. Nicholson Esquire
 Esq. & Co. Collector
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Sad

I have the honor to report on the
state of the drinking water supply in the
Shwazungu Lemindary.

From the report of the Tripator (Deputy
Sahibdar (P. Sinaraniyer) 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 Tripator, I made personal enquiries in most
places, especially along the Palas river tract good
water is near the surface, and some of the common
wells still contained water from the rains of
24th December. At Trigashion, the teppa
kudam had plenty of water in it, and thence
northward gardens watered by wells were common.
In my tour eastward I found near Caragordy
and

February

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.

In the southern part matters were not so well off, till lately. In Sivagangai, Arcot, and thereabouts there was still water in the ooranies, but not much: wells however gave fair supply. The Mangalam Talook 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 remain unknown even in tank beds. In some ooranies there was still water. But providentially there has just been heavy rain over this very Talook 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 Talook is Elangudi Talook which is chiefly black soil: here I found wells everywhere, both old and newly dug, and gardens flourishing: water is very near the surface. The ooranies and

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13 and tanks of Elangudi &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 4 or 5 months' supply.

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

The Madura Talook where I now am is probably the worst off. Near the river, water is not good hereabouts, but of course he 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 Talook as water can be got in most places from wells, but the soil is usually hard.

On the whole we are fairly off: the late rains have greatly improved the supply in the worst part except Madura and we hope for good rains as usual in Chittoor. The

The great obstacle indeed up to this time
in improving the canals 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 (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 Collector

Department

24th 11/21

From the Asst Collector

To the Collector of

Madras

23rd March 1877

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Madras 12th March 1877

J. Lee Warner Esquire
Special Asst Collector

W. M. S. Esquire
Collector of Madras

Sir,

In reply to your letter No 90 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 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 by their hands 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 Madurakani
and Ramoorthy and Perucherry Taluqs, except in the
most northern parts, or along the line of the channel
of the Pechumatha Kavery, the little water that can
be got from the wells is with few exceptions used
for drinking and have been accordingly given for the drinking
and deepening of many village wells, where it was
reported to be urgently necessary; and the village
cattle 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

plomb; With regard to the future supply, as an instance of the uncertainty of the rain fall in Ramanad state a good shower is reported to have fallen over Kairamam, and a few villages in that quarter viz a viz as far as the water came into the pits where earlier have been at work excavating earth for the base of the tank. Some rain does usually fall about end of this month.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant

J. Lee Cox
District Collector

Report on the
state of the drinking
water supply in the
villages of the Ramanad
District
- Madras State -
See No 6 to the
Collector's letter to the
Government dated 12th March 1873

Dated 12th March
1873

The Collector
Ramanad
District
Madras

1. From J. Lee Cox, District Collector, Ramanad, Madras, dated 12th March 1873, regarding the supply of drinking water in the District.
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No 1159
Madras Collector's Office
On Circuit
Camp Ramanad
8th April 1873
From W. McQuhae Esquire
Collector of
Madras
To J. H. Garstin Esquire
Additional Secretary
to Government
Fort St George

Sir,
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letter No 107 of the 30th January last, I have
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6 Enclosed in printed letter
I have the honour

Sir,
Yours most Obedt Servt.

Wm. D. L. C.
Collector

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