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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

28th May 1877, No. 1,834.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 539. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st May 1877, No. 2,326.

Read the following letter from E. TURNER, Esq., Extra Special Assistant Collector, to W. McQUHAE, Esq., Collector of Madura, dated 6th May 1877, No. 69 :—

I HAVE the honor to forward my Progress Report regarding famine relief operations in the taluqs of Tirumungalam and Peraeolum for the month of April.

(1.) TIRUMUNGALAM—*Works—Tanks.*—The following statement shows the quantity of work turned out up to the 30th April with the corresponding expenditure :—

Name of Village.	Name of Work.	As ESTIMATED FOR.				As MEASURED UP TO THE 30TH APRIL.				Amount spent during the Month.
		Amount.		Rate per Cubic Yard.	Quantity of Work.	Quantity of Work.		Rate per Cubic Yard.		
		Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.		A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Kookalanjeri ...	(Gobilingampatty tank ...	1,302	0 6	0	1 3	16,906	0 0	...	...	189 10 0
Kotoloty ...	Several ... Tank ...	220	13 4	0	1 0	3,337	0 0	...	...	227 0 0
Do. ...	Several ... Channel ...	46	13 0	0	1 0	1,040	0 0	...	...	44 0 0
Nanakkundoo ...	Kartal tank	176	9 7	0	1 0	3,838	0 0	...	...	176 4 0
Mallangoor ...	Several tank	135	8 8	0	1 0	1,459	0 0	...	...	50 10 0
Do. ...	Nallagandoo	108	13 7	0	1 0	1,746	0 0	...	...	100 0 0
Do. ...	Thimmarpatty	235	8 4	0	1 0	4,038	0 0	...	...	17 12 0
Do. ...	Perasoomoy	751	10 10	0	1 0½	11,573	0 0	...	...	783 0 0
Do. ...	Mudisnar ... {Gravel ...	155	9 6	0	1 3	11,932½	0 0	...	...	765 10 0
	{Earth ...	293	6 6	0	1 0	2,088½	0 0	...	...	202 13 0
Koviangolam ...	Perasoomoy	671	15 4	0	1 0½	4,676½	0 0	...	...	293 10 0
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Kookulom ...	Kookulom	426	6 2	0	1 0	1,541½	0 0	...	...	23 3 0
				{E. 0	1 0	5,213½	0 0	...	...	195 9 2
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				0	1 3	385½	0 0	...	...	... ...
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	Average rate ...	...	... ...	...	... ...	44,088½	0 0	...	...	... ...
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The measurements are made by the Supervisor* specially placed at my disposal, on the 11th March 1877, for famine relief operations. The Public Works Department gave me no assistance during the month.

* S. Krishnama Charry, B.C.S.

Uranies— *Wells.*—The sum of Rupees 2,500, placed at my disposal by the Local Fund Board, has been utilized in digging and cleaning out twenty-seven uranies and cleaning and sinking thirty-three wells. Rupees 1,450 have been advanced upon application for sinking new wells under Act XXVI of 1871.

(2.) *Relief Camps.*—During the month under review we had no relief camp kept up from Government funds. A camp was built from private subscriptions on a very suitable site on the bank of the Gundar. It was not however really a relief camp, but rather a relief feeding-house. The paupers were not detained in the camp unless they wished it, which very few did. The camp has however, from the 1st May, been conducted from Government funds, and is now a regular Government relief camp. Though hitherto kept up by private subscription it has always been under the direct control of myself and the Tahsildar. The subjoined list will show the places where conjee-houses have been established and the numbers fed in each.

Name of the Place.	Number fed during the Month.	Remarks.
Tirumungalam	5,025	
Oosilampatty...	1,534	
Saptur	1,058	

All the above have been, during April, kept up by private subscription. Tirumungalam is a very rich taluq, and the people are most willing to assist in maintaining the distressed during the present time of scarcity. The Tahsildar has ... ... in cash, which was subscribed towards the Tirumungalam camp now handed over to Government. With the consent of all parties I have determined to utilize this in establishing small conjee-houses at suitable places on the main roads to relieve indigent travellers. Village relief has been carefully and systematically carried out, the numbers relieved and forwarded to the camp at Tirumungalam during the month are as follow :—

Number of Villages in which Relief was given.	Number of Persons relieved during the Month.	Number forwarded to Relief Camp at Tirumungalam.	Remarks.
27	1,046	124	

(3.) *Condition of the People.*—The numbers employed on relief works have fluctuated during the month, but on the average we have had about 2,000 on the work, which is a slight decrease compared with the preceding month. There are several reasons for this decrease; the chief of which are—the nature of the work, tanks are not all situated close together, and my experience is that the people will not, and indeed cannot, come more than three miles to a work, the opening of works in the neighboring division of Ramnad and Tinnevelly, and the fall of rain which at once takes away the people to their fields. I see no difference in the condition of the people. I have carefully and constantly examined the gangs working, and I can see no signs of deterioration among the laborers. The scale of wages is now 1 Anna and 10 Pies for men, 1 Anna 4 Pies for women, and 11 Pies for children as a pound of rice equals 10 Pies. We exact full task-work. It may be as well to state that the people are cheerful and do not complain, though they are very anxious to work. I never saw anywhere such a quiet contented set of people.

(4.) *Nature of the Season.*—The season has been favorable; very fair rain has fallen in Oosilampatty and Saptur Divisions, and many tanks have received a more or less good supply; everywhere the ryots have begun to plough in anticipation of more rain. It is surprising to observe the number of wells that have been sunk for the cultivation of cudai cholum, curuboo and tobacco. This kind of cultivation is assuming considerable proportions all over the taluq. Fodder is still scarce in parts, but the late rains have been of great use in this respect. On the hills of Oosilampatty and Saptur pasturage is abundant. I wish to take this opportunity of bringing to your notice the liberality of the Saptur Zemindar. He has opened a conjee-house in which he feeds the poor and needy of his own estate as well as destitute wanderers. He has

placed this conjee-house under the control of the Government authorities. I was there in camp for three days and saw that the Zemindar's liberality was not abused, but confined to cases of real want. The Zemindar has also thrown open his fine tract of grazing land free of tax for the people of the Tirumungalam Taluq. This is a very great boon at this time.

(5.) *Public Health.*—Public health has been good; some scattered cases of cholera and small-pox have occurred, but not to any remarkable extent.

(6.) *Accounts.*—The accounts have been carefully examined and audited to date.

2. Perracolum Taluq.—This taluq has had abundance of rain; nearly 12 inches have fallen this year. The country is in parts quite green, and everywhere the ryots are beginning to cultivate their lands. No relief measures worth mentioning have been found necessary in this taluq.

Advances have been given for sinking new wells under Act XXVI of 1871 as follows :—

Number of Applications received.	Number of Applications rejected.	Number of Applications for which Money advanced and Amount.	
		Number of Applications.	Amount.
166	37	50	Rs. 4,425

No. 315.

Submitted for the information of the Board of Revenue. "The number fed during the Perracolum so far ... the number of meals or rations issued. I have never seen the tanks in ... ey have been for some weeks ... the ... are coming on fast. This encouraging state of affairs extends over the Nellakottah Division of Dindigul and the western part of Madura and Tirumungalam Taluqs.

Shembaganur,
10th May 1877.

(Signed) W. McQUHAE,
Collector.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The report is very satisfactory both as regards conduct of works and condition of the people. Mr. Turner's arrangements have been excellent, though the distress with which he has had to contend has happily not been extreme.

3. The charity shown by the people of the taluq generally is commendable, and the Board think that the liberality of the Saptur Zemindar, reported by Mr. Turner, might receive special notice from Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 540. Order thereon, 28th May 1877, No. 1,834.

Miscellaneous.

The report is very satisfactory,

2. The Government concur with the Board in their approval of Mr. Turner's arrangements.

3. The Collector will convey to the Saptur Zemindar the thanks of Government for his liberality during the present distress.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Financial Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

Madura

Revenue Department

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 21st May 1877.

Read the following—

Board's No. 5260. No. 69.

From

C. Turner Esquire

Extra special Assistant Collector

Govt. of [1877] Madras.

REVENUE.

To THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c. &c. &c.

Dated May 28th.

Read

G.O. 28th May 1877, No. 1,834

MAY.

Nos. 530-540.

FAMINE RELIEF. No. 1,906.

Relief Operations in Tirunagalam and Periakulam Taluqs, Madura District.—Intimating that the report on the — for April is very satisfactory. Concurring with the Board in their approval of Mr. Turner's arrangements, and desiring the Collector to convey to the Sapt. Zemindar the thanks of Government for the liberality during the present distress.

Tirunamagalam

(1) Works

Tanks

The following Statement shows the quality of work turned out up to the 30th April with the Corresponding Expenditure.

Name of Village	Name of Work	As estimated for				As measured up during the month				Remarks.
		Amount	Relief Labourers	Quantity of work	Quality	Rate per cent.	Amount of Work during the month			

No 1894

The Report is very Satisfactory.

2. The Fort. concurs with the Bd in the approval of Mr Fraser's arrangements.

3. The Collector will convey to the Superintendent the thanks of Govt. for his liberality during the famine distress.

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[illegible] 41/577

28 May 1877

Read Copy to the Board Dep. 30 May 35 PC 15 June 77

S. to Secretariat Dept 1/77

The measurements are made by the Supervisor, specially placed at my disposal on the 11th March 1877, for Famine Relief operations.

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True Copy & Extract

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Secretary

To The Addl Secretary to Govt. N.D.

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Camp Shenbaganur
10th May 1877.

(Signed) W. Re Da
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Extra Asst Asst Collector's Office } P.J.C. Turner
Madura, 6th May 1877. } Extra Asst Asst Collector

(True Copy)

No 315.

Rockalangeri	Gubbl[illegible] Tank	302	-	6	-	1	3	[illegible] 4/16	426 4/4	-	-	2 3/4	189	10 6
Kotalolly	Sivan Tank	220	10	4	-	1	-	353 3/8	297 4/4	-	1	2 1/2	327	1 -
	Channel	48	12	-	-	-	9	1040	920	-	-	9 1/2	44	9 -
Do	Karisal Tank	176	9	7	-	1	-	282 5/8	330 2/4	-	-	10 1/2	176	4 3
Nandikundoo	Sivvar Tank	186	2	8	-	2	-	448 3/8	412	-	1	11 1/2	50	10 1
Mallangenar	Mallagundoo	108	12	7	-	1	-	176 5/8	170 0	-	-	11 3/8	20	4 7
Do	Sirumanji Tank	255	8	4	-	1	-	408 3/4	152 2/4	-	1	10 1/2	57	12 9
Do	Perakoomma	-	10	10	-	1	1/2	157 5/4	119 37 5/8	-	1	7/11	783	- 2
Do	Indiancur Grant	125	9	6	-	1	3	198 6/16						
	Earth	292	6	6	-	1	-	467 2/4	203 8 7/32	-	1	3 3/4	165	10 5
Kavilangalom	Perakoomma	971	15	4	2	1	0 3/8	1523 5	425 3 3/8	-	1	1 1/2	302	13 8
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Average rate - 1 1

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Submitted for the information
of Government.

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[illegible] Madura.

To

W. McDaniel Esquire

Collector of Madura

Sir,

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my Progress report regarding
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Sivaganga

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