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Famine Relief.

No. 472. Read the following letter from A. J. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevely, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated 5th April 1877, No. 200:—

With reference to your circular No. 407, dated 30th January 1877, I have the honor to submit my report on the state of the drinking-water supply in the district.

With copies of reports from the Divisional Officers.

2. In the taluqs of Tenkasi, Ambasamudram, Tinnevely, and Tenkarai there will be no lack of drinking water in the villages watered by the Tambrapurni and Chittaur rivers; and the other villages which depend on wells have also a sufficient supply of water, and there is no fear of failure except in a few villages of the Tenkarai Taluq, where water may become scarce hereafter if there is no rain till October next.

3. In Nanguneri the present supply, owing to the recent rains, is sufficient, but may be deficient in the divisions of Mulakaripatti, Vizianarayanam, and Perumalanji if there be no more rain.

4. In Strivilliputtur and Sankaranainarkovil Taluqs all the villages along the foot of the Western Ghats have a fair supply at present, and no anxiety need be felt in these parts. In the eastern portion of these taluqs and in Sattur Taluq the villages entirely depend for water-supply on wells which have had a fair supply by the rain of the 16th March and of the showers which fell in subsequently in these parts.

5. In Ottapidaram Taluq the supply every where, except in few villages in Vilatikulam Division, is fairly good, and there is no apprehension of failure for some months to come.

6. On the whole for the present and for some months to come there is no cause for anxiety. Should it become necessary, proposals will be submitted for assisting the villagers in East Sankaranainarkovil and Strivilliputtur, in Sattur and Ottapidaram, and in parts of Nanguneri to deepen their wells. Small grants-in-aid will probably suffice. Even this will probably be rarely necessary, as a considerable number of wells are being sunk by the ryots under the Land Improvement Act in all the distressed taluqs. All that is necessary at present is to keep a watch on the state of the water-supply in these parts, which will be attended to.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From P. VIRARAGAVIAH, Acting General Charge Deputy Collector, to A. J. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevely, dated Sankaranainarkovil, 13th February 1877, No. 30.

With reference to your footnote to Government Circular, No. 407, of the 30th ultimo, I have the honor to state that the supply of drinking water in the taluqs of Strivilliputtur, Sankaranainarkovil, and Sattur is at present solely obtained from wells of which there are several in village sites, besides those in the punjah fields. Many of these wells have already failed, while the supply in others is daily decreasing, and the villagers in some localities are deepening them to keep up the supply for domestic use and for garden cultivation.

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2. Such is the case especially in Sattur Taluq, but in Strivilliputtur and Sankaranainarkovil Taluqs the wells situated in the western parts within a belt of about 5 to 7 or 8 miles along the Western Ghats have a moderate supply in them; and if no rain falls within the next hot weather to improve the supply, it is very probable that most of these also will totally fail. In Sattur, which consists chiefly of black cotton soil, the water has become so scarce that in several villages it is conveyed on carts from wells which contain water to distant localities besides; which the water, from being impregnated with lime, is very distasteful, and must be very unwholesome. Under the above circumstances, the prospect of water-supply during the coming hot weather is such as to cause anxiety for the future.

3. I beg to send lists of wells on village sites which have totally failed, and which still require a moderate supply in the taluqs of Strivilliputtur and Sankaranainarkovil, together with a statement showing number of wells belonging to puttah-holders, and which are at present in irrigating garden cultivation, &c.

4. Lists for Sattur have not reached me. Probably the Salt Deputy Collector will send them.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From J. F. SNAITH, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to A. J. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevely, dated Kokerakolam, 7th March 1877, No. 63.

With reference to your footnote to circular No. 407, dated the 30th of January last, from the Additional Secretary to Government, I have the honor to inform you that there will be no lack of drinking water in the taluqs of Ambasamudram and Tenkasi, watered mostly by the Tambrapurni and Chittaur rivers. The villages not close to the rivers derive their supplies from wells which are abundantly supplied.

2. The Nanguneri Tahsildar reports that the water-supply in the Vizianara, anam and Mulakaripatti Divisions and in Perumalanji is deficient, and that it is ample in other villages of his taluq. A copy of the Nanguneri Tahsildar's arzi is herewith submitted.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From J. A. DAVIES, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, to A. J. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevely, dated Tuticorin, 25th March 1877, No. 98.

ADVERTING to your footnote to the circular No. 407, dated 30th January last, from the Additional Secretary to Government, I have the honor to report on the existing state of drinking-water supply in my division.

2. *Tenkarai Taluq.*—This taluq may be divided into three portions for this purpose—(1) the river-irrigated villages; (2) the southern or sandy tract villages; and (3) the northern villages.

3. As regards the first and second classes, the present supply and the future prospects are very good. All along the river the sources are the river itself, its channels, and fresh-water wells in the several villages. In the southern portion drinking water is obtained from springs in the sand, and is considered to be of excellent quality. In the northern portion the present supply is fairly good, but as the sole sources are wells, water may get scarce in a few villages hereafter should there be no rain till October next. This contingency can, however, be provided against by a small expenditure in deepening the existing wells, and removing silt therefrom when necessity arises.

4. *Ottapidaram Taluq.*—The sources of drinking-water supply in the Ottapidaram, Kytar, and Tuticorin Divisions are entirely ordinary wells, or wells dug in the beds of tanks, and in the Vilatikulam Division springs dug in the bed of the Vypaur river in villages along the river side and wells in other villages. The existing supply every where, excepting in a few villages of the Vilatikulam Division, is fairly good, and there is no apprehension of a failure of it for some months to come. In the few cases in the Vilatikulam Division, where the supply is bad,

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the people are now going for drinking water to neighbouring villages which are never more than 2 miles distant at most. Nearly Rs. 4,000 has been spent since December from Local Funds, aided by village contributions, in improving the supply where it was bad, and I am still furnishing funds for this object when necessary.

5. I have myself travelled over most of this taluq, and am satisfied there is no present danger of a general failure of drinking water, and the good rain which fell on the 16th has made future danger more remote. There was a high fresh in the Vypaur river, the tanks hitherto dry received a full supply, and the wells have also naturally benefited by the copious downpour.

No. 4722.

ORDER THEREON, 19th April 1877, No. 1,487A.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
The Collector of Tinnevely.
The Financial Department.

Ed. A. F. Goodall.

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No 30. General charge Dy Collector's office
Tunkernamarkoil 13th February
1874.

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From The Dy General Charge Dy Collector
S. The Collector of Tinnally

Sir. With reference to your footnote
to Government Circular No 407 of the
30th ultimus, I have the honor to state
that the supply of drinking water in
the Taluq of Thiruthupattur, Tunkernamarkoil and Sattur is at present
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Signed J. Varagaviah
Ag Deputy Collector.

No 63 Sub Collectors office Simeethy
Kokkerakolam
7 March 1897

From The Ag Sub Collector
Simeethy
To The Ag Collector
Simeethy

Sir,

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2. The Nanguneri Tahsildar reports that the water supply in the Vizianarayanam and Muleikarai Divisions and in Perumanganji is deficient and that is ample in other villages of his Taluq.

A copy of the Nanguneri Tahsildar's report is herewith submitted.

I have &c
14/3/81 J. H. Panth
District Collector

No 98

Head Asst Collector's Office
Tuticorin 25th March 1891

From The Dy Head Asst Collector
Tuticorin

To The Dy Collector of
Tuticorin

Sir, Adverting to your foot note to the Circular No 407, dated 30th January last, from the Additional Secretary to Government, I have the honor to report on the existing state of drinking water supply in my division.

Sankarai Taluq.

This Taluq may be divided into three portions for this purpose, 1 The river irrigated villages, 2 The southern or sandy tract villages, and 3 The northern dry villages.

As regards the 1st and 2nd classes the present supply

and the future prospects are very good. All along the river the sources are the river itself, its channels and fresh water wells in the several villages. In the southern portion drinking water is obtained from springs in the sand and is considered to be of excellent quality. In the northern portion the present supply is fairly good, but as the sole sources are wells, water may get scarce in a few villages hereafter should there be no rain till October next. This contingency can however be provided against by a small expenditure in deepening the existing wells and removing silt therefrom when necessity arises.

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Signed J. A. Davies

By 1st Asst Collector

(True copies)

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By Collector.

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N. 200. Triveny 5 April 1877 14878

From: J. Stuart Esq
Collector

To: J. H. Garstin Esq
Additional Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir,

With reference to your circular
No. 107 dated 30th January 1877. I have the
honor to submit my report on the state of
the drinking water supply in the District.

+ With copies of
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2 In the Taluqs of Tenkasi, Ambur
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famine except in a few Villages of the
Tenkasi Taluq where water may become
scarce hereafter if there is no rain till
October next.

3 In Kanguneri the present supply
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Enclosure in a

letter from the Collector

Triveny dated 5th

April 1877 to N. 200.

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Yours most obedt Servt

R. M. A.
Collector

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