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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

22nd June 1877, No. 2,079-B.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 486-C. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th June 1877.

Read the following letter from Major C. D. BAYNES, in charge of State Relief-works, Darampury Taluq. to C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, dated Darampury, 24th May 1877, No. 176-129 :—

I HAVE the honor to submit the following report as to the progress made on State Relief-works during the month of April in the Darampury Taluq.

2. *Roads.*—The number under construction remains the same as at date of last report :—

No. 1.—*Mullapuram—Pudur Road.*—No expenditure has been incurred on this work during the past month, it is in abeyance pending the completion of Road No. 4, which it connects with Marandahally.

No. 2.—*Nallampully Laligam.*—Further operations on this road are temporarily postponed, pending preparation of an estimate for cost of completion.

No. 3.—*Indur—Sholapady.*—Is being vigorously pushed forward; 1,200 coolies are employed on it; the general health is good. They are provided with hut accommodation. The original allotment of Rs. 6,000 has been expended and a supplemental sanction of Rs. 7,227 has been granted on detailed estimate for its completion. The portion of road over Sholapady Ghaut, measuring about 4 miles, will be given out on contract at the estimated rates, as the work on it is very stiff and not well suited as a relief-work, because it will not give employment to women.

No. 4.—*Palcode—Marandahally.*—Nearly whole length of roadway completed at a cost of Rs. 2,340. The original allotment is only Rs. 1,750; an estimate for completion of this road has been submitted for sanction, which has not yet been accorded. The earthwork has been satisfactorily done, and the masonry work is now in progress.

3. *Irrigation Works.*—Six tanks have been completed; 25 in progress.

4. *Water-supply.*—Twenty-one kuttaies for use of cattle are in progress; four wells completed; six wells in progress.

5. *Village Sites.*—Six completed; 22 in progress.

6. Two fort works are in progress, *i.e.*, Darampury and Palcode forts; for the former another grant (Rs. 2,100) was made to the original sanction of Rs. 6,000; but another sanction of Rs. 3,400 is required, for which an estimate has been submitted; 1,851 coolies, of whom 287 are children, were employed on it.

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7. The original estimate of Rs. 1,050 for the Palcode Fort is also nearly expended, and sanction for an additional grant of Rs. 1,000 will be sought; at present it provides employment for 561 laborers, of whom 56 are children.

8. *Gratuitous Relief.*—The feeding-house at Palcode has been abolished.

The numbers in the two camps on the 30th April at Darampury and Pennagaram are given below:—

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Darampury	133	294	421	848
Pennagaram	102	207	242	551

The mortality in the former has been great; the daily average for the month being 4 on a daily average strength of 1,119.

9. A classified statement of death is appended:—

CHOLERA.				DIARRHŒA.				OTHER DISEASES.				Grand Total.
Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	
3	...	3	6	18	9	17	44	15	13	53	81	131

10. Cholera is prevalent throughout the taluq.

11. I regret that the Board consider my estimate of the extent of distress to be excessive. That estimate on the contrary is now proved to be far below the actual requirements, which I do not think can possibly be kept below Rs. 5,000 or 6,000 a week. I have taken great pains to personally verify the lists, and find that instead of over-estimate I have greatly under-rated the cost of gratuitous relief, and I am in the position to state that though much fraud exists, it is not to the detriment of Government interests but to those of the recipients of relief whom the Kareydars, as I foresaw, have universally robbed. I have, however, had one sentenced to two years' imprisonment and another to a fine of Rs. 50, and several have been dismissed; and as the organisation for supervision is now much improved, I hope that in future the poor will receive their full gratuity.

FORWARDED, through the Board of Revenue, for the information of Government. In reference to the concluding paragraph of Major Baynes' letter, the Collector remarks that the death-rate in Darampury has already reached 88 per mille, and that with such a high mortality it can hardly be said that relief is being overdone.

SALEM,
4th June 1877.

(Signed) C. T. LONGLEY,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The ghaut work on the Indur-Sholapady road should not be given on contract, but should be executed by relief coolies on piece-work, as directed in the recent G.O., 22nd May 1877, No. 1,788, Revenue Department.

3. With regard to Major Baynes' and the Collector's remarks on gratuitous relief, the Board do not doubt the existence of severe distress in Darampury, but there are parts of the Presidency equally bad and in which gratuitous relief on no such scale is given, and yet disaster has not occurred in such places.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

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No. 486-D.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd June 1877, No. 2,079-B.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd T. O'Connor.

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Salem

Revenue Department

No. 2084

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 13th June 1877

Read the following:-

No: $\frac{176}{129}$

From:

Major Baynes in charge

State Relief Works

Darampury Taluq

To the collector of Salem.

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Nos. 4860-4861.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 1336-B.

Relief works in Darampury Taluq, Salem District. — Recording Proceedings of the Board of Revenue submitted by Major Baynes' report on the progress of — for the month of April 1877.

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Further operations on this road are temporarily postponed, pending preparation of an estimate for cost of completion.

3. Indur. Sholapady.

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At least the true test is applied

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True copy & extract

W. H. M. S.

Secretary

To Secy. to Govt. R. S.

Nov. 1877 Sept
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Proceedings of the
Board of Finance
at 13th June 1877
and 14th June

Submitting to you
with remarks upon
the following items
proposed on your
agenda in regard to
the progress of the
work in the various
departments of the
District.

The main means for the
betterment of the
people of the District

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Dr. George W. Brown
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