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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
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. 2,323.

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

I have the honor to forward my Progress Report regarding famine relief operations in the taluqs of Tirumangalam and Peravolam for the month of April.

(1.) TIRUMANGALAM—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 DONE DURING THE MONTH.	Amount spent during the Month.
		Amount.	Rate per Cubic Yard.	Quantity of Work.	
Kockalajeri	Gettulingompu tank	1,803 0 6	0 1 3	16,096 5	Rs. 189 10 6
Kocotry	Seval tank	220 13 4	0 1 0	8,331	227 1 0
Do.	Karai tank	48 18 0	0 0 0	1,040	44 9 0
Nandikundoo	Seval tank	176 9 7	0 1 0	2,624	176 4 8
Mallagennur	Nalagundoo	186 2 8	0 3 0	1,489	50 10 1
Do.	Thummanpu	108 12 7	0 1 0	1,740	100 4 7
Do.	Peracumney	235 8 4	0 1 0	4,086	17 12 9
Do.	Mudialur.	751 10 10	0 1 0	11,575	783 0 2
Kovlangolam	Peracumney	155 9 6	0 1 3	1,830	105 10 5
Orappanur	Peracumney	203 6 6	0 1 0	4,678 5	302 13 5
Jo.	Peracumney	971 15 4	0 1 0	16,245	228 10 7
Kuthirachanicolam	Peracumney	610 6 8	0 1 0	9,177	233 9 0
Kockulom	Kuthirachanicolam	233 15 8	0 1 0	8,777	136 13 10
Alaguerai	Kockulom	127 5 3	0 1 0	1,941 5	23 8 0
Panniconda	Alaguerai	426 6 2	0 1 0	5,213 5	83 2 11
	Panniconda	358 8 10	0 1 0	1,072	195 9 2
	Panniconda	293 15 6	0 1 0	4,994 5	128 2 0
	Total	...	...	41,067	2,090 6 10
	Average rate	...	...	...	...

Revenue Department, 23rd May 1877, No. 1,331.

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. Krishnamma Chetty, B.C.A.

Urduis—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 urduis 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	1,038	

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 been most successful in this regard, 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 Tinnevely, 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 codai cholam, cumboo 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

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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.

2. **PERRACOLEM 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 month of May is 12,425, the number of meals or rations issued. I have never seen the tanks in on fast. This encouraging state of affairs extends over the Nellakottiah Division or 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.

Ed. A. F. Goodall.

Madras

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 21st May 1877.

Read the following.

Order's No. 5260.

No. 69.

From

E. Turner Esquire

Extra Special Assistant Collector

Relief operations in Tirunelveli and Pudukottai Districts, Madras District. - Intimation 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 Sanitary Committee the thanks of Government for his activity during the present distress.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 1208.

M.A.Y.

No. 539,540.

G.O. 258A May 1877, No. 1,834.

*GOVT. of (1877) MADRAS
REVENUE.*

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Secy. Secy.

Dated May, 21/77.

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3. The Collector will convey to the Sepoy
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loyalty during the present distress.

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23/57



28 Aug 1971

Was Capt. John P. O'Connell, U.S. Army,
 35th Co., 15th Regt.,
 U.S. Infantry, 177

The measurements are made

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A camp was built from private subscriptions on a very suitable site on the bank of the Gundar.

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There are several reasons for this and I am sure the Government liberality was not abused but confined to cases of real want. The Zamindar has also thrown open his fine tract of grazing land.

I have Recd
Extra Spl Asst Collector's Office
Madura, 6 May 1877. E. Turner
Extra Spl Asst Collector

(True Copy)

No 315.

Rockalangeri	Spillingam	302	6	1	4206 1/2	109 10 6
Notaboty	Shivam	220	13	4	3533 1/2	2974 1/2
	Chamel	48	12		9 1040	920
	Parisar	176	9	7	2225 1/2	3302 1/2
	Sevva	186	2	8	4687 1/2	412
	Nallogundes	108	13	7	740 1/2	1700
	Thimmanipattu	255	8	4	4088 1/2	152 1/2
	Percakomay	10	10		1575 1/2	11937 1/2
	Indiaru	125	9	6	1986 1/2	2038 1/2
	Barth	292	6	6	4370 1/2	2038 1/2
	Percakomay	971	15	4	15235 1/2	4253 1/2
	Cor	610	6	3	9177	4008 1/2
	Poppur	208	10	2	3727	5009 1/2
	Kuthiracham	127	5	3	1941 1/2	1256 1/2
	Rockulom	426	6	20	6213 1/2	40
	Blaguserai	358	3	10	1072 1/2	356
	Panniconda	293	15	6	4843 1/2	2026 1/2
					565 1/2	385 1/2
					3762 1/2	2115 1/2
					4408 1/2	

Average rate - 11

Name of the place	Number fed during the month	Remarks
Sirumangalam	5025	
Ovilampatty	1534	
Saptori	1058	

Submitted for the information
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Madura.

To

W. McQuarrie

Collector of Madura.

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Dated 21st May 1917

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Present, with leave, Mr. [Name] Secretary to

Government of the District

and Mr. [Name] of

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