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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th April 1877.*

Famine Relief.

No. 485. Read the following letter from H. SEWELL, Esq., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated 13th April 1877, No. 34:—

REFERRING to your circular letter, dated 30th January last, No. 407, I have the honor to report that there is no apprehension of scarcity of water-supply in the villages bordering the Cauvery and Coleroon in this district during this hot season.

2. There is certainly difficulty as to water-supply in the dry portions of this district. To obviate this difficulty new wells are being sunk, and the existing wells and ponds are being cleared out and deepened from Local Funds. No endeavours will be spared in view to securing to the public as good a supply of water as circumstances would permit; and I do not think that an actual water famine need be apprehended in any part of the district.

3. The reports of the Divisional Officers on the subject are herewith forwarded.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From LEWIS MOORE, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, to H. SEWELL, Esq., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, dated Museri, 13th February 1877, No. 95.

In reply to your endorsement of the 5th instant on the circular from the Additional Secretary to Government, under date the 30th ultimo, I have the honor to report as follows.

2. In all the villages in Museri and Kulitalai Taluqs along the Cauvery there has been up to this no scarcity of drinking water either for human beings or cattle, and none need be apprehended during the ensuing hot weather.

3. No great scarcity of drinking water has been as yet experienced in the dry portions of the taluqs in my charge, but as, owing to the almost complete failure of the north-east monsoon and the extraordinary dryness of the season, it was apprehended that there would, before the hot weather was over, be a very general want of water in these parts of the taluq, the Local Fund Board, on applications made by the Divisional Officers, have sanctioned estimates for repairing existing wells and digging new ones all over these taluqs.

4. Up to this estimates for 47 wells and tanks have been sent on to the Local Fund Board, of which 35 are in Museri Taluq and 12 in Kulitalai. Almost all these have been passed, and the work of carrying them out is being pushed on without unnecessary delay. I hope to be able to get ready a considerable number of additional estimates, principally for the Kulitalai Taluq, before long, and will do my best to have the works completed before the close of the official year.

5. On the whole I think that I can state with confidence that no serious scarcity of drinking water need be apprehended here, as I believe that there will be no real difficulty in getting wells dug in every village in which there is any danger of water famine.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From V. DORASAWMI AIYAR, Acting Deputy Collector on General Duties, Trichinopoly, to H. SEWELL, Esq., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, dated Perambalur, 6th March 1877, No. 168.

With reference to your endorsement, No. 123, of the 5th ultimo, on the copy of the circular, dated 30th January last, No. 23, from the Additional Secretary to Government, I have the honor to report that, from the inquiries instituted through the Tahsildars, as well as from my personal observation during the extended tour over great portion of the division, I am able to say that the portion of the district under my charge is situated as described below in point of water-supply.

water

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th April 1877.*

Of the 341 Iyen inhabited villages of Udaiyarpalaiyam, 62 depend on the Coleroon, the Vellaur, and other minor jungle streams, from springs dug in the bed, of which any amount of water can be had; 262 look to tanks and ponds, varying at present from three to two months' supply in store, and thereafter can be maintained from wells existing in those villages; 10 villages will run short of their supply in course of two or three months, and have no wells to depend upon afterwards. In 4 of these no wells could ever be attempted with success, the ground being entirely bare of spring, however deep excavation might reach, and they will have to go to an adjoining village for supply. The remaining 7 command at present a limited supply from private wells. These and the 6 villages above noticed will have to be provided in due course with new drinking wells at a rough cost of Rupees 1,500.

2. In Perambalur there are 187 Government inhabited villages; 64 of these are dependent on rivers and jungle streams, whence water is to be had out of springs; 19 have ponds with varying supply and wells to look to after this is exhausted; 95 use wells, having no water in their ponds; and the rest (14) resort to the more fortunate of the neighbouring villages. Here no wells could succeed at any cost.

3. For both the taluqs an allotment of Rupees 4,000 has been sanctioned out of the Local Funds. Proposals are being daily submitted to improve the existing means of water-supply and sink new wells where they are expected to be successful. These works are in active progress, utilizing nearly two-thirds of the outlay and crediting an equal amount of local contribution in labor and money towards their execution. A further outlay of Rupees 2,000 for Perambalur is calculated to be ample to meet the pressing wants that might eventually be felt in case of some of the wells and ponds failing their supply.

4. There are besides 148 Zemin and Shrotriem villages in the divisions, some of which are, I think, as badly off for water as the few Government villages above noticed. But the exact extent of the want is not ascertainable owing to non-interference of the Government officials with these villages, nor is the fact so readily to be obtained, the village heads being entirely under the control of the proprietors and very slow in attending to the calls from the Taluq Office.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

From S. H. WYNNE, Esq., Assistant Collector, to H. SEWELL, Esq., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, dated 12th March 1877, No. 84.

With reference to your endorsement, No. 123, on circular No. 407 of the Government of Madras, in the Revenue Department, I have the honor to inform you that there is at present no apprehension of the failure of the drinking-water supply in this taluq. In the Nirarambam villages water can be obtained by digging in the river beds. In the dry villages, with what water there is at present obtainable, and the improvements which are being now actively carried out, the supply will probably satisfy the requirements of the people during the hot season.

No. 486.

ORDER THEREON, 20th April 1877, No. 1,494.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,

Additional Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ the Collector of Trichinopoly.

„ the Public Works Department.

„ the Financial Department.

Ed. A. F. Goodall.

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Missi H. 2. State Collector's Office
13th February 1877.
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From The H. 2. Assistant Collector

To The H. 2. Collector

At Nichinipog

In reply to your endorsement
of the 5th instant on the Circular
from the Additional Secretary to
Government under date the 30th
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as follows.

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and Thutitai Taluqs along the
Canary there has been up to this
no scarcity of drinking water
either for human beings or
cattle and none need be apprehended
during the ensuing hot weather.
3. No great scarcity of drinking
water.

Govt. of 1877: M. 1. 494.

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Secy. Secy. Secy.

Dated April 20th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 20th April 1877, No. 1,494.

APRIL.

Nos. 485-486.

FAMINE RELIEF No. 993.

Water famine in the villages bordering on the
Canary and Coleroon in Trincomalee District.—
According letter from the Acting Collector intimat-
ing that there is no apprehension of —, and that
in dry parts where the water-supply is scanty new
wells are dug and existing wells repaired.

5. On the whole I think that I can state with Confidence that no serious scarcity of drinking water need be apprehended here, as I believe that there will be no real difficulty in getting wells dug in every village in which there is any danger of water famine.

Ed Lewis Moore
sp. H. D. Scott collector.

True Copy!

M. J. Smith
Sp. Collector

Come per Benvenuto Benvenuto Ellis

General Dy Collectors Office,
Camp Perambalur,
6th March 1877.

No: 168

From The Acting Dy Collector
on General duties
Trichinopoly
To The Acting Collector of
Trichinopoly

Sir,
With reference to your
endorsement No 123 of the 5th ultimo
on the copy of the Circular, dated
30th January last, No 23, from the
Additional Secretary to Government,
I have the honor to report that, from
the enquiries instituted through the
Subsildars as well as from my
personal observations during the
extended tour over great portion of
the Division, I am able to say that
the portion of the District under my
charge is situated as described below
in point of water supply.

Enc a letter from
the Dy Secy of
Trichinopoly No 95
of 13th April 1877
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Copy of Memo sent
Dy Secy No 95

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above noticed, will have to be provided in due course with new drinking wells at a rough cost of Rs 1500.

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3. For both the Districts an allotment of Rs 4000 has been sanctioned out of the Local Funds.

Proposals are being daily sub-
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means of water supply and
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their execution. A further outlay
of Rs 2000 for Perambalur is
calculated to be ample to
meet the pressing wants that
might eventually be felt in
case of some of the wells and
ponds failing their supply.

There are besides the
Yemina and Shrothim villages
in the Division some of which
are I think as badly off for
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ascertainable owing to non-inter-
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with these villages nor is the ex-
act so readily to be obtained,
the village heads being entirely
under the control of the proprietors
and very slow in attending to the
calls from the Taluk officers.

I have &c

Signed V Perisami Aiyi
By Dy Collector

/ True Copy /

M. S. S. S.

By Collector

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 Assistant Collector's Office
 Melimangal - 12th March 1877

From The Assistant Collector
 Melimangal
 To The Dy. Collector
 Melimangal
 Sir,

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With reference to your
 endorsement, No. 123, on Circular
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 you that there is at present no
 apprehension of the failure
 of the drinking water supply in
 this Taluk. In the Kizhambam
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 by digging in the river beds.
 In the dry villages, with what
 water

Copy of Circular
 Dy. Collector's Office
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 No. 123
 13th April 1877.
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Trichinopoly, Collector's Office,
13 April 1877.

No 34.
From The Ag Collector
Trichinopoly

To The Addl. Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

Referring to your
Circular letter, dated 30th January
last, No: 407, I have the honor to
report that there is no apprehension
of scarcity of water supply in
the villages bordering the Cauvery
and its room in this District
during this hot season.

2. There is certainly
difficulty as to water supply

In a letter from the
Ag Collector Trichinopoly
No 34 of 13th April 77

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And of course with the
No 1194

Copy of Assistant
Ag Collector No 84

in the dry portions of this District;
To obviate this difficulty, new
wells are being sunk and the
existing wells and ponds are
being cleared out and deepened
from Local Funds. No endowments
will be spared in view to
securing to the public as good
a supply of water as circumstances
would permit, and I do not
think that an actual water
famine need be apprehended in
any part of the District.

3. The reports of the Divisional
officers on the subject are herewith
forwarded.

I enclose ^{for printed note}
I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedt Servant

J. R. Runk

Compd. Assistant Secy
D. H. H. Clerk

Acting Collector

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To the 1st 1872

Secretary to the

and Fort St George

At 13th 1872

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At 13th 1872

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