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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

2nd May 1877. No. 1,618.

Famine Relief.

No. 56. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd April 1877. No. 1,874.

Read the following letter from J. G. HORSFALL, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 12th April 1877, No. 169.

In reply to the Board's Proceedings of the 10th ultimo, No. 1,130, I have the honor to report that the Puliankal drainage channel is a work useful for the manufacture of salt, and is actually needed to supply labor for the poor of Merkanam and neighbouring villages independently of those employed on salt manufacture.

2. The work was commenced on the 19th ultimo by the Acting Head Assistant Collector under G.O., dated 25th January 1877, No. 241, Public Works Department; Rupees 1,000 having been placed at his disposal by the District Engineer from the Public Works grant of 1876-77. Provision has further been made in the Imperial Budget for the execution of the work in the current year. Under these circumstances a special grant is, in the opinion of the District Engineer, not necessary for this work, and I request that my application to the Board for funds may be cancelled.

* No. 233, dated 5th instant.
† " 61, dated 4th do.

3. Copies of letters from the Head Assistant Collector* and Salt Deputy Collector,† reporting on the necessity of executing the channel as a relief work, are enclosed.

ENCLOSURE. No. 1.

From J. THOMSON, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, to J. G. HORSFALL, Esq., Acting Collector, South Arcot, dated Tindivanam, 5th April 1877, No. 233.

In answer to your foot-note, No. 385, dated 20th ultimo, appended to the copy of the Board's Proceedings of the 10th idem, requiring information as to the necessity of taking up the Puliankal drainage channel for a relief-work, I have the honor to enclose a copy of the arzi of the Merkanam Deputy Tahsildar on the subject.

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20th ...	...	44	23rd ...	...	319
21st ...	...	96	24th ...	...	247

2. The work was opened on the 19th ultimo, and the numbers on it till the 24th are given in the margin.

3. The reason for the decrease on the 24th is not reported, nor have I received a copy of the progress report for the week ending the 31st ultimo, so as to know what the number then was or the rates of cooly paid. There would seem to be many more women and children than men. An application was received by me from the Deputy Tahsildar yesterday for more money, and as Rupees 117-5-1 were reported spent up till the 3rd instant, though operations were suspended for three or four days under a mistaken notion that unexpended sums were to be transmitted to the treasury before the accounts were closed for the current year, it would seem that considerable numbers are attracted.

4. The laborers came from Merkanam and its neighbourhood, but no laborers on the salt works are or are likely to come on the work. When it was first opened objection was taken to the lowness of the cooly rate. The Deputy Tahsildar is acquainted with all the orders on the subject of famine work and was instructed to exact task work, and informed what ordinary Public Works Department labor was. There is besides a maistry of the department on the spot.

5. The distressed poor only are on the work, the numbers are likely to increase as there is a large poor population in Merkanam and some of the neighbouring villages for whom there will be little labor till the next crop is on the ground.

6. I shall be at Merkanam for Jamabundi work in a few days more.

Revenue Department, 2nd May 1877, No. 1,618.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From W. FREER, Esq., Deputy Collector of Salt Department, to J. G. HORSFALL, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, dated Porto-Novo, 4th April 1877, No. 61.

With reference to your endorsement, No. 36, of the 20th ultimo, forwarding to me for report a copy of the Board's Proceedings of the 10th idem, I have the honor to state that it appears from a report this day received from the Salt Superintendent of Merkanam that if the work be carried on by day laborers it may be the means of supporting the female and juvenile members of the families of the laborers employed at the pans during the days they may not be required to transport salt to the platforms, and that the adult laborers are under too great obligation to their masters to leave them for the scanty wages offered to relief laborers. But if the work be given out by the piece I am not prepared to say that it will not have the effect of drawing off the adult laborers from the salt manufacture, for their masters have already great difficulty in keeping them from absconding to the railway works more than twenty miles away.

2. The project is not only useful to the salt manufacture during the season but to the paddy lands, whose drainage water it is intended to carry off in a direction outside the pans without giving the water time to damage the crops and is therefore, I think, an important work.

The Board do not question the importance or utility of the work, but doubted whether it was wanted or was suitable for relief purposes. As it appears that it is being executed from ordinary grants it should not be included in any statements or returns relating to famine relief.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 57.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd May 1877, No. 1,618.

Irrigation No. 1-A.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Financial Department.
" the Public Works Department.
" the Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 23^d April 1877

Read the following

No 169

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From

J. G. Foxwell Esquire

Acting Collector of South Arcot

To

H. E. Stokes Esquire

Secretary to the Board of Revenue

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 20th April 1877.

Per

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Printed drawings placed in South Arcot —
Recording Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
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(True Copy & Extract)

Sd/ H. E. Stokes
Secretary

To The Collector of South Arcot
(True Copy)

W. H. H. H.

Secretary

To The Additional Secretary to Government
with Copies of 2 enclosures.

No. 233. 16/4 Head & Dist. Collector's Office
Tindivanam 5th April 1877.

From.

J. Thomson Esq^r.
Acting Head & Dist. Collector
South Arcot.

To, J. G. Horsfall Esquire
Esq. Collector
South Arcot.

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Deputy Tahsildar on the subject.

2. The work was opened on the 19th ultimo and the numbers on it till the 24th are given in the margin.

19 th	7
20 th	44
21 st	96
22 nd	147
23 rd	319
24 th	247

The reason for the decrease on the 24th is not reported, nor have I received a copy of the progress report for the week ending the 31st ultimo so as to know what the number then was or the rates of cooly paid. There would seem to be many more women and children than men. An application was received by me from the Deputy Tahsildar yesterday for more money and as

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No Rs 114-5-11 was reported spent up till the 1st Instant though operations were suspended for 3 or 4 days under a mistaken notion that unexpended sums were to be transmitted to the Treasury before the accounts were closed for the current year it would seem that considerable numbers were attracted.

4. The laborers came from Murkanam and its neighbourhood but no laborers on the salt works are or are likely to come on the work. When it was first opened objection was taken to the lowness of the cooly rate. The Deputy Tahsildar is acquainted with all the orders on the subject of Famine

if
Hannu work and was instructed
to erect task work and informed
what ordinary D. P. W. labour was.
There is besides a Maistry of the
Department on the spot.

5. The distressed poor only are on
the work, the numbers are likely
to increase as there is a large poor
population in Merkanam and some
of the neighbouring villages for whom
there will be little labour till the
next crop is on the ground.

6. I shall be at Merkanam for
Jama bundi work in a few days more.

I have &c
(Signed) J. Thompson
Ag. Asst. Collr.

(True Copy)

(Sd) J. G. Horsfall
Ag. Collector

(True Copy)

W. R. S.
Secretary.

South Arcot District
Salt Deputy Collector's Office
Camp Portonovo
No 61

4th April 1877

From

The Deputy Collector
Salt Department

To

J. G. Horsfall Esquire
Acting Collector of
South Arcot

Sir,

With reference to your com-
-ment No 36 of the 20th ult.
forwarding to me for report a
copy of the Board's Proceedings
of the 10th idem. I have the
honor to state that ^{it} appears
from a report then day
received from the Salt Super-
-intendent of Merkanam
that of the work he carried

by day labourers it may be
the means of supporting the
female and juvenile members
of the families of the labourers
employed at the pans during the
days they may not be required
to transport salt to the platforms
and that the adult labour-
ers are under too great an
obligation to their masters to
leave them for the scanty wages
offered to relief labourers.
But if the work be given out
by the pieces I am not pre-
pared to say that it will not
have the effect of drawing off
the adult labourers from the
salt manufacture for their
masters have already great
difficulty in keeping them from
absconding to the railway works

more than 20 miles away.
2. The Project is not only useful
to the salt manufacture during
the season, but to the paddy
lands whose drainage water
it is intended be carry off in
a direction outside the pans
without giving the water time
to damage the crops and is
therefore I think an important
work

I have read
Sd. W. Freer
Sd. Collector
(True Copy)

Sd. J. G. Horsfall
As. Collector

(True Copy)

Secretary

Enclosure in Papers
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Copy of a letter from
the Deputy Collector
Sach Department &
the As Collector of
South Africa.

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Enclosure in Bonds
Proceedings in the
Additional County
to Foreman and Co.
Dated 23rd April 1874
No. 1874.

Copy of a letter
from the above named
Collector to the
Collector of South
West.