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Revenue DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
18th January 1877.*

No. 560. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th January 1877 :—

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to the Acting Secy
23rd December 1876

I have the honor to forward herewith a detailed list with an abstract statement of further relief works required to be opened in the several taluqs and divisions of this district. The list was placed by me before the Government during my recent conference with the Governor in Council, who was pleased to express his general approval of my proposals therein contained. The list in question was prepared after careful consideration and discussion at a meeting held by me with the several Divisional Officers, Tahsildars, and Deputy Tahsildars concerned, and also with the District Engineer and the Range Officers of the Public Works Department. The necessity for each of the works entered in the list has been carefully considered and decided upon at that meeting. I beg, therefore, to request that you will be good enough to obtain the early sanction of Government to carry them out as relief works. Some of them have already been commenced in anticipation of sanction in order to provide employment for the enormous number of coolies who clamoured for immediate relief.

2. From the enclosed abstract statement the Board will see that my present application is for the following items :—

	RS.
(1.) Roads, tanks, wells, &c.	2,31,575
(2.) Tools and plant	20,400
(3.) Providing for water-supply if necessity arises	36,000
Total ...	2,87,975

The description of each work proposed is clearly given in the detailed list. For some tools and implements I have recently sent in an indent on the Public Works Stores in Madras, but I fear I shall have to purchase large quantities from private firms, from whom I have already made purchases for works now in progress. The third item provides for future water-supply if necessity arises, and which I fear will inevitably occur shortly if no rain falls before next hot weather.

3. I may add that as yet the formal sanction of Government has only been received for an outlay of Rupees 5,800 on relief works originally proposed for the

No. 1261, dated 27th September 1876.
„ 1784, „ 23rd November 1876.

Palmanair Taluq (*vide* the marginally-noted Government Orders. Further the Board have, while approving* of my supplemental list of relief works for

Rs. 80,260, only placed Rs. 20,000 at my disposal for expenditure thereon. Some of the relief works undertaken in this district has already been completed, while others are in vigorous progress. The Board will learn from my relief report for the week ending Friday, the 15th instant, that a sum of Rs. 20,544 has been actually spent on relief works in this district since the commencement of the distress.

4. I have, therefore, the honor to request that the Board of Revenue will be pleased to obtain the early sanction of Government for all the works I have till

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now proposed and to place at my disposal a further allotment of one lakh of Rupees for relief funds so that I may not have frequently to trouble them for funds.

With the foregoing letter Mr. Whiteside submits a list of works to be undertaken in the District in addition to those which have been already sanctioned or commenced for a further grant of Rs. 1,00,000.

2. The amount placed at the Collector's disposal to date is Rs. 84,800 as per Board's Proceedings noted in the margin. The sum appropriated for works in progress up to the 5th January was Rs. 1,64,921; the outlay Rs. 10,910 in this week, and Rs. 52,201 up to the week. He has, therefore, still a balance of Rs. 32,600, which, at the existing rate of expenditure, will last some three weeks. It is advisable, however, that further funds should be placed at his disposal to enable him to supply the requirements of the District Engineer for outlay on irrigation works. The Board, therefore, place a further sum of Rs. 1,00,000 at his disposal.

3. The cost of works amounts to Rs. 2,50,975, which is divided into 137 allotments. Some of these are lump provisions for improvement of water-supply in case necessity arises; some are for planting topes and digging wells to water the trees; some are for clearing prickly-pear; but the bulk are for road works, as to which it is not specified whether they are new works or repairs. The Government have expressed their disapproval of prickly-pear clearance as relief works, and the Board are of opinion that planting topes is a kind of work not suitable, and moreover one which ought to be provided for from jungle conservancy. As to unspecified works of water-supply, which may hereafter be necessary and for which the Collector asks a large grant, the Board observe that, when the necessity arises, works can be sanctioned and allotments made from the general grants at the Collector's disposal under the rules recently issued. No allotment need now be made for such works.

4. The Board are unable to pass the road works now proposed by the Collector. The local funds of the district are already heavily burdened and new roads should not be undertaken except where of absolute necessity or where already approved and where there is a prospect of their being maintained hereafter. The objection does not apply to the mere improvement of village tracks or removal of obstructions upon them, which is a very useful way of spending money. The Board, therefore, must have further information before sanctioning Mr. Whiteside's proposals. An amended list prepared in the Board's Office from that submitted by him and showing the works to which the Board take no objection is herewith sent. The total is Rs. 53,875. The Collector should report further regarding his proposals and should consider whether the repair and storage of metal on existing roads might not be advantageously substituted for the construction of new ones. He should indent on Madras for tools.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

SUPPLEMENTAL LIST of Relief Works proposed for the District of North Arcot.

Taluq.	No.	Description of Work.	Amount.	Remarks.
		<i>Wells, &c.</i>		
		Do. the bed of Ganguneri Tank ...	500	
		Do. do. Kottamanchi Tank ...	500	
		Do. twenty-five wells in the bed of the Chittoor River ...	375	
		Do. a well of Vencatagheri by the side of the Palmanair Road ...	500	
		Do. do. at Pennaur ...	500	
		Do. do. at Paradarami ...	500	
		Improving a well in Chittoor Paracheri ...	50	
		Do. in Santapet and Grounspeet ...	700	
		Improving and repairing three tanks in Chittoor ...	600	
		Improving and repairing a well in Mittoor ...	200	
Palmanair		For constructing an embankment and raising the road over the tunnels near the Western Calingula of the Palmanair Big Tank ...	300	
		For repairing the road leading from Palmanair to Karmoyi and other villages ...	300	
		Further sanction for completing the road on the tank bunds at Palmanair the former estimate being found insufficient ...	200	
		Further sanction for completing the road near the Apothecary's quarters as there was more earth work than was calculated. ...	100	
		For widening the road on the Pengara Gunta small tank bund on the Gudiam Road, the same being very narrow and dangerous ...	400	
		For widening the road on the tank bund on the Lekkonapalli Road, the same being so narrow that carts have difficulty in passing ...	500	
		Further sanction for completing the Nettipetta Road which passes through dense jungles and ground extremely hard ...	500	
		For opening a village road from the Bangalore road to Manilla Agraharam, 1½ miles ...	400	
		For making a village road from the Cuppam road to Ramacuppam, 4 miles ...	800	
		For sinking a well in Tirumalanayani Cooppam ...	300	
		For sinking a well in Bireddipalli ...	300	
		Do. Kodappanatham ...	300	
		Do. Tiruthani ...	300	
		Do. Gummitammappalli ...	300	
		Do. Patticonda ...	300	
		Do. Beripalli ...	300	
		For constructing a well in the bed of the large tank at Palmanair ...	350	
		For constructing a well in the head of the small Buruzur Tank close to Gudiam Road ...	300	
		For constructing a well in the head of the small Tank near Mr. Puckle's house ...	300	
		A new well by side of Gudiam road in the limits of Buruzur ...	400	
		Two new wells in beds of tanks skirting the Gudiam Road at 250 Rs. each ...	500	
		For digging and filling and enclosing the open piece of ground in front of the Talai Cutcherry ...	300	

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SUPPLEMENTAL LIST of Relief Works proposed for the District of North Arcot.—(Continued.)

Taluq.	No.	Description of Works.	Amount.	Remarks
Vellore ...		Removing silt, &c., from Suriagani Channel, and Costa Channel, and embanking in the town of Vellore, additional allotment required ...	5,000	
		Further additional allotment required (vide letter to Board, No. —, dated 26th December 1876) ...	4,000	
		Clearance of the Perumugai River Channel, about 2½ miles ...	1,000	
		Do. do. Old Channel abandoned; new one to be dug ...	2,500	
		Clearance and improvement of ponds and wells if necessity arises ...	5,000	
		Tools and Plant ...	3,000	
Arcot ...		Clearing the Raja Calva, a channel leading to the Mamandur Tank, 1 mile ...	4,000	
		Clearing Channel from Kodappanthangal to the Chennasamudram Tank ...	1,500	
		(Full Revenue of the tank will be realized.) Yesayanoor Spring Channel now quite choked, 3 miles ...	1,000	
		Repairing Breaches in the Thimmanacharry Cuyam and Nandiyalam Tanks in the west of the Taluq; both large tanks breached in 1872 and 1874; approximate cost ...	3,000	
		Mealavar Tank, south-west of Calvai large tank breached in 1872 and 1874 near the road and coolies; could be drafted to it ...	1,000	
Gudiattam ...		Clearance and improvement of Robinson's Tank in the Gudiattam Town ...	2,000	
		Improvement to road around the Cutcherry at Gudiattam ...	900	
		Well in the camping tope at do ...	300	
		Well at the Virinjipuram Railway Station ...	300	
		Well at Netteri (Gudiattam Railway Station) ...	300	
		New well at Kadpadi removing silt and removing the fountain head of the Channel near Railway Station including the work of revetment so as to allow the water of the said Channel to fall into Robinson's Tank at Darapoderudu ...	1,000	
Wallaja ..		Clearance of Kasam Channel in Nedumpalli and diversion of part of its course, 1 mile ...	1,000	
		Clearance of Kolattur Tank Supply Channel ...	2,400	
		Deepening and repairing drinking-water pond, Korriakodul Village, Wallaja Taluq ...	500	
		Road from Panapak to join the Trunk Road, 1 mile, much wanted ...	500	
		Supply Channel from Surornamuki River to the Peishcar's Tank at Ranigunta, 5 miles ...	5,000	
		Clearance of ponds and wells required at once ...	1,000	
		Grand Total ...	53,875	

If this work is carried out, it will save a remission of Rs. 900 yearly.

MADRAS,
12th January 1877.

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

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No. 561. ORDER THEREON, 18th January 1877, No. 25.

Miscellaneous.

THE amended list submitted by the Board is approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

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

Edw. J. W. Fischer.

Supplemental List of Relief Works proposed
for the District of North Arcot.

Salugy etc. Description of works Amount

Chittoor

Wells &c.

Linking well in the bed
of Jangamuni Tank — — 500 u u

Do - Do Kottamanchi Tank 500 u u

Do 25 wells in the bed of
the Chittoor River — — 375 u u

Do a well of Venkatagheri
by the side of the Pulimurair
Road 500 u u

Do - Do at Pennuener — 500 u u

Do - Do at Paradarami — 500 u u

Improving a well in Chittoor

Paracheri — — 50 u u

Do in Lankapet and Goolampet 700 u u

Improving and repairing 3
tanks in Chittoor — 600 u u

Do a well in Meittoor 200 u u

Total Chittoor Salugy 4250 u u

Palma-
nair

For erecting and
embankments and raising
the Road over the tunnels
near the Western Calingala
of the Palmanair big Tank 300 u u

For repairing the road leading
from Palmanair to Kunuaji
and other villages ——— 300 u u

Further sanction for com-
pleting the Road on the
Tank lands at Palmanair
the former estimate
being found insufficient 200 u u

Further sanction for comple-
ting the road near the
Apothecary's Quarters
as there was more
earthwork than
was calculated ——— 100 u u

900 u u

For

For widening the road
on the Pengara Gunta
small tank ~~land~~ on
the Guoliatham Road
the same being very narrow
and dangerous. ——— 400 u u

For widening the road
on the Tank land on the
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For opening a village
road from the Bangalore
road to Marulla Agraharam
1 1/2 miles ——— 400 u u

For making a village road
from the Cuppam Road to
Rama Cuppam 4 miles — 800 u u

For sinking a well in
Sivumalanayani Cuppam 300 u u

For sinking a well in
 Bireldipalli ——— 300 u u
 Do. Kodappanatham 300 u u
 Do. Tiruthani ——— 300 u u
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Further additional
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 (Vide letter to Board No
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Clearance of the Perum-
 gar River channel about
 $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles ——— 1000 u u

Do. Thatalam Do. old Chan-
 nel abandoned, new one
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Clearance & improvement
 of ponds and wells. if
 necessity arises ——— 5000 u u

Tools and Plants — 3000 " "

Arach

Clearing the Rajabalu
a channel leading to the
Manandur Tank 4 miles 4000 " "

Clearing channel from
Kodippanthangal to the
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(Full Revenue of the
tank will be realized)

Jesayanor Spring
channel now quite
choked 3 miles — 1000 " "

Repairing Breaches in the
Shimmanacherry Cippam
and Nandiyalam tanks

in the west of the Talug
both large tanks
breached in 1872 &
1874 approximate cost — 3000 " "

Mealayar Tank South
West of Calvai large
tank breached &

in

in 1872 and 1874 near
the Road & coolies could
be dropped to it — 1000 " "

Gudiatnam

Clearance & improve-
ment of Robinson's
Tank in the Gudiatnam
Town — 2000 " "

Improvement to road
around the Butchery
at Gudiatnam — 900 " "

Well in the Camping
taps at do — 300 " "

Well at the Virinjipuram
Railway Station — 300 " "

Well at Netterifur
Gudiatnam Railway Station) 300 " "

New well at Katpadi
removing silt and
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head of the channel
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water of the said
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Walloja Clearance of Kasam
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1 mile ————— 1000 —

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Chendrojeri

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Supply channel from
Surnamuki River
to the Peishcar's tank
at Ranigunda 5 miles 5000 —
Clearance of ponds
and wells required at
one 1000 —
Grand Total —————
58875 —

Revenue Board office
Madras
12th January 1877

H. C. M.
Ag. Secretary

10/25 North Street Collector's Office
Chittam 23^d December 1876.

No. 578.

From

W. J. Whiteside Esquire

Collector of North Street

To H. P. Stokes Esquire

Secy Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Calcutta

Sir,

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I have &c
(s) W.S. Whiteside
Collector.

/True copy/

Division
S^d Secretary

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13/ Revenue Department
 Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.
 Dated 12th January 1877.

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 No. 578.

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Bd. Proc. 22nd Dec. 1876
 No. 2411.
 30th Nov. 1876
 No. 3024.
 30th Dec. 1876
 No. 3332.
 5th Jan. 1877
 No. —

Enclosure in No.
 of the B^d of Revenue
 to the Secretary to
 Government No. 3
 Dated 11th Jan. 1877.
 (No. 44907)
 Forwarded by Mr. L. S. to
 Copy of letter from
 the Collector of North
 Arcot dated 23rd Dec. 1876
 Submitting a statement
 of further relief
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 done & requesting
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