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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

6th August 1877, No. 2,455-A.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 73-A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th July 1877.

Read the following letter from MAHOMED AUZEEN GHUTTALAH SAHIB, Acting General Deputy Collector of Salem, to C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, dated Trichengode, 22nd June 1877, No. 173.

I HAVE the honor to submit my report on the progress of State relief-works in Namkal Division during the months of April and May last.

2. Since the date of my last report great progress has been made in the execution of repairs to several of the irrigation works under the supervision of Public Works Department; several of them have either been completed or approaching completion. The largest works, viz., Chinnappenputty and Avaniperoor in Trichengode and Serukalai in Namkal, are in fair progress; the revetment works of these were for some time delayed in consequence of the difficulty experienced in procuring a sufficient number of Wudders. They have, however, been sent for from other taluqs, and employed in stone-works. We still require a large number of them. The irrigation works are likely to last until the end of September next, and the officer in charge of the Avaniperoor tank informs me that in a month more he will put the tank in such a position as to make it capable of holding some quantity of water for irrigation purpose, which certainly will be a great help to ryots holding lands under it, who have not cultivated wet crops in them since the breach in 1872. I am unable to inform you the total expenditure on irrigation works as the accounts connected therewith do not pass through my Office.

3. The subject of the new project of constructing a tank near Valayputty, referred to in my last report, was fully inquired by the Namkal Tahsildar. It would appear that the work was once sanctioned and cancelled at the recommendation of the district authorities in G.O., dated 3rd October 1870, No. 2,386, owing to the opposition of the ryots of the adjoining villages, whose lands were likely to be submerged. I therefore do not feel disposed to re-open the question.

4. The Board in their Proceedings, No. 2,117, dated 7th May last, approved the improvement of ittaries or village-roads, and therefore these works were undertaken on an extensive scale in both the taluqs, and consisted the principal relief-works under the Revenue Department. Only those regular roads which had been previously sanctioned were completed during this period, and [illegible] not undertaken.

5. The late rains caused some damage to our newly-finished roads, and this was chiefly to their not having been tunnelled. I have since submitted supplemental estimates for these; even with this additional amount, the outlay on each mile of road will not, on an average, exceed Rs. 350, which may be considered a moderate cost.

6. At Namkal Town, which is situate on the high trunk road, the flow of the wandering poor was great, and some large work was very much needed. You have, on my recommendation, sanctioned the dismantling of the fort-wall, on which I have employed several of these people, and thus, to a great measure, checked their

emigration to the adjoining districts. The campers who after some time regain their health and strength and are in a fit state of doing work, are also sent to the fort-wall. Thus the work has proved of immense benefit. I fear it will be finished by the end of next month, and I have no other similar useful work to suggest.

7 During the period under report the following works have been completed

Roads 12 miles, ittaries 109½ miles, wells 131, village-sites 15, and the full details as to expenditure and other particulars are given below each taluq as well as in the accompanying statement.

Almost all the wells that we have hitherto sank and deepened have received water more or less by the late rain, and the Teppakolams have now 5 and 6 feet of water; and I am glad to say no anxiety for drinking water need be felt for some months to come, and the expenditure under this head will be greatly reduced.

8. *Namkal Taluq Roads.*—Seven miles of road have since been completed, and only the tunnelling is to be done for the whole length of 27 miles.

9. *Ittaries or Village-roads.*—Forty and a-half miles of ittaries were completed and 105½ miles are in progress, and on both Rs. 4,371 were expended out of a grant of Rs. 12,737½ during this period.

10. *Repairs of Local Fund Roads.*—Rs. 1,839 have been expended on the improvement of 19 out of 47 miles of roads sanctioned.

11. *Improvement of Water-supply and Village-sites.*—Out of 136 wells sanctioned during the period, 46 were completed; and of 8 village-sites, 6 were improved and the rest are progressing favorably; the expenditure on both the items was Rs. 2,890.

12. *Trichengode Taluq Roads.*—The 5 miles of roads, which were in progress on the date of my last report, have since been completed, and only tunnelling is required on the whole length of 35 miles.

13. *Ittaries.*—Sixty-nine miles of ittaries are finished, and Rs. 9,610 spent both on this and on 47 miles in progress out of a grant of Rs. 13,202 sanctioned for a length of 162 miles.

14. *Improvement of Local Fund Roads.*—Out of the grant of Rs. 2,700, formerly sanctioned for the improvement of 23 miles, Rs. 538 have been expended during the period or Rs. 995 up to date.

Improvement of Water-supply and Village-sites.—Two hundred and three wells were sanctioned and eighty-five completed and nine village-sites improved, and Rs. 1,409 expended during the period, or up to date Rs. 8,008 out of an allotment of Rs. 11,224.

	RS.
Namkal	1,007
Trichengode	1,261

16. *Gratuitous Relief.*—At the end of May last the number of inmates in the several camps and relief-house were as shown on the margin. They have enormously increased since the date of my last report. This was partly owing t[illegible]y of the distress and partly to the increased dietary. The camps which have been made as comfortable as possible are now becoming popular. The villagewar relief is in an excellent working order; the arrangements made for village inspection have already been mentioned in my former report. A large per-centage of those relieved in villages have been inspected by me and my Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars. The number of undeserving cases rejected by us was comparatively small. The Circle Inspectors move about constantly within their circles, and send their diaries to me through Tahsildars. They are carefully perused by me and returned with remarks, if any. All precautionary arrangements have been adopted to prevent frauds. The Circle Inspectors are entrusted with sums of money to advance village heads who run short of funds.

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16. There were 2,619 indigent poor in Namkal and 5,833 in Trichengode Taluqs on village-relief at the end of last month; this number has still a tendency to increase, which is solely attributable to the low state of the village poor caused by the intensity of the distress.

17. *Destitute Weavers.*—Rupees 6,870 in Namkal and Rs. 1[illegible] in Trichengode Taluqs were advanced to destitute weavers up to the end of last

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

STATEMENT showing the Relief Operation, exclusive of Irrigation Works, from the commencement of the Famine up to the end of May 1877 in Namkal Division, Salem District.

Taluq.	New Roads. Up to the end of March 1877. No. of Miles sanctioned.	Amount sanctioned.	No. of Miles completed.	Amount expended.	During April and May last. No. of Miles sanctioned.	Amount sanctioned.	No. of Miles completed.	Amount expended.	Total of Miles sanctioned.	Total of Miles completed.	Total Amount sanctioned.	Total Amount expended.	Ittaries or Village Roads. Up to the end of March 1877. No. of Miles sanctioned.	Amount sanctioned.	No. of Miles completed.	Amount expended.	During April and May last. No. of Miles sanctioned.	Amount sanctioned.	No. of Miles completed.	Amount expended.	Total of Miles sanctioned.	Total of Miles completed.	Total Amount sanctioned.	Total Amount expended.
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Namkal	27	8,400	20	5,443	...	1,500	7	2,192	27	27	9,900	7,635	31	2,750	19½	892	134¼	12,737½	40½	4,371	165¼	60	15,487½	5,263
Trichengode ...	35	8,600	30	8,324	...	1,743	5	1,184	35	35	10,343	9,508	121	10,025	46	3,192	41	3,177	69	6,418	162	115	13,202	9,610

STATEMENT showing the Relief Operation, exclusive of Irrigation Works from the commencement of the Famine up to the end of May 1877, &c.—(*Continued.*)

Taluq.	Improvement of Local Fund Roads. Up to the end of March 1877. No of Miles sanctioned.	Amount sanctioned.	No. of Miles completed.	Amount expended.	During April and May last. No. of Miles sanctioned.	Amount sanctioned.	No. of Miles completed.	Amount expended.	Total of Miles sanctioned.	Total No. of Miles completed.	Total Amount sanctioned.	Total Amount expended.	Village Improvement. Up to the end of March 1877. Village-sites sanctioned.	Wells sanctioned.	Amount sanctioned.	Village-sites completed.	Wells completed.	Amount expended.	During April and May last. Village-sites sanctioned.	Wells sanctioned.	Amount sanctioned.	Village-sites completed.	Wells completed.	Amount expended.	Total No. of Village-sites sanctioned.	Total No. of Village-sites completed.
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Namkal	47	5,800	...	1,736	...	...	19	1,839	47	19	5,800	3,575	26	179	3,450	14	46	4,736	8	156	2,805	[illegible]	[illegible]	2,890	34	20
Trichengode... ...	23	2,700	...	457	...	...	...	538	23	...	2,700	995	50	240	9,000	39	188	6,599	22	203	2,224	4	[illegible]	1,409	72	43

STATEMENT showing the Relief Operation exclusive of Irrigation Works from the commencement of the Famine up to the end of May 1877, &c.—(*Continued*).

Taluq.	Total No. of Wells sanctioned.	Total No. of Wells completed.	Total Amount sanctioned.	Total Amount expended.	Gratuitous Relief. No. of Inmates in Camps and Relief-houses at the end of March 1877.	No. of Poor in Villages receiving gratuitous Relief at the end of March 1877.	Amount expended up to the end of March.	No. of Poor in Camp on the 26th May 1877.	No. of Poor in Villages on the 26th May 1877.	Total No. of Poor in Camp and Villages.	Amount expended during April and May.	Total Amount expended.	Advance to distressed Weavers. Amount advanced up to the end of March 1877.	Amount advanced during April and May last.	Total Amount advanced.	Grand Total. Sanctioned up to the end of May last.	Expended up to the end of May last.
			RS.	RS.			RS.				RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Namkal	315	92	11,253	7,626	143	400	1,816	1,007	2,619	3,626	7,716	9,532	...	6,870-0-0	6,870-0-0	58,842½	40,501
Trichengode ...	443	273	11,224	8,008	138	1,355	2,308	1,261	5,883	7,144	13,682	15,990	...	1,966-12-0	1,966-12-0	55,425¾	46,077¾

TRICHENGODE,
22nd *June* 1877.

(Signed) MAHOMED AUZEEN GHUTTLAH,
Acting Deputy Collector.

FORWARDED, through the Board of Revenue, for the information of Government. The work done by the Deputy Collector is very satisfactory.

ADAMANCOTTAH, (Signed) C. T. LONGLEY,
29th June 1877. Collector.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 73-B. ORDER THEREON, 6th August 1877, No. 2,455-A.

Miscellaneous. RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Public Works Department.
" the Financial Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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Nos. 73-A—73-B.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 1,527-F.

State Relief Works in Namkal Division, Salem District.—Recording Proceedings of the Board of Revenue submitting the General Deputy Collector's letter reporting on the progress of—for the months of April and May.

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No 173

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Mahomed Auzeem Ghuttalah Sahi
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To
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(Sd.) Mahomed Azeem Ghuttalah
Ag. Dy. Collector

Salem Ag. Dy Collr's
Office. Camp.
Trichengode
22nd June 1877

(Tr[illegible] copy). Forwarded through the Board of Revenue for the information of Government. The [illegible] by the Deputy Collector [illegible] satisfactory.

Salem Collector's Office
29th June 1877
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(True copy and extract)

Acting Secretary

To

The Asst. Secretary to Govt. R.D.
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Trichengode	23	2700	-	437	-	-	-	538	23	-	2700	995	50	240	9000	39	188	6579	22	203	2224	9	85 2	1409	72	48	46077 3/4

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(Signed) Mahomed Azeem Ghutkhar
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Camp Trichengode
22nd June 1877

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In a letter from the
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In G.M. No 1276/77

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No 2455

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