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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

3rd July 1877, No. 2,197-A.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 77-A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st June 1877.

Read the following letter from E. TURNER, Esq., Extra Special Assistant Collector, to W. McQUHAE, Esq., Collector of Madura, dated Periakulam, 8th June 1877, No. 130:—

I HAVE the honor to forward my Progress Report on famine relief operation in the taluqs of Tirumungalam and Periakulam for the month of May.

TIRUMUNGALAM.—(1). *Works*.—The following statement shows the quantity of work turned out up to the 31st May, with the corresponding expenditure:—

Statement of Tanks.

Name of Villages.	Work.	As ESTIMATED FOR.			As MEASURED UP TO 31st MAY 1877.		
		Work.	Cubic	Estimated work.	Work.	Cubic	Amount of work.
		Qua.	Rate	Amot for	Quantity	Rate	Amount of work.
			Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Kottulotty	Level Tank	1,040	0 0 9	48 12 0	120	0 0 8	5 0 0
Mallanginar	Mudianer Tank	6,664 1/2	0 1 0	448 0 0	4,630	0 0 11 1/2	281 11 0
Saluppa Pillianattam.	Pahaculam	4,639 1/2	0 1 0	259 15 1	4,698 1/2	0 0 11 1/2	281 8 10
Do.	Poothuculam	4,015 1/2	0 1 0	259 15 4	4,007 1/2	0 0 11 1/2	248 9 5
Do.	Solapuram	1,372 1/2	0 1 8	107 3 9	1,352	0 1 2	105 15 8
Kockulam	Kockulam	7,607 1/2	0 1 0	475 7 2	7,593 1/2	0 0 11 1/2	456 3 1
Chuttrum Puliangolam.	Channel	41,651 1/2	0 0 9	1,953 7 11	17,537	0 0 10 1/2	930 6 2
Do.	Karipatty Tank	4,121 1/2	0 1 0	257 9 7	4,183 1/2	0 0 11 1/2	257 4 10
Karipatty	Karipatty Tank	1,423 1/2	0 1 0	83 15 5	681	0 1 2	47 3 4
Kurayar	Messavanattam	20,758 1/2	0 1 0	1,277 0 3	19	0 1 10	0 15 4
Punnicoonda	Punnicoonda	3,762 1/2	0 1 3	293 15 6	1,445 1/2	0 1 0	91 13 1
Alaguserai	Alaguserai, E.	4,384 1/2	0 1 0	305 4 2	1,436 1/2	0 0 9	
	G.	566 1/2	0 1 6	53 15 8	983 1/2	0 1 6	181 10 8
	T.	5,419 1/2	0 0 1	23 6 1	4,831	0 0 1	
Sathengudi	Sathengudi	17,548	0 1 0	1,096 12 2	12,855	0 0 10 1/2	776 14 8
Olagany	Olagany	14,785 1/2	0 1 0	920 15 1	12,815	0 0 10 1/2	704 3 1
Total					79,117 1/2		4,322 10 2

Average rate per cubic yard 10 1/2 Pies.

Wells.—Rs. 3,383 have been advanced upon 37 applications for digging new wells under Land Improvement Act XXVI of 1871.

(2). *Relief-camps*.—During the month two relief-camps have been in operation—(1) at Tirumungalam, (2) at Mallanginar. The relief-camp at Tirumungalam has contained on an average about 300. On the last day of the month the number had risen to 469. At Mallanginar the average was about 100. The inmates of these camps consist of old and infirm people of both sexes and children; it is rare to see a young man or woman reduced by starvation to resort to these camps. The children, of whom there were no less than 220 on the 31st May in the Tirumungalam camp

Statement

have, for the most part, been deserted by their parents who have emigrated to Ceylon and other parts. Some of the very young children were in a sadly emaciated state when first admitted, but they improved wonderfully after a short residence in the camp. As many as possible are vaccinated when the Vaccinator comes round, and the Tahsildar has engaged a schoolmaster to teach the elements of Tamil and keep them out of mischief. He is supported from private subscriptions. Conjunctions have been established at the following places with the results as below noted:—

Name of Places.	NUMBER FED DURING THE MONTH.			Remarks.
	Men.	Women.	Children.	
Usilampatty	713	773	973	Maintained by Saptoor Zemindar.
Saptoor	3,043	2,893	1,590	

The above are entirely supported by private subscriptions. Village relief is carefully supervised. The numbers relieved in villages during the month were men 1,661, women 2,082, children 2,399.

The numbers forwarded to the camp by Kurayur	Inspector	...	...	97
"	Kulputty	"	...	35
"	Valandur	"	...	31
"	Sadapatty	"	...	12
Total				163

(3). Condition of the people generally. We have employed about, on an average, 1,500 a-day in this taluq on relief-works. They work well and cheerfully.

(4). Nature of the seasons and prospects for the future.—The season has so far been favorable; rain has fallen more or less all over the taluq; many tanks have received a small supply; and fodder is not so scarce as it was. Ploughing is going on everywhere. If the weather continues favorable, the numbers on the works will remain, I think, very much as they are for the next three months. Should the season prove unfavorable the numbers on the works will increase, though I do not consider that they will ever exceed 3,000 in this taluq. In relief-camps, I think there will be a considerable increase. There are numbers of women and children who have been deserted by their husbands and parents, and many more of these will, I fear, be obliged to resort to our camps for subsistence.

PEREAKULAM.—This taluq has received an abundant supply of rain, and the dry crops are excellent in parts.

The places where conjee is distributed and the numbers fed daily are specified below:—

Uttamapalayam	...	...	...	37
Pereakulam	...	...	...	485
Andypatty	...	...	...	188

A sum of Rs. 350 has been advanced under Land Improvement Act for sinking wells.

No. 336.

SUBMITTED to the Board of Revenue. The relief-works have been carried out economically, as is evident from the cost of work turned out. 10½ Pies a cubic yard shows a satisfactory result.

2. Mr. Turner has made a mistake about Pereakulam where there is little dry crop yet. The crops he sees are what are called "Kodai crops," and have been grown this year under every tank and well in the taluq. These crops are chiefly cholam, and the harvest of them has already commenced. The cholam, I repeat to say, has suffered much from disease induced, the ryots say, by excessive rain. Of dry crops gingelly-oil seed has been sown, and the other dry crops are now being sown. This taluq is now full of starving beggars, almost all of whom come from other places, and it will be necessary to provide gratuitous relief at the expense of Government. If this influx of strangers had not taken place private charity would have done all that is required. The cultivation accounts for April and May cannot be relied on. The Jamabundy has been unusually difficult, and the Curnams say they have been kept so busy that they have not been able to inspect the Kodai cultivation yet. The excuse is insufficient, but the season has been exceptional, and every Curnam is equally in fault.

PEREAKULAM,
14th June 1877.

(Signed) W. McQUHAE,
Collector.

SUBMITTED to Government.

2. The report is satisfactory as to the conduct of relief.

3. The Collector should endeavor to ascertain whence the bulk of the wanderers into Pereakulam come from.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
for Secretary.

No. 77-R. ORDER THEREON. 3rd July 1877, No. 2,197-A.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

2. The Government notice with satisfaction the low cost of relief-work in the Tirumungalam Taluq and the hopeful report of the Extra Special Assistant Collector as to the character of the season in that taluq.

3. No opportunity should be lost of impressing on the subordinate relief and village officials the necessity for vigilance on their part to prevent disaster among the wanderers reported as crowding into the Pereakulam Taluq. The Government await the Collector's report as to the places whence they come called for by the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
the Financial Department.

Exd. A. Grubert.

MISCELLANEOUS No.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 21st June 1877.

Read the following

No 130

FROM

E. Turner Esquire,

TO

Extra Spl. Asst. Collector,
Madura.

SIR,

W. M. Dubai Esquire
Collector of Madura.

I have the honor to forward
my Progress report on famine relief
operation in the Taluqs of Tirumungalam
and Periaulani for the month of May.

Tirumungalam

(1) Works.

The following statement
shows the quantity of work turned
out up to the 31st May with the corres-
ponding expenditure.

Statement

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As estimated for (As measured up to 31 st May 1877)										Remarks
Name of Villages	Name of Work	Quantity of Work	Rate per Cubic Yard	Amount estimated for work	Quantity of Work	Rate per Cubic Yard	Amount spent during the month			
Kottalatty	Level Tank	1040	"	9 48 12	120	"	8	5		
Mallanguinar	Mudianar Tank	611 1/2	"	1 448	4630	"	11 2/3	281	14	
Puttappananattam	Paliacolum	4637 1/2	"	1 289 15 1	4698 1/2	"	11 1/2	281.8	10	
Do	Posthucolum	4015 5/8	"	1 250 15 4	4007 1/4	"	11 1/8	248	9 5	
Do	Solapuram	1872 5/8	"	1 3 107 3 9	1352	"	1 2 3	105	15 8	
Kocholam	Kocholam	7607 3/4	"	1 475 7 2	7593 1/2	"	11 1/2	456	31	
Chattram Plausam	Channel	4165 1/8	"	9 1952 7 11	17537	"	10 3/4	930	6 2	
Do	Karisapatty tank	4121 5/8	"	1 257 9 7	483 1/2	"	11 1/6	257	4 10	
Karisapatty	Karisapatty tank	1423 1/4	"	1 88 15 5	64	"	1 2	27	3 4	
Kirayur	Masavanattam	20758 1/2	"	1 1277 6 3	19	"	1 10		15 1/2	
Punnicoonda	Punnicoonda	3712 1/8	"	1 3 293 15 6	445 1/2	"	1	91	13 1	
Alaguserai	Alaguserai	4884 3/16	"	1 305 4 2	1436 1/8	"		9		
		565 1/8	"	1 6 52 15 8	983 1/16	"	1 6	184	10 8	
		5449 1/16	"	1 28 6 1	4831	"		1		
Lathamgudi	Lathamgudi	17548	"	1 1046 12 2	12855	"	10 3/4	776	14 8	
Olagany	Olagany	14735 1/8	"	1 920 15 1	12845	"	10 1/2	704	3 1	
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(2) Relief Camps.

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On the last day of the month the number had risen to 469. At Mallanguinar the average was about 100. The inmates of these Camps consist of old and infirm people of both sexes and children, it is rare to see a young man or woman reduced by starvation to resort to these Camps.

The children, of whom there were

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Saploor	3043	2893	1590	Maintained by Saploor Zemindar

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 were men 1661, women 2082, Children 2399.

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Inspector	97
" - Kilpatty	35
" - Valander	31
" - Adampatty	$\frac{12}{168}$

(3) Condition of the people.

Again I see little or no
 change for the worse in the people
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If the weather continues favourable the numbers on the works will remain,

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Extra Special District } I have been
Collector's Office } Ld E. Turner
Periakulam, 8th June 1877. } & Spl. Dist. Collector.

(True Copy)
No 386.

Submitted to the Board of
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14-6-77
Madura (Office) } Signed W. M. Subar
Camp Periyakulam } Collector.

Submitted to Government.

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(True copy & extract)

W. M. Subar
Secretary
To
The Addl. Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

W. M. Subar

Chief Magistrate, Periyakulam.

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