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To

Tanjore Collector's Office

Tanjore 10th February 1871

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H. J. Thomas Esquire
Collector of Tanjore

H. E. Stokes Esquire
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir.

Not long ago Tanjore
was on the eve of distress. The
rain which fell at Christmas
just tided us over our difficulty
and for the present harvest
operations are occupying ^{the} people.
Presuming Mr Pogson's forecast
of the weather to be correct we
may expect that the lapse of a
very few months will bring

Comptroller

Collector

back our distress and this time
with double force because
of the long period of impoverish-
ment that has been undergone.

To prepare for such distress the
time before us is short indeed.

Proposals other than those which
I made in the former period

of anxiety there are none to
be made. Of them the main

part and the most desirable
part were negatived because

they were irrigation projects
which had not been duly

investigated and sanctioned.
Though every exertion has I be-

lieve been made to push on
to push on the investigation of

irrigation projects still the Public
Works Department staff is in-

adequate and unless it is
materially strengthened and

that immediately the very
same difficulty must in-

evitably overtake us again.

I have therefore ad-
dressed the District Engineer

the letter of which copy is en-
closed and having since met

him find that he concurs with
me and will make application

accordingly. I have the honor
to inform the Board also,

because I suppose the general
responsibility for provision

against famine and distress rests
with the Revenue administrative
Department and because if
distress comes upon us I do not
wish to be found unready
and if the means of making
ready are given me both quick
ly and adequately I see my way
clearly to providing that distress
shall be laid out in a
way that will both be remun-
erative to Government and
will also go far to guard a-
gainst ill effects from future
famines, which it seems have
a certain periodicity

My scheme is roughly
this

this. The parts of this District
in which distress is sure to
come first are Pattukottai
Aranthangi and Vallam. In
the two former there are rivers
of water running to waste in
the sea. Large reservoirs with
irrigation can be formed there-
on. For Vallam, the Tanjore
Water Project is being got ready
by the Municipality. To secure
the irrigated delta of the Dis-
trict, which is our granary in
famine, it would be well if
the project proposed in my letter
No 4262, dated 24th November 1876,
could be investigated at once.

4 In this connection

but I would as recommended by Captain
W. Brockman advert to Col. Baker's
of proposal for a permanent
survey establishment and urge
to the necessity for at once in-
augurating the policy com-
mencing by sending to Tanjore
such liberal staff as the District
Engineer may advise for the
time for investigation is
short, and several projects
should be simultaneously taken
up for it cannot be hoped
that they will all prove feasible.

In Government Order
dated 26th December 1876, No 2170,
the Government seemed to think

I had not consulted the District
Engineer though in truth ¹⁴⁹⁸ we
had conferred together on every
point and I had only not made
mention of it because though
I had availed myself of his
kindly advice still I thought
the responsibility for provision
against famine lay with me.
That there may be no question
this time, I have the honor to
add that I have sent the Dis-
trict Engineer a copy of this let-
ter. It rests with him to
state in the quarters proper
quarter what the staff is that
is necessary. I hope there may
be

be the least practical delay in pro-
viding it.

I have &c
(Signed) H. J. Thomas
Collector

(True Copy)

Mr. Murali
Collector

comptroller

No 725

Tanjore Collector's Office
Vallam 24 February 1877

From

1494
H. J. Thomas Esq.
Collector of
Tanjore

To

J. H. Garstin Esq.
Additional Secretary
to Government
Madras

Sir,

In reply to your letter
No 652 dated 13th February 1877 I
would refer you to my letter No 56
dated 10th February 1877 to Board of
Revenue copy of which is enclosed
which also for the means of making
the very proposition here contemplated.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Yours Most Obedt Servant
Mr. Murali
Collector

Comptroller

In a letter No 725

from Mr. Murali

to the additional

Secretary

Government

Madras 24 February 1877

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Chief Engineer for Chicago