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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

16th May 1877, No. 1,737.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 331. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th April 1877,
No. 1,994.

Read the following letter from J. H. COOK, Esq., Special Assistant in charge of Relief Works, to A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, dated Oodumulpettah, 12th April 1877, No. 79.

I HAVE the honor to report on the general results of famine relief operations in my division during the month of March 1877.

* New roads	...	...	...	...	2
Old roads	...	...	...	...	13
Big tanks	...	...	...	...	5
Channels	...	...	...	...	6
Small tanks	...	...	...	...	6
Total	...	...	...	...	32

- + 1. Vellamadeikuttu
- 2. Kullipolliem Tank.
- 3. Andiyoor Tank.

2. *Works.*—The works which have been carried on in connection with the relief work in the Oodumulpettah Taluq are 32 as shown in the margin.* Three new tanks† were taken in hand for repair during the month under report, as they were full of silt. The repair of a chavady in Poodeopolliem was also undertaken.

3. *Expenditure.*—The whole outlay sanctioned for relief works in the Oodumulpettah Taluq up to end of the month is Rupees 62,490. The total amount spent on relief works up to the close of the month is Rupees 50,909. The amount spent in the month alone is Rupees 16,997. The average number of coolies daily at work during the month is 6,229. No relief operation, with the exception of well improvements, was carried on during the month in the Pollachy Taluq. The Tahsildar has since submitted a petition with his recommendation from the Monegar of Poosariputty in the Pollachy Taluq that the repair of the road between Dharapuram and Pollachy, which is under progress in the Oodumulpettah Taluq, may be extended also in their taluq, where this road is in a very bad condition and impassable for carts. The total amount spent in that taluq on account of relief up to end of the month is Rupees 139-0-4. The repair of the well in the taluq cutcherry compound of Pollachy, which was in progress, has been stopped during the month as it was hopeless trying to find water.

4. *Inspection.*—I have frequently inspected all the works both in progress and completed in the Oodumulpettah Taluq. Works are satisfactorily done. Of thirty-two works, twenty-one have been completed and eleven are in progress. The Kallapuram Channel was not taken in hand for work, as the coolies were not willing to go to work even at the high rate of wages since sanctioned. The tanks alluded to in paragraph 2 were inspected by me, and I believe they will be of great use to travellers, ryots, and cattle. Of these, one lies close to the road to Palany, and the other near the Pollachy road.

5. *Restoration of old roads.*—The entire distance of repaired roads both originally and newly sanctioned up to date is 85 miles. At the close of the last month 7½ miles remained to be jellied on, and in the present month earthwork has been finished on 19½ miles. Thus the total number of miles to be jellied on comes to twenty-seven miles, out of which 11½ miles have been jellied. The total number of miles finished up to the close of the month as regards earthwork is 75½ miles, of which 59½ miles are quite complete in every respect. The cost on this item up to the

end of the month is Rupees 23,677. The expenditure in the month is 6,923 Rupees. The expenditure as per my last report to the end of the month was Rupees 16,754. The average cost per mile comes as before to Rupees 288.

6. *Metal*.—The total quantity of metal collected and broken up to the close of the month is about 27,540 cubic yards. The total cost incurred up to date is Rupees 16,564. This gives an average of Annas 9-11 per cubic yard. My present rate of metal-storing comes to about 8 Annas.

7. *Channels*.—The five (one main and branch) irrigation channels sanctioned for repair have all been completed at a cost of Rupees 3,504. The rate of earthwork ranges from ten to sixteen cubic yards per rupee. Another work, viz., the diverting of the jungle stream called Serungattupallam near Dhully, is now in progress. The estimated cost of this work is Rupees 950, and the work is carried on by the Public Works Department and money paid from Famine Relief Fund. The expenditure on this work is Rupees 117.

8. *Irrigation Tanks*.—There are five tanks in Boodinattum village; of these the repair of the four were completed in the last month, and the cost was mentioned in the last month's report. The other is still incomplete. No work was done in that tank during the month.

9. *Water-supply*.—Scarcity of water is felt in almost all the villages of the taluq excepting in those bordering the Ambravutty river on the eastern side. There are 43 wells including 33 up to last month under repair and being sunk. The repair of the tank in the centre of the town was completed in the month. These wells are let on contract to wudders as they are rocky and require to be blasted. As the want of water is much felt by the people here, some of these wells are deepened and some are newly sunk. Besides these, three tanks, in addition to those mentioned in my last report, named in paragraph 1 of this report, were taken in hand and completed. The cost incurred on these accounts during the month is Rupees 1,441. The total sum spent on account of this item up to the close of the month under review is Rupees 3,729, and the sanctioned amount for this purpose is Rupees 4,000. A further sum of Rupees 2,500 has since been put at my disposal.

10. *Sanitation*.—Sanitary arrangements are in progress in the villages named below:—

Oodumulpettah.	Ellyamuttur.
Kanakkumpolliem.	Goodimungalam.
Dhully.	Karatholuvu.

The places* named in my last report have been kept clean by the ryots themselves at their own cost. The cost incurred on account of this item from famine fund amounts to Rupees 329 in this month. The total expenditure incurred up to date is Rupees 2,741. A new work has been taken in hand in the month, viz., repairing Poodoopolliem Chavady. The cost incurred on account of this is Rupees 50 including the repair of a well near to it. The sanitary measures in the above villages require to be kept up, as cholera has been very bad there and still hovers about.

11. *Health*.—Cholera has much abated in the taluq, but it is prevalent to a little extent on the northern and southern sides of the taluq. As regards the physique of coolies on work, they were much reduced in appearance, but, since the introduction of the high scale of wages, they appear a little better off. The rate of work done by them is a little higher than what they did when they were paid at lower scale of wages.

12. *Cattle*.—Cattle are very much reduced in appearance as fodder is not easily procurable. Even the cattle sent to the hills for fodder have in many instances been taken back to their villages as there is no pasturage on the hills. But the substantial ryots maintain their cattle with straw purchased by them from the paddy-field villages along the Ambravutty river at a cost of Rupees 5 or 6 per bandy-load.

13. *Market*.—The prices of the staple grain in the markets are stationary since my last report. The markets are well supplied.

14. *Gratuitous relief*.—During the month a relief house at Goodimungalum was opened. There are, therefore, two relief houses including the house in the cusbah maintained at the Government cost. The amount allotted for the newly-opened one at Goodimungalum is Rupees 150 per mensem. Besides these, as reported by me in the report before the last, there are two relief houses in the taluq maintained by the monigars. There are thus four relief houses in the taluq. I intend opening several more, an account of which will be given in my next report. The number fed daily in the house at Goodimungalum is 100. Even here as in Oodumulpettah cooked food is distributed. Ticket-system has been introduced in these houses. Tickets are issued only to those who are incapable of working (such as blind, lame, and infirm) on roads and to children under seven years of age on a certificate from the Hospital Assistant. The appearance of the people fed in relief houses is very bad.

15. *Payments*.—Payments are made to the coolies bi-weekly. At the beginning of March the high scale of wages named below was brought in force, viz.:—

For one male, two annas.
 „ one female, one anna and six pies.
 „ one boy, one anna.

This scale has enabled the coolies to withstand the pressure of the famine and to do more work than what they were doing before.

No. 137.

FORWARDED to the Board of Revenue with reference to their Proceedings, No. 3,244, 21st December 1876.

COIMBATORE.

20th April 1877.

(Signed) A. MARTINDALE,
 for Collector.

Supplement for the information of Government

2. Mr. Cook's report is very clear, and shows that he is doing good work.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
 Secretary.

No. 332.

ORDER THEREON, 16th May 1877, No. 1,737.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government quite concur with the Board in their opinion of Mr. Cook's report and of the excellence of the work done by him.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
 „ the Financial Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

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 REVENUE.
 THE BOARD OF REVENUE.
 Dated May, 18th.
 G.O., 16th May 1877, No. 1,737.
 N.Y.
 Nos. 331-332.
 JAMINE RELIEF, No. 1147.
 Receipt of Rs. 1000/- in
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No. Revenue department. 1237
 Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
 dated 30 April 1877.
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B.O. G. H.
 No. 4283

From.
 J. H. Cook Esquire
 Special Assistant in charge of
 Relief works
 To
 A. Wedderburn Esquire
 Collector of Calcutta
 Sir,

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 during the month of March 1877. -

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2. Kullipollim tank
3. Kudyas tank

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in Pandoosollum was also
undertaken.

Expenditure. 3. The whole outlay
sanctioned for Relief works
in the Odumalpetta Taluk
up to end of the month,
is Rs 62,490. The total amount
spent on Relief works, up to
the close of the month is Rs 50,909.
The amount spent in the month
alone is Rs 16,997. The average
number of coolies, daily at
work, during the month, is 6229.
No relief operations, with the
exception of well improvements,
was carried on during the
month, in the Pallachy Taluk.
The Tahsildar has, since, submitted,
a petition, with his recommendation
from

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in the Pallachy Taluk that
the repair of the road between
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month earth work has been
finished on $19\frac{1}{4}$ miles.
Thus the total number of
miles to be finished on comes
to 27 miles. Out of which
 $18\frac{3}{8}$ miles have been finished.
The total number of miles
finished up to the close of
the month as regards earthwork
is $75\frac{1}{4}$ miles of which $59\frac{5}{8}$
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every respect. The cost on this item up to the end of the month is Rs 23677. The expenditure in the month is 6923 Rs.

The expenditure as per my last report to the end of the month, was Rs 16754.

The average cost per mile comes as before to Rs 288

5. The total quantity of Metal metal excavated and broken up to the close of the month is about 27040 cubic yards.

The total cost incurred up to date is Rs 16,564.

This gives an average of Rs. —9—11 per cubic yard.

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to those mentioned in my
last report, named in para 1
of this report, are taken
in hand and completed.
The cost incurred on these
accounts during the month
is Rs 1441. The total sum
spent on account of this
item up to the close of the
month, under review, is
Rs 3729, and the sanctioned
amount for this purpose
is Rs 4000. A further sum
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9. Sanitary arrangements Sanitation
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The places named in my last
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on account of this item,
from Janina Fund, amounts
to Rs 329 in this month.

The total expenditure incurred
up to date is Rs 2741. A
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12 April 1877 } Spl. Assistant.

Enclosure
No 187.

Forwarded to the Board
of Revenue with reference
to their Proceedings No 3244
dated 21st December 1876.

Combatre } Lt. A. Martindale
Mestri's Office }
20 April 1877 } In collector

Submitted for the
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Enclosure & Extract,

J. R. Thomas

Secretary.

To
Asst Secretary to Government
Revenue department

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Submitting for information
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With order

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5th Street
New York

The first public order with the Bureau
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