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d Pulni, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary h March 1877, No. 41.

With reference to paragraph 3 of the Co Proceedings, dated 15th February 1877, No. 644, I have the honor to submit, h prith, a statement showing in detail how the calculations on which the Budget est ate of Fasli 1286 was framed have been upset by the actuals of the seven m n estimate for the remaining five months.

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3. I have further to state that the sum of one lakh of rupees to be paid to Government on the 5th January 1877 towards the principal of the mortgage debt was also proposed by Mr. Lee-Warner to be postpone but as Government have not sanctioned this, I have entered it in Column 4 and p ed a revised statement, making the necessary alterations, from which it will be seen that the receipts, as at present estimated, amount to Rupees 6,38,434, and the ex penditure to Rupees 5,69,976, leaving a balance of Rupees 68,458 available for expen ture on maramut works proposed to be started as relief works. I think that this am unt will be hardly sufficient for the purpose if the present state of the season conti es, and in that case I will have to apply for sanction for the postponement of a y of the instalment of Rupees 1,00,000 to be paid on account of the mortga t during this fasli; or it will be necessary to make advances from Famine Relie rvants.

4. The Court are aware that Mr. Lee-W is held responsible for all famine relief operations in the estate, all Government s ing made subordinate to him for this purpose. A sum of Rupees 4,000 has b d at his disposal from Famine Funds for gratuitous relief in camps and villag s hoped that no relief works may be necessary but the repair of irrigation longing to the estate. The advantages of this arrangement are obvious.

Enclosure No. 1.—

From J. LEE-WARNER, Esq., Special Assistant Collector, Ramnad, to W. McQUHAE, Esq., Collector of Madura, dated Kadampodei, 10th March 1877, No. 85.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Order, Miscellaneous No. 176, dated 1st March 1877, in obedience to which I have issued orders to stop, and have stopped, all the estate works just as they are. Of course, I have been most reluctant to abandon two-thirds and some of the larger tanks, th wing out and three-fifths completed, and without warning, so many persons who, in these hard times, found the wages of their labor their only means of subsistence; but such definite orders left me no option

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(Initialled) W. McQ.

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PULNI,
14th March 1877.

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(Signed) W. McQUHAE,
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ned) C. A. GALTON,
Sub-Secretary.

No. 103. Order thereon, 4 May 1877, No. 1,641.

Miscellaneous.

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Extract.)

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

To the Court of Wards.
,, the Financial Department.
,, the Public Works Department.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

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REVENUE.

The COURT of WARDS,

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h May 1877, No. 1,641.

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RDER, No. 1081

Ramnad Estate.—Reviewing the revised Budget the — for Fasli 1286, and observing that the nds of the estate are ample for the execution of Public Works as well as to meet the cost of the relief-works alluded to by Mr. Lee-Warner.

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2. Read the follow.g Procs. of the Bd. of Rev.d 27 March 1877

No. 41.

Read the following letter

Madura Collector's office
(Camp) Pulni
14th March 1877
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From
W. McQuhae Esqre
Collector of Madura

To
H. E. Stokes Esqre
Secretary to the
Court of Wards,
Madras

Sir,

With reference to para 3 of the Court's Proceedings dated 15th February 1877 No. 644, I have the honor to submit herewith a statement showing in detail how the calculations on which the Budget Estimate of Fusly 1286 was framed have been upset by the actuals of the past 7 months, and an estimate for the remaining 5 months.

2. In their order dated the 26th February 1877 No. 835, the Government sanctioned the postponement of the collection

of the whole of the Peishcush for the current year. Out of the amount of Rs 3,14005 provided in the Budget on this account, a sum of Rs 26933 has been paid to Government for the arrears of Fusly 1285 and consequently the balance vizt Rs 287072 only can be postponed and this sum is therefore entered under the head "decrease". Mr Lee Warner entered under this head a sum of Rs 35,000 being the Road cess due for this Fusly with a view to postpone its payment; but as the amount is very urgently required by the Local Fund Department, I have struck it out and intimated to Mr Lee Warner that it should be paid at once.

3. I have further to state that the sum of one lac of Rupees to be paid to Government on the 5th January 1877 towards the principal of the mortgage debt was also proposed by Mr Lee Warner to be

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4. The Court are aware that Mr Lee Warner is held responsible for all famine relief operations in the Estate all Government servants being made subordinate to him for this purpose. A sum of Rs 4000 has been placed at his disposal from famine funds for gratuitous relief in camps and villages but it is hoped that no relief works may be necessary but the repair of irrigation works belonging to the Estate - The advantages of this arrangement are obvious.

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Signed W. McQuhae
Collector

(True Copy)

Sub Secretary

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to Sub Secy to Govt. R.D.

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Special Asst. Collr's
Office, (Camp) Raghoona
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10th March 1877

No. 85

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From

J. Lee Warner Esquire
Special Assistant Collr
Ramnad.

To

W. MacQuhae Esquire
Collector of Madura.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your order miscellaneous No. 176 dated 1st March 1877, in obedience to which I have issued orders to stop and have stopped all the estate works just as they are. Of course I have been most reluctant to abandon some of the larger tanks $\frac{2}{3}$rd and $\frac{3}{5}$ths completed throwing out of employment so suddenly and without

The works were stopped for want of money only
(Sd) W. McQuhae

without warning so many persons, who in these hard times found the wages of their labour their only means of subsistence; but such definite orders left me no option but to obey. In the proceedings of the Court of Wards embodying the Government sanction for the immediate commencement of the Raghoonatha Cavery main channel as a relief work not only is the postponement of the Collection of the whole Peishcush treated as tantamount to a loan of that amount to the Estate; but also in para 3 a meaning seems to be intended, that the Court have no objection to the balance of the budget grant

grant being worked out on the same principle, on which the tanks were undertaken. In consequence I have the less hesitation in once more addressing you on this important subject, and in urging you to seek without delay the permission of the Government, and the Court of Wards to take up this project on broader lines than are sanctioned in your endorsed order. I base my application on three distinct grounds; the preservation of the people, the interests of the government and the benefit of the Estate. First as regards the people themselves I have already addressed you separately concerning the alarming extention of emigration,

Vide my letter No. 67 dated 28th Feby 1877 and in my report of the 24th February No. 61 I indicated that the time had come when a further exodus of the people should be discouraged - Since then we have stopped all our tank works. Almost immediately after ie in a few days the Superintendent of Emigration writes to me from Paumben, that he has received in five hours 900 persons wanting passage to Ceylon, and warns me that we are dealing unfairly with the people themselves by taking them over to more certain destitution, and death there, than they imagine themselves to be leaving here. Now a large majority of these were probably our own people both able and willing to take any amount* of labour upon the Estate paid by results; but they will not take famine wages. The Assistant Engineer tells me of a case in point, which happened on this very work only the day before yesterday. Twenty persons arrived in the evening with their baskets and mamotties, and applied for work. Mr. Arbuthnot explained to them the wages that would be given; and though they had positively nothing with them, they preferred to move elsewhere saying that they would rather die at once than take such a beggarly wage - It may be said, that they would not have said this if they were in truth starving; but this brings me to my second point. Is it in the interest of the Government to reduce the

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*Mr. Lee Warner here points out the exact difficulty without seeing it. Any amount of labour costs any amount of money and if the Court of Wards can find any amount of money, it is not difficult to spend it to advantage

(Sd) W. MacQuhae

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*This is very true

I hope there is no meaning in this; Relief work is better than starvation
(Sd) W. McQuhae

I urge it for the benefit of the Estate, that we may not lose our labour, nor the prospect of utilizing our organized Establishment. Never was such a year as this for work in the Zemindary; and never had we a better organized Establishment for taking it on. If my proposals are accepted, the Raghunathacavery main channel may be handed over to Mr. Arbuthnot, and carried out from end to end without loss of time, or the waste of supervision which famine rates and payments entail. The Government can equally be furnished with weekly returns of the numbers employed, the work done, and the money paid.

2. If you are still convinced that the famine relief rules must be applied to some part of the project at least, I would offer this alternative. For every two miles of the channel, one mile where the ground is easiest or the camping most comfortable should be marked off for the old and infirm and the children above seven years; & the two systems worked side by side. At present the numbers working are very small; and Mr Arbuthnott told me this morning, that on the result system a man and 2 women will earn 7as a day; whereas on the relief famine

famine wage system they will be paid 4 annas; but their work will be only worth 2 annas. There can be no question then which system to adopt in the interests of the Estate. And this excludes all account of the skilled supervision, which is waiting about, while this wretched Sale of work is produced.

The wages would be a little more than 4 annas and the value of work very near the D.P.W. estimate according to our experience in other places
(Sd) W. McL[illegible]

3. However while the Rhagoonatha Cavery channel is being dug I have opened and intend opening more works in the vicinity of the parts of the Estate most affected by the famine where the strictest famine rules will be

observed. The ordinary able bodied labour that remains in those villages will soon find its way to this channel, when it is known that labour will be there paid for on the result system and under the direct supervision of an European officer without intermediate petty contractors. I

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(Sd) J. Lee Warner

Special Asst. Collr.

(True Copy)

No. 42

Submitted for the orders of the Court of Wards. Mr. Lee Warner looks at the matter as Manager of the Estate. I know that it would be an excellent thing both for the

estate

estate and for the people if plenty of work were offered on the piece work system paying gangs by the Cubic yard, and letting them dig as much as they can. I could have spent lacs of rupees by opening useful works on this system all over the District. The only question is where is the money to come from? Mr. Lee Warner naturally wants a large loan for the improvement of the Estate. It would be an excellent thing to give him the money, but the Court of Wards have told me repeatedly that such a loan cannot be obtained at present. In any case these works must be partly famine works, that is to say, they must be open to the infirm and unskilled who cannot make money by piece work. For the weavers and the Mussulman and the infirm well considered task work is the only suitable arrangement.

Madura
Coll's Office
(Camp) Palni
14th March 1877

(Sd) W. McQuhae
Collector

(True Copy)

Sub Secretary

Lr G.R. No. 2965

Enclosure in
Proceedings of the
Court of Wards to the
Addl. Secy to Govt. R.D
Dated 27th March
1877.

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Copy of the Special
Assistant Collector's
letter with the endorsement of the
Collector of Madura.

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Lr L.

Rev Dept.

Proceedings of the Court of Wards
Dated 26th March 1877

No 1375

Read letters from the Collector of Madura, dated 14th March 1877, Nos 41 & 42.

With the foregoing letters the Collector of Madura submits a statement showing the extent to which the Budget Estimate of the Ramnad Estate for the current Fasli has been affected by the adverse state of the present season, and a letter from the Special Assistant Collector urging that the rules for the prosecution of famine relief works should not be applied to the Ragunatha Cauvery Channel.

2. The revised estimate now forwarded shows that, after allowing for the postponement of payment of the Peishcush, a sum of Rs 68,000 only will be available for expenditure on irrigation works. The Collector has rightly made provision for payment of the road cess, but the sum of one lakh allotted in Budget as an instalment in part payment of the principal of the

mortgage debt is available for expenditure on Estate works, if necessary, as the mortgage Deed makes no provision for payment of fixed instalments annually and the Government have approved the terms of the Deed in this respect. Vide G.O. dated 12th November 1875 No. 1635. It appears therefore that if the present Estimate is realized a Sum of Rs 168,000 will be available for expenditure, but provision must be made to meet the Current Expenses of Fasli 1287 until the Kists fall due, and the Collector should call upon Mr. Lee Warner to frame an estimate of the remissions of the Current year's rents which will be necessary, and to state what proportion of the 3½ lakhs by which the present Estimate falls short of that originally submitted is likely to be realized eventually. The Sum available for outlay depends in a great measure on the extent to which arrear collections may be relied upon to meet the charges accruing during the early part of next Fasly.

3. As regards the Ragunatha Cauvery project, the Court have already in their Proceedings dated 12th March 1877, No. 1144 made proposals which, if approved

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approved by Government will meet Mr. Lee Warner's difficulty. As the Collector remarks the piece work system might have been adopted if the Estate had been possessed of the requisite funds, but the Government have distinctly sanctioned the restoration of the channel as a relief work, and the rules must be conformed to. The statement at para 3 of Mr. Lee Warner's letter to the effect that labour on this work will be paid for on the result system is not understood. It is presumed that the other works alluded to, on which strict famine rules will be adhered to, are irrigation works, the charges being debited to relief funds. From the Statement forwarded with the first letter it appears that a sum of Rs 17,000 was available from the Maramat allot-ment, it might be expended in giving employment to the able bodied poor on piece work unless this sum has been exhausted by expenditure since the end of January.

G.O. 16th Feb 77 No. 714

(True Extract)
Sd. C. A. Galton
Sub Secretary.

To The Collector of Madura.

True Copy

C. G. Galton
Sub Secretary.

To The Additional Secretary to Government
Rev. Dept.
With copies of Collr.'s letters & Stt.

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Subg. a statement showing the extent to which the Budget Estimate of the Ramnad Estate for the Current Fasli has been affected by the adverse state of the season.

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Pro: Court of Wards dated 26th March 1877, submitting revised estimates for Ramnad.

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The revised Budget of the Ramnad Estate for Fasli 1286 shows that on the 1st February the receipts were estimated to amount to Rs. 638,434, the expenditure to Rs. 569,976 and the closing balance consequently to Rs. 68,458. In the expenditure, however, are included 2 items, viz: Rs. 17,009 for maramat and Rs. 100,000 for payment of the debts due by the Estate, and of interest on mortgage debt. The

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Mr Lee Warner states the relief men will return
able for 2 annas –
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having them [illegible] –
hidden at task –
But if they are only asked to
execute a task for 2 annas
they are not asked to do more
than if they were 1/2 or 2/3 of
a day at piece work –
it seems to me to presume the
form of deliberate combination
to force higher rates than

The Court of Wards consider that there is no necessity to provide for the repayment of the latter sum at once because the mortgage deed makes no provision for payment of fixed instalments annually, and admitting this position it would seem that 185,467 Rs. were available for expenditure on the 1st. February last. Since which date, however, the whole of the allotment of 17,009 Rs. has probably been expended, leaving only 168,000 Rs., in round numbers, still available for expenditure on works up to the end of June, less the sum necessary to meet the current expenses of the Estate till the Kists of Fasli 1287 begin to come in. Under these circumstances it appears to be pro[illegible]

2. The Court's proposals contained in their Pro. of the 12th. March 1877, No. 1144, were disposed of in G.O. of the 24th. Inst. No. 1221 A

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~~3. The actual cost of the relief works alluded to in Para 3 of Mr. Lee Warner's letter [may be debited to Famine Relief in the first instance] but the entire real value of the work done must ultimately be recovered from the Estate~~

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I do not recollect seeing the papers – but it seems to me that we have made an important deviation from the 1854/7 principles adopted [illegible] –

The E. C. Canal & railways are undertaken [illegible] inspection of relief [illegible] were finished – this work is taken up solely as a relief work

this order I presume

is known only to regulate the application of the 168,000 Rs. & should not this be absorbed first – so as to relieve the Treasury from the first advance?

R. J. [illegible]

shd be [illegible] part in loan [illegible] portion of the 168,000 as is not needed for current expenses [illegible] expended [illegible] a grant [illegible] be [illegible] from famine Relief fund

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No.

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From

Dated 16/4 1877.

FOR ORDERS.

With reference to the remarks of His Grace the Govr & the Hon Mr Hudleston the undersigned has ~~the~~ the honour to point out that the 168000 R. is merely the sum estimated to be realized between ~~Jany 31st~~ Feby 1st & June 30th & that it is not understood to be all existent at the present moment; that the works alluded to in Para 3 of Mr Lee Warner's letter are works other than the Ragavar Cerui channel & are to be carried out on strict famine relief principles, & the Court of Wards presumably will be paid for from Famine Relief funds – This view is incorrect; the Collector himself in Para 3 of his letter No 41 of March 14th ~~saying~~ says that advances from Famine Relief Funds will only be required if payment of half the lakh of rupees due on acct of the mortgage debt is not postponed but the whole of it is proposed

but it is in course of
receipt & will be available
as needed –

to be postponed, so that
a fortiori there is no need
for a grant from Relief
Funds, unless cash is
absolutely deficient for
the whole works where daily
payments w^d. be in force –
It was in view of this possible
eventuality that I proposed
that the sum necessary
to carry out these works
sh^d. be advanced from
Famine funds & the real
value of the work done be
afterwards only repaid by
the Estate

There is no reason
that I can see why
Govt. sanction should
be asked for at all
in respect of the works
done at the cost of the
Estate^x except that
the property is under
the Court of Wards &
they have referred the
matter to Govt.

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I see no reason to alter the
order at present
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x nor why the Famine Relief rules
sh^d. be in any way applicable.

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No 1641 Revenue Department

G. O. d/ 4th May 1877

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Procs Court of Wards dated 26th March 1877. Submitting revised estimates for Ramnad

The revised Budget of the Ramnad estate for Fusli 1286 shows that on the 1st February the receipts were estimated to amount to Rs 638,434, the expenditure to Rs 569976 and the closing balance consequently to Rs 68458. In the expenditure however are included 2 items, viz: Rs 17009 for maramat and Rs 100,000 for payment of the debts due by the Estate, and of interest on mortgage debt. The Court of Wards consider that there is no necessity

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necessity to provide for the repayment of the latter sum at once because the mortgage deed makes no provision for payment of fixed instalments annually, and admitting this position it would seem that 185,467 Rs were available for expenditure on works on the 1st February last. since that date however the whole of the allotment of 17,009 Rs has probably been expended leaving only 168,000 Rs in round numbers still estimated to be available for expenditure on works up to the end of June, less the sum necessary to meet the current expenses of the estate till the Kists of Fusli 1287 begin to come in. Under these circumstances

there

there appears to be no necessity ~~why~~ for the Government ~~should~~ to pass any further orders on the subject of the execution of public works in the estate from Estate funds which appear to be likely to be ample for all probable requirements. The cost of the chief works alluded to by Mr Lee Warner in Para 3 of his report will be defrayed from these funds.

2 The Court's proposals contained in their Proceedings of the 12th March 1877 No 144 were disposed of in G.O. of the 24th Idem No 1221 A.

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35 P C of 18 May
5 the Revenue Dept
21 the P W Dept
6 the Accountant General

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