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Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 370-A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th June 1877, No. 2,625.

Read the following letter from J. H. COOK, Esq., Special Assistant in charge of Special Relief Works, Coimbatore, to A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, dated Pollachy, 20th May 1877, No. 119:—

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

2. The number of works both completed and in progress up to the 5th instant in connection with famine relief is forty-two in the Oodumulpettah Taluq and two in the Pollachy Taluq, excluding wells that have been deepened and sunk in both the taluqs.

<i>Oodumulpettah.</i>	
Old roads	13
Metal collection	6
Irrigational tanks	6
Do. channels	6
Tanks	11
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	42
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<i>Pollachy.</i>	
Old roads	2

3. *Roads—Oodumulpettah.*—The restoration of the old track from Oodumulpettah to Coimbatore, 24 miles, was commenced in the present month, and 6 miles have been nearly finished up to the 5th instant at a cost of Rupees 1,128. The road from Dharapuram frontier to Poolavady, too, was begun in the same month, and 3 miles were finished for 592 Rupees. The entire distance of old roads both originally and newly sanctioned up to the 5th instant is 118 miles. There remained at the close of the last month $15\frac{3}{4}$ miles to be jellied, and the number of miles on which earthwork was done in the present month is $23\frac{3}{4}$. Thus the total number of miles to be jellied on comes to $39\frac{1}{4}$ miles, of which $7\frac{1}{4}$ miles have been jellied. The cost on this item in the present month is 5,125 Rupees against Rupees 6,923 in the last month, and the total expenditure up to 5th May is Rupees 28,802.

Pollachy.—Two old roads were begun to be restored in this taluq in the present month, one from Karattur to Anamallay, and the other from Poodooppolliem to Pollachy; but as it was found that there was not much distress in the villages through which the latter road passes, the work was put a stop to for the present, and the only road in progress in this taluq is the Karattur road abovementioned. As this road, too, was begun very late in the month, it would suffice to say here that the amount spent on the road up to 5th May is Rupees 292.

4. *Metal.*—As there is no metal collection yet begun in the Pollachy Taluq, I confine this head to Oodumulpettah alone. There were already four roads (excluding one road completed) on which metal collection was going on, and the Dhully road was taken in hand for metal collection in the present month. The total quantity of metal collected and broken up to the 5th instant is about 43,439 cubic yards. The total expenditure incurred on this item is Rupees 26,641, which gives an average cost of Annas 9-7 per cubic yard. But my present rate of metal collection comes to about 8 Annas per cubic yard, and for the road from Oodumulpettah to Coimbatore Annas 4-6 per cubic yard as stone is more easily procured. There is no separate collection for metal for this road, but the amount spent is taken from the general fund of Rupees 400 per mile.

5. *Channels*.—Out of six channels sanctioned for repair in the Oodumulpettah Taluq, five have been already completed, and no further mention of them need be made as every particular about them is contained in my last reports. The only channel in progress is the diverting of a jungle stream called Serangathoopallum. The amount spent on this work up to 5th instant is Rupees 413, and the number of cubic yards of earth removed is 3,717.

6. *Tanks*.—The only tank that is now in progress in the Oodumulpettah Taluq is the Columum tank newly begun; all the other tanks of Dhully series have been already completed as stated before.

7. *Water-supply*.—Scarcity of water is still felt in much of the villages, though there was a fall of rain here and there in the month under review, which in some places relieved the distress to a certain extent. There are altogether fifty-one wells being repaired and sunk from Famine Funds, of which forty-three were sanctioned in the previous months and eight in the month under report. The wells are as usual let on contract to Wudders as they are rocky and require to be blasted. Of the eleven drinking tanks under repair, six have been already completed and five were completed in the present month. The total sanctioned amount up to 5th instant is Rupees 6,500 on this head, and the amount spent is Rupees 5,377.

8. *Sanitation*.—Sanitary arrangements are in progress in all the villages mentioned in my last report. The cost incurred on this item up to 5th instant is Rs. 2,796, the expenditure in the month alone being Rupees 55.

9. *General Expenditure*.—The whole outlay sanctioned for relief works in the Oodumulpettah Taluq up to 5th instant is Rupees 91,755, of which the amount spent up to the same date is Rupees 67,689. The amount spent in the month alone is Rs. 10,997. The average number of coolies daily at work during the month is 5,245. With the exception of the two roads above alluded to, no other work was in progress in the Pollachy Taluq during the present month. The total amount spent in that taluq up to 5th instant is Rupees 431.

10. *Health*.—Cholera has of late much abated in the Oodumulpettah Taluq, but it is still raging in some of the villages. Dysentery and small-pox are also prevalent in the cusbah. Few cases of cholera are reported from Pollachy. The health of the coolies on relief works, as regards their physique, is favorable.

11. *Cattle*.—The condition of cattle remains much the same as in the last month. The fall of rain in some of the villages during the month has enabled the owners to procure fodder in their own villages to a little extent. No disease prevails among the cattle.

12. *Markets*.—The prices of the staple grains in the markets are still stationary. The markets are well supplied.

13. *Payments*.—Payments are made to the coolies in the same manner as alluded to in my former reports.

14. *Relief-houses*.—There are five relief-houses established in the Oodumulpettah Taluq, and are entirely supported by Government. My proposal to open more relief-houses in the taluq has been approved of by the Collector, and measures are being adopted to start them up soon. Only the real deserving class of men are admitted in the houses. A regular nominal roll is kept up showing the names of persons fed in each house with dates of their admissions. The cost in the month on account of gratuitous relief amounts to Rupees 1,240-14-9.

Pollachy.—At the cusbah town a relief-house has been started up by the respectable inhabitants of the place. The house is supported in equal shares from Government, the Government contributing being a moiety of the cost, viz., Rupees 150. The appearance of those fed in these houses is very miserable. But I have since given orders to adopt the new scale of rations, (vide Revenue Board's Proceedings No. 4,257 of 24th March 1877,) which will be adopted with no doubt improve the physical appearance of the coolies.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated, 6th June 1877.

Read the following

Board's G.R.
No. 5860.

No. 119

FROM

J. H. Cook Esquire,
Special Assistant in charge of
S. R. Works Coimbatore.

TO

A. Wedderburn Esquire,
Collector of Coimbatore.

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month 15 ⁵/₈ miles to be jellied and the number of miles on which earth work was done in the present month is 23 ⁵/₈. Thus the total number of miles to be jellied on, comes to 39 ¹/₄ miles, of which 7 ¹/₄ miles have been jellied. The cost on this item in

the present month is 5125 Rs. against Rs. 6923 in the last month and the total expenditure up to 5th May is Rs. 28,802.

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Water Supply 7. Scarcity of water is still felt in much of the villages, though there was a fall of rain here and there in the month under review, which in some places relieved the distress to a certain extent. There are altogether 51 wells being repaired and sunk from Famine Funds, of which 43 were sanctioned in the previous months, and 8 in the

the month under report. The wells are, as usual, let on contract to wooders as they are rocky and require to be blasted. Of the 11 drinking tanks under repair, 6 have been already completed and were completed in the present month. The total sanctioned amount up to 5th Instant is Rs 6,500 on this head and the amount spent is Rs 5,377.

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I have
Coimbatore Special Asst. }
Office. Camp Pollachy } Signed J. H. Cook
20th May 1877. } Special Assistant

(True Copy)
No. 174

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

December 1876.

Coimbatore Collr. }
Office 25th May 1877. }

Signed J. C. Hinescom
For Collector.

Submitted

Submitted for the information
of Government.

(True Copy & Extract)

W. H. M.
Secretary

To The Asst. Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

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FAMINE RELIEF, No. 1314-A

Revenue Relief operations in Peshawar and
Oudumburgh Tehsil, Conchare District.—
Recording Proceedings of the Board of Revenue on
Mr. Cook's report on the results of —, and noting
the low rates at which the work under him has
been done.