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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

18th June 1877, No. 2,028.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 365. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th June 1877.

Read the following letter from C. W. W. MARTIN, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to W. McQUHAE, Esq., Collector of Madras, dated 16th May 1877, No. 604.

I HAVE the honor to report on the progress of famine relief-works in this sub-division for the month of April.

2. The Pappiliapatty to Dharapuram road was approaching completion, and could afford labor for but very few more days to the laborers on it, about 4,000 in number. I have arranged for the transfer of these laborers to five tanks lying not far from the line of the road, viz., the Parthiyar, Porelur, Kapilipatty, Odaipatty, and Virupakshi, and to the supply channels of the same tanks, the estimates for which amount to Rs. 6,850 in aggregate, representing a provision of labor for 4,000 persons for seventeen days; when these tanks are finished I have in reserve estimates for seven village roads aggregating Rs. 6,700, a large estimate for a road from Kallimandayam to Edayacota, already forwarded to Government; I have also called for an estimate for another road from Palni to Kallimandayam to be ready by the end of this month.

completed, but will last for some time still; and to provide for the laborers, about 1,000 in number, I have two tanks, a large Oorug, and a village road from Edayacota, through Soollerambo, into Thadicombo, to join the present Local Fund road from Dindigul to Vadasandoor. I have written to the Sub-Collector of Coimbatore to ask whether the continuation of this village road from Edayacota to Dharapuram can be undertaken as a relief-work in his division, and he has replied in the affirmative. These village roads will thus connect a number of out-of-the-way villages with both Dharapuram and Dindigul.

4. The village roads from Kallimandayam to Thoppampatty and from Thoppampatty to Thalyooth have been nearly completed also; the laborers on these roads will be directed either to the five tanks and the east of the taluq alluded to in paragraph 2, or to the tanks and channels in the south-west and west of the taluq along the source of the Shanmuganadi river. These tanks

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| 1. Thamaraculam tank and channel. | | |
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| 3. Saocaracounden do. | do. | do. |
| 4. Odaicolam do. | do. | do. |
| 5. Atticolam do. | do. | do. |
| 6. Sengolam do. | do. | do. |
| 7. Camalasamudram do. | do. | do. |

(given in the margin) are the principal irrigation works in the Palni Taluq available for famine relief; they are now giving employment to many people in the western or more distressed villages of the taluq who had previously been to seek for work in Coimbatore. The total value of the estimates received for these works

are but Rs. 12,266, capable of lasting 5,000 laborers for about twenty-five days. On the completion of these tanks I have the following works to fall back upon :—

- (1.) Metalling the road from Palni to Dindigul.
- (2.) Lowering the level of about 300 acres of land classed at present as nunjah, but given up by the ryots as of too high level to be sufficiently watered from the source of supply.
- (3.) The estimate for a superior class of road from Thalyooth to Thoppampatty than that now in progress.
- (4.) Two large Ooranias.
- (5.) Repairs of all the tanks in the neighbourhood of Vadasandoor to Ooppiliapatty road.
- (6.) Do. of road from Soollerambo to Edayacota.
- (7.) Do. of road from Edayacota to Thadicombo.
- (8.) Graveling, &c., of the Vadasandoor road.
- (9.) Masonry works on and the Vadasandoor Ooppiliapatty roads.

The above is a general description of what has taken place in the Palni Taluq up to close of April. Exact details of the work performed in April are given in the usual appended statement.

It could afford labour for

Revenue Department, 18th June 1877, No. 2,028.

5. I have in accordance with the instructions received, directed that all new road-works shall be postponed, and that as far as possible, labor shall be diverted from roads in progress to irrigation works, so as to complete as many of the latter as possible while the demand for work is at its height. In the Dindigul Taluq I had opened the tanks mentioned in the margin up to the end of April; the particulars with regard to them are given in the appendix. The entire absence of rain at Dindigul and in the northern villages of the taluq beginning to make the appearance of matters very bad, and I expect that for a time we shall have as many laborers as my February forecast put down for this taluq. The taluq is well provided with tanks, though not in the places where they are most urgently wanted. I hope, however, that I may not have to start roads of any sort.

6. Relief-camps.—The returns for the Palni and Dindigul Relief-camps showed at the close of April 1,247 paupers in Palni and 451 in Dindigul, and numbers in both camps were increasing daily. There were also 201 on village relief in Palni and 160 in Dindigul.

7. My remarks on the physical condition of laborers are contained in my letter, No. 534, of the 1st instant. Mr. Baber and Mr. Jackson both report that the later applicants for employment appear on the works in a worse state than the former ones, but they are unanimous with me in thinking that those laborers who came early and have worked regularly are looking in very good health.

SUBMITTED to the Board of Revenue for information. The value of the work done for the amount spent is exhibited in the statement forwarded by the Sub-Collector, and it shows satisfactory results.

MADURA,
23rd May 1877.

No. 349.

(Signed) W. McQUHAE,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 366.

ORDER THEREON, 18th June 1877, No. 2,028.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Financial Department.

Edw. A. F. Goodall.

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Proceedings of the Bd of Rev
dated 21st June 1877.

Read the following

No 604,

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From

C. W. W. Martin Esq.
At Sub Col. Madras

To
W. McQuhae Esq.
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V. S. S. S. & the sup-
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in aggregate representing
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estimates for 7 Village

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| 3. So ear. counter oo oo | |
| 4. Odu. dam oo oo | The principal |
| 5. Chitlam oo | Irrigation work |
| 6. Renglam oo | |
| 7. Canatasamudram oo | in the Paffy |

Talig available for famine relief; they are now giving employment to many people in the western or more distressed villages of the Talig who had previously been to seek for work in Coimbatore. The total value of the estimates received for these works are but Rs. 12266 capable of lasting 5000 laborers for about 25 days. On the completion of these tanks I have the following works to fall back upon.

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Madras Int. Colling I have to
of in 16th May/77 } (2) C. W. W. Martin
& H. Int. Colling
(True Copy)

No 349.

Submitted to the D.
of Agr. for information.
The value of the work
done for the amount
spent is exhibited in
the stat^t forwarded by
the Sub. Collr. & it shows
satisfactory results.

Done by ()
Office 23 May 77 } Collr.

Submitted for the
information of Govt.
(True Copies & Est^t)

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Secy. Genl.

To the Adm. Secy. of Govt. R. I. with
2 orig. stat^ts to be returned

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Progress of Relief-works in Madras Division.—Recording Proceedings of the Board Revenue subscribing a report from the Sub-Collector on the — for April 1877.

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