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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

21st June 1877, No. 2,073-A.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 474-A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th June 1877, No. 2,658 :—

Read the following letter from F. J. DAWES, Esq., Temporary Deputy Collector, in charge Head Assistant Collector's Division, to C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, dated Tripatore, 14th May 1877, S.N. No. 739-502 :—

In compliance with paragraph 1 of the Board's Proceedings, No. 3,244, dated 21st December 1876, I have the honor to report on the progress of relief works in this division during the month of April 1877.

2. *The Malapuram-Kaduthoor Road.*—The earth and gravel work for the full distance (nine miles) has been completed, and the construction of road dams alone is in hand. On an average 400 people were employed daily. The expenditure reported up to the end of last week is Rupees 5,114. The estimate for Rupees 6,500 was passed by the Board of Revenue in their Proceedings, dated 6th April, No. 1,558. The extension from Kaduthoor to Mukanoor has been started and is being estimated for. I have inspected the line and it is about the best that could have been selected.

3. *Mallapuram-Darampury Road.*—In my last report I mentioned that you directed the work on this road should be discontinued, but during the month under review I was instructed demi-officially to resume work in the plains and have done so. The number employed daily is sixty. The earthwork and gravelling for the first two miles is thoroughly done, and all the road dams have been constructed. The 3rd mile to the foot of the Vathalamalai is now in hand and has progressed for a short distance. The estimate for this 3rd mile, which is over hard and stony soil, has been referred to the Local Fund Overseer for revision.

4. *The Mallapuram-Papiredypatti Road.*—About four miles of this road have been gravelled and completed with the exception of the road dams, and the earthwork on the remainder is being pushed forward, but owing to cholera having made its appearance at Venkitasamuthiram and Bairnatham (two important villages on this road) the coolies were backward to come for work, otherwise greater work might have been shown. The Board I observe from their Proceedings, No. 1,914, dated 25th April, have withheld their sanction to the estimate submitted for this road, as they were uncertain if the work had been started. The average number of people employed daily was 142. Cholera was still hanging about these villages when I visited the road on the 10th instant. A Vaccinator is attending to the sick, and the people spoke in commendation of his exertions among them.

5. *The Kammenalloor-Iroonathoor Road.*—The work has been resumed on this road since receipt of sanction to the estimate. The gravelling has been fully completed for half the distance. The expenditure reported is Rupees 1,100, and the average number at work in the last week of the month was 140.

6. *The Podur-Anunthoor Road.*—This road is thoroughly done up to the latter village except the bit over the Nanja which remained unfinished at my late inspection on the 4th instant. The estimate was passed by the Board in their Proceedings of the 23rd March, No. 1,319, for Rupees 2,100; but subsequently finding that sufficient waterway was not provided in that estimate, I prepared a supplemental one for additional tunnels, and sent it to you for sanction with this office letter, No. 710-482, dated 5th May 1877. The stone-work connected with all the tunnels is in hand, and I

have impressed on both Mr. Hight and the Deputy Tahsildar the necessity for finishing this bit before the rains. The estimate for the extension of this road up to Kammenalloor, amounting to Rupees 1,950, I have also sent for your sanction with this office letter, No. 710-482, dated 5th May 1877, from Utengiri last week.

7. *The Kunnalloor-Karuputti Road.*—The Tahsildar has put the people on it. In inspecting this road on the 3rd instant I saw the damage that was reported by the Deputy Tahsildar to have been done by the rain that fell in Utengiri in March, and I prepared and passed an estimate at once for repairing those places. The amount was Rupees 200 and the work has been put in hand. This in addition to the construction of road dams is all that remains to be done.

8. *The Pudupett-Natrapally Road.*—In Tripatore, the Pudupett-Natrapally road has been completed with the exception of that part which passes under the Agharam tank. The Saturday Return for week ending 28th April showed an expenditure of Rupees 1,706, and the number of coolies employed was fifty-one.

9. *Road from Yelakatham to join Pudupett Road.*—This road is in progress, and I await the Board's sanction to the estimate. Besides tapping the country in that direction it will keep up the supply of work now that the tanks and the Pudupett road are approaching completion.

10. The work of collecting metal and gravel on the nine Local Fund Roads in Utengiri and seven in Tripatore is steadily progressing. The Utengiri Tahsildar had 326 men, 625 women, and 16 children employed on this work according to his Saturday Return for week ending 28th April, and the Tripatore Tahsildar showed 164 men, 344 women, and 87 children. I have impressed on both Tahsildars at every opportunity the importance of not neglecting or disregarding this particular character of relief as in regard to metal breaking by women and children; it keeps them employed in the shade under the avenues, which exist in the majority of cases, and can be carried out in a sitting position, circumstances which render it a work within the capabilities of even the weakly.

11. *Minor Roads.*—I have also visited all the minor village communications in hand except the one from Kakengiri to Naidupett, and was satisfied with the progress made. The majority of them have been completed and just the finish is being given. They are all in Tripatore Taluq, and at the end of April the Tahsildar had 92 men, 165 women, and 29 children employed on them, making a total of 286.

12. *Irrigation.*—In the return received from the Range Officer, Tripatore, for the week ending 28th April there were 8,207 people reported to have been employed in the two taluqs of this division. A great decrease in numbers might soon be anticipated as the tanks are approaching completion in very many instances. There was a tendency to fall in the week ending 5th May; for the numbers were reported at 7,683, but in the return for the following week it again rose to 8,875 which I regard as simply spasmodic.

13. The expenditure reported up to the end of April was Rupees 35,428. Mr. West is however now occupied in the preparation of a second list of irrigation propositions, and I have called upon the two Tahsildars at his request to give him lists of such tanks as may be taken up with advantage to Government and with the concession that the Board have recently recommended to Government in their Proceedings of the 20th April, No. 1,809, to exempt works under the supervision of the Public Works Department from the operation of G.O. No. 520-A, dated 5th February 1877. Mr. West ought to be quite in a position to keep up the numbers for a long while yet. The favorable opportunity that presents itself of taking up the tanks in the Kadathoor mittah in consequence of its falling under Government management for arrears, I have brought to your notice in my letter, No. 734-497, dated 13th instant, and await your advice.

14. *Village Relief Works.*—In regard to petty relief works in villages ninety-seven estimates were passed last month in the two taluqs for the improvement of water-supply and for cutting prickly-pear at a cost of Rupees 3,353. This makes a total of 329 estimates passed at a cost of Rupees 14,665, of which 128 to the value of Rupees 5,645 have been completed and the remainder are in progress.

15. *Gratuitous Relief.*—The number in each camp at the end of April was reported as follows:—

	Male.	Female.	Children.	Total.
Tripatore	77	86	104	267
Harur	110	143	138	391
Utengiri	244	524	399	1,167

16. In the last-named camp I regret to state there was a very sudden outbreak of cholera on the 1st instant when thirty-five persons were attacked, of whom seventeen succumbed. Since then the camp has gone back to its normal state of health. The dysenteric form of diarrhoea is becoming so widespread that the camps are practically becoming hospitals. Mr. Prichard, the Local Fund Apothecary at Tripatore, was transferred to Trichoor at the beginning of this month, and till the arrival of his successor (Mr. Cooper) the Dresser of the Police Hospital at Salem is temporarily doing duty at Tripatore. The Hospital Assistant attached to the Head Assistant Collector's office is doing valuable service at Utengiri in the camp where the numbers have risen much above the other two camps. I inspected it at the beginning of this month and removed several who were improperly admitted in my opinion.

17. The distribution of gratuitous relief in the two Taluqs is being closely supervised. The list from the Tripatore taluq of persons thus relieved shows a total of 1,438, which is just half the number I anticipated in my last report, as it represents about 75 per cent. of the population. The number must, of course, in the nature of the relief be considered fluctuating, but in any case it might well be kept under one per cent. The Utengiri Taluq with its characteristic delay has not yet completed its list, though the calls made on it have been very frequent. I would however, considering that the distress is more severely felt there than at Tripatore, adhere to the previous assessment of 1½ per cent. of the population. The number of children of parents employed on irrigation and other relief works in the Tripatore Taluq that are receiving 3-Pie allowance is about 500. Utengiri has not yet sent its list. The gosha list which I submitted with my letter, No. 626-420, dated 21st April 1877, has been approved by you, and the females are being relieved at the rate of Rupees 1-8-0 per mensem payable in advance in two instalments; this is less than one Anna per diem per head, and I think it better that the rate should be assimilated to that which prevails in the villages.

18. There is a marked difference between the two taluqs in the matter of the application for advances under the Land Improvement Act, and in asking the Tahsildar of Utengiri for an explanation he attributes it to a feeling of distrust on the part of the people. One would have supposed that the advantages offered by the provision of the Act in question would have been largely availed of in Utengiri, and I felt surprised to find from the returns received that the reverse was the case. The applications in Tripatore number sixty-nine and in Utengiri three. I fail to see why the ryots should be afraid of losing their lands if the matter is properly represented to them by the Revenue subordinates unless the formality of registration awakens any suspicion in their minds.

19. The agricultural prospects of the two taluqs in the absence of heavy or continued rain remain stationary. Fodder for cattle is decreasing and the deaths among them from want of proper pasturage is reported to be on the increase, and the lower order of natives (Pariahs and Chucklers) are living on the carcasses wherever they can buy or get them for nothing.

20. Cholera, dysentery, fever, and small-pox are still among the people, and in calling upon the two taluqs for a statement showing the number of deaths from cholera in the first four months of this year, Tripatore shows 1,478; Utengiri return not received.

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21. There has been no rain last month of any importance to record, though the two taluqs have been visited with one or two passing showers, the effect of which has not been more than temporary.

I have in last month been through the Tripatore Taluq and in this month have already done the Utengiri Division and the inspection of the roads in the neighbourhood of the Mallapuram station, which I must confess to the credit of Venkata Charry, the Deputy Tahsildar specially supervising them, have made wonderful progress. On the Kaduthoor road there is not the slightest hinderance to a spring carriage being taken over it, and I feel certain that at your next inspection you will find the roads in this division compare as favorably with those elsewhere in the district. I am about going through the Harur Division previous to Mr. LeFanu's return to the division, and as perhaps the next report will be written by him, I beg you will bear some testimony to the manner in which the trust you were pleased to commit to me has been discharged.

FORWARDED through the Board for the information of Government. Mr. Dawes has carried out the work entrusted to him to the Collector's satisfaction.

NAMCUL,
24th May 1877.

(Signed) C. T. LONGLEY,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The report is much too long, and gives no details as to the cost of the work turned out for the money.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 474-B.

ORDER THEREON, 21st June 1877, No. 2,073-A.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

2. It is noted that orders to resume work on the Mullapooram-Dharampoory road were issued demi-officially. This should not be.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. W. H. French.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 7th June 1877.

Read the following.

Board's Order No. 739
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From
The Temporary Deputy Collector in Charge
Local Assistant Collector's Division
Salem

To, The Collector of Salem

Sir, In compliance with para 1 of the Board's Proceedings No 3244 dated 21st December 1876, I have the honor to report on the progress of Relief works in this Division during the month of April 1877. The earth and gravel work for the The Mallapuram full distance (9 miles) has been completed, and the construction of road dams alone is in hand. On an average 400 people were employed daily. The Kadathoor Road reported

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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LINE
No. 474-A-174-E

PAID BY RELIEF, No. 1334-A

Public Relief Works in Salem Head Division
Collector's Office. — Reporting Proceedings of the Board of Revenue submitted, report on progress of — April 1877.

reported up to the end of last week is
Rupees 5114-¹¹/₁₀₀. The estimate for Rs 6500-¹¹/₁₀₀ 5698
was passed by the Board of Revenue in
their Proceedings dated 6th April 1955.

The extension from Kadathoor to Muka-
noor has been started and is being
estimated for. I have inspected the line
and it is about the best that could
have been selected. In my last report
I mentioned that you directed the work
on this road should be discontinued but
during the month under review I was
instructed Demi-officially to resume
work in the plains and have done so.
The number employed daily is 60. The
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malai is now in hand and has
progressed for a short distance. The
estimate for this 3rd mile which is over
hard and stony soil has been referred
to the Local Fund Overseer for
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The Malla-
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The work has been resumed on the road since receipt of sanction to the estimate. The gravelling has been fully completed for half the distance. The expenditure reported is Rs 1100 and the average number at work

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I beg you will bear some testimony
to the manner in which the trust you
were pleased to commit to me has
been discharged.

Salem

Head Asst Collector's Office

14th May 1877

I have &c

(Signed) Fr. J. Dawes

Temporary Deputy Collector

in Charge Head Asst Collector's

Division

(True Copy)

Forwarded through the Board

for the information of Government -

Mr

Mr Davies has carried out the
work entrusted to him to the Collector's
satisfaction.

(Signed) C. N. Longley
Collector.

Salem Collector's Office,
Camp, Namakal,
24th May 1877

Submitted for the information
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(True Copy & Extract.)

Wm. H. M.

Secretary

To The Adm. Secretary to Government
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