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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th May 1877.*

Famine Relief.

No. 110. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th April 1877, No. 1,904:—

Read the following letter from Major C. D. BAYNES, in charge of State Relief Works, Dharampuri, to C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, dated 11th April 1877, No. 87-112:—

I HAVE the honor to submit the following report as to the progress made on State Relief Works during the month of March in the Dharampuri Taluq.

2. *General Remarks.*—Prior to January 1877 allotments were not made for works on prepared estimates. They were assumed to be approximately correct.

Roads.—Of these there are four sanctioned for construction—

	Assumed Distance.	Allotment.
	MILES.	RS.
1. The Mullapuram and Pudur	2	400
2. Nullumbully-Laligam	4	1,200
3. Indur-Sholapady	21	6,000
4. Pulkode-Marundahally	7	1,750

Of these works, the two first were commenced in November last on the old system of daily wage, independent of outturn: the expenditure has been fearfully disproportionate to the amount of work done. The first work has cost 1,084 Rupees, and is about half completed; on the second I stopped operations on ascertaining that 250 Rupees had been paid for work worth Rupees 104, and the road is in no part complete. I would not recommend its continuation beyond its junction with the Pulkode-Marundahally road at a distance of one mile from Marundahally, as the expenditure would not be counterbalanced by increased facilitation of traffic. The unexpended balance will, I think, suffice to complete this mile.

3. Indur-Sholapady road was commenced on 3rd January; the work has been satisfactorily carried on at a cost of 4,639 Rupees; about 14 miles of roadway have been constructed with the exception of paving, but the original sanction will be very inadequate. The road runs over two ghauts of an aggregate distance of 6½ miles, for which alone 4,000 Rupees at least will be required, and there are some culverts to be built. Overseer Mr. Montgomerie is employed in preparation of a detailed estimate of cost of completion.

4. Pulkode-Marundahally road commenced 24th January. Five miles of roadway have been made at a cost of 1,502 Rupees; the real distance is nine miles. The original allotment is totally inadequate, proper estimate has been prepared for its completion, and a further grant of 4,340 Rupees will be required. None of these works have had any professional superintendence beyond the services of a Local Fund Maistry; so that, although the two last have been satisfactorily done, they would have been better carried out had professional supervision been obtainable.

Irrigation works.—Twenty-one tanks have been completed, ten in progress.

Water-supply.—Thirteen kuttais for use of cattle have been completed, seventeen in progress; twenty-three wells completed, twenty-nine in progress.

Village site.—Eight completed, twelve in progress.

Two very useful works have been undertaken since last report, i.e., the levelling of fort walls, &c., at Dharampuri and Pulkode. For the former a sanction of 6,000 Rupees on estimate has been granted; at date it has provided employment for 1,500 people, and I hope to feed 1,000 on it for another three weeks. Without this work it would have been utterly impossible to meet the great demand for labor. The Pulkode fort is not so extensive and the estimate is only for 1,050 Rupees; but, as a road is under construction close to Pulkode, provision of labor is not so imperatively necessary there as in the vicinity of Dharampuri. At present it provides employment for 712.

The system of gratuitous relief, Villagewar, was revived only in the last week, and as the supervision is yet imperfect it is impossible to give more than an approximation to the expenditure under this head; but from former test I have reason to believe that at least 3,500 Rupees will be required to meet disbursement for a week.

The two relief camps at Dharampuri and Pennagaram are firmly established.

There is also a feeding-house at Pulkode: the number of persons below stated received relief in cooked food.

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Dharampuri	319	575	603	1,497
Pennagaram	97	155	183	435
Pulkode—the aggregate number	...	...	...	150

Cholera and famine diarrhoea have been rife in the taluq and deaths have been numerous.

FORWARDED through the Board of Revenue for the information of Government.

PULKODE,
10th April 1877.

(Signed) C. T. LONGLEY,
Collector.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th May 1877.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Board call attention to Major Baynes' estimate of the cost of gratuitous relief in Dharampuri. At the same rate in other taluqs gratuitous relief in Salem will cost Rupees 1,26,000 per mensem. The Board fear that village relief is being overdone in the district, and that the frauds and waste which occurred when it was first started will recur.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 111.

ORDER THEREON, 5th May 1877, No. 1,646.

Miscellaneous.

THE Collector's immediate attention will be directed to the excessive character of Major Bayne's estimate of

the cost of village relief, amounting as it does to 14,000 Rs. a-month for a single taluq. He will take care that the State charity is kept within proper limits.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
.. the Collector of Salem.
.. the Financial Department.
.. the Accountant-General.

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 Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Date 25th April 1877, No 1904.

Read the following

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From,

Major Baynes

In Charge State Relief Works

Darampoory

To, The Collector of Salem.

Sir, I have the honor to submit the following report as to the progress made on state Relief works during the month of March in the Darampoory Taluk.

1. General remarks. Prior to January 1877 allotments were not made for works on prepared estimates. They were assumed to be approximately correct. Roads. Of these there are 4.2 sanctioned for construction.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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G. R. 5th May 1877, No. 1,940.

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 Nos. 110-111.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 1063

Relief works in Darampoory Taluk, Salem Dist.
 with reference to the progress report of --, to the
 excessive character of Major Baynes' estimate of
 the cost of village relief.

1 st	The Mallapuram and Indur —	Assumed distance 2 miles.	Allotment 400 Rs
2.	Nallambally Laligum —	4 —	1200 Rs
3.	Indur Sholapady —	21 —	6000 Rs
4.	Palkode Murum- dahully —	7 —	1750 Rs

Of these works, the two first were commenced in November last on the old system of daily wages, independent of out-turns; the expenditure has been fearfully disproportionate to the amount of work done. The first work has cost 1084 Rupees and is about half completed, on the second I stopped operations on ascertaining that

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that 250 Rupees had been paid for work worth Rupees 104: and the road is in no part complete. I would not recommend its continuation beyond its junction with the Palkode. Marandahully Road at a distance of 1 mile from Marandahalli; as the expenditure would not be counter-balanced by increased facilitation of traffic. The unexpended balance will I think suffice to complete this mile.

3. Indur - Sholapady Road was commenced on 22 January: the work has been satisfactorily carried on at a cost of 4,639 Rupees; about 14 miles of roadway have been constructed, with the exception of paving. But the original

original sanction will be very inadequate. The road runs over two ghats of an aggregate distance of $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles, for which alone 4000 Rupees at least will be required and there are some Culverts to be built. Overseen Mr. Montgomerie is employed in preparation of a detailed estimate of cost of completion.

4. Palkode - Murandahally Road Commenced 24th January 5 miles of roadway have been made at a cost of 1502 Rupees; the real distance is 9 miles. The original allotment is totally inadequate; proper estimate has been prepared for its completion and a further grant of 4340 Rs will be

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be required. None of these works have had any professional Superintendence beyond the services of a Local Fund Maistry; so that although the two last have been satisfactorily done, they would have been better carried out had professional supervision been obtainable.

Irrigation works 21 tanks have been completed; 10 in progress.

Water supply 13 Kuttais for use of Cattle have been completed 17 in progress 23 wells completed 29 in progress.

Village site 8 Completed 12 in progress.

Two very useful works have been undertaken since last report; i.e. the levelling

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Darampoory and Palcode. For the
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people, and I hope to feed 1000 on it
for another 3 weeks. Without this
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believe that at least 3500 Rupees
will be required to meet disburse-
ment for a week.

The two relief camps at Daram-
poory and Pennagaram are firmly
established.

There is also a feeding house
at Palcode: the number of persons
below stated received relief in cooked
food.

Men

	Men	Women	Children
Darampoory	319	575	603.1497
Punnagaram	97	155	183.435
Palcode = the aggregate			150

Cholera and famine diarrhoea have been rife in the Taluk and deaths have been numerous.

I have &c

Relief Office, (Signed) B. S. Baynes Major
Darampoory
11th April 1877
Special duty.
S. R. W. Darampoory

(True Copy)

Forwarded through the Board of Revenue for the information of Government.

Salem Collector's Office, (Signed) G. J. Longley
Camp, Palcode, } Collector -
19th April 1877

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Board call attention to
Major

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Mr Baynes estimate of the cost of gratuitous relief, in Darampoori at the same rate in other taluks gratuitous relief, in Salem will cost Rs 126,000 per mensem. The Board fear that village relief is being overdone in the district, and that the frauds and waste which occurred when it was first started will recur.

(True Copy & Extract)

W. H. S.

Secretary

To The Adml Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

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Proceedings of the
Board of Directors.

Dated 25th April 1877.
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Emergency -

Substantiating for information
of the Commission with
reference to endorsement
of the Collector of Salem
forwarding copy of the Major
Baynes's letter on the
progress of relief works
in Daranahony Saluk
during March 1877 -

With order

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to the excessive character of Major Baynes's
estimate of the cost of relief amounting as
it does to 14000 Rs a month for a single
Saluk - He will take care that the
State charity is kept within proper limits

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5th May 1877

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