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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

4th September 1877, No. 2,634-B.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 32-C. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th August 1877, No. 3,860.

Read the following letter from F. WILKINSON, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, dated 6th August 1877, No. 755.

I HAVE the honor to submit the following report on the working of the State Relief-works in the Oosoor Taluq in the month of June.

2. During the month five new main roads were under construction:—

(1). *Thali-Gowlagiri Road*—five miles, estimate Rupees 2,000. Rupees 475 were expended during the month in 123 cubic yards of earthwork, 4,510 cubic yards of side-channels cut, 345 cubic yards of gravel dug, 6,744 square yards of gravel spread. The number of persons employed on this work on the last day of the month was 163, and the amount spent up to the end of the month was Rupees 1,742.

(2). *Udenahalli-Kulamangalam Road*—six miles, estimate Rupees 3,520.—In the month Rupees 164 were spent on the following work:—391 cubic yards of earthwork, 723 cubic yards of side-channels cut, and 2,181 square yards of tamping. The amount spent since the beginning of the work was Rupees 3,499. The work is almost completed, and has been very well carried out.

(3). *Shulagiri-Musti Road*—eleven miles, estimate Rupees 4,438. Up to the end of the month Rupees 4,406 were expended on this work including Rupees 38 spent during the month. The amount of work done was most unsatisfactory, but the Range Officer was quite unfit for his post, and has since been removed. An additional estimate has been submitted as about three miles of the road remain to be completed.

(4). *Berikai-Bagalur Road*—seven miles, estimate Rupees 2,100.—Rupees 390 were expended during the month, and the following work was done:—1,846 cubic yards of side-channels cut and 4,232 square yards of metal spread. The number of coolies employed on this work on the last day of the month was fifteen, and the amount spent up to the end of the month was Rupees 1,723. The Range Officer had entirely mismanaged the work.

(5). *Suryapuram Road*—two miles, estimate Rupees 1,300.—This work was put in hand in the month under report, and Rupees 404 were spent up to the end of the month. The following work was turned out for the amount expended:—1,075 cubic yards of earthwork, 1,300 cubic yards of side-channels cut, and 382 square yards of earth spread. The number of coolies employed on the last day of the month was 210.

Main Roads under repair.—Eleven main roads were under repair during the month, for which the amount sanctioned is Rupees 8,925. Rupees 1,780 were spent in the month, and five miles of road were gravelled, tamped, and put in thorough repair, and 2,283 heaps of metal were collected. The number of coolies employed on the last

day of the month on these works was 407, and the amount spent up to the end of the month, was Rupees 5,320.

New Village Roads.—The only road that was in progress during the month was a road at Mathagiri, two miles, estimate Rupees 750. Rupees 122 were spent during the month, and the work was completed.

Village Roads under repair.—Rupees 37 were spent during the month on three roads that were in progress during the month. The expenditure under this head is very small, and the progress made was very unsatisfactory. Out of Rupees 533 the estimated cost of these roads, Rupees 210 were spent up to the end of the month.

Irrigation Works.—Twenty-nine tanks were under repair during the month, and Rupees 3,244 were expended, 19,466 cubic yards of earth were dug, 537 yards of metal were spread, 1,744 cubic yards of stonework were executed, 12,718 square yards of earth were spread, 4,698 big stones were collected, and other minor works were carried out. The number of persons employed on these works on the last day of the month was 556.

Irrigation Channels.—Five channels were under repair. Rupees 192 were spent during the month for digging 485 cubic yards of earth, executing 375 cubic yards of stonework and for collecting 710 large stones. The number of coolies that were employed on these works on the last day of the month was 62.

Improvement of Water-supply.—Twenty-two kuttas or guntahs and 74 old wells were repaired and 9 new wells were sunk. The work turned out for the amount of Rupees 3,287 spent during the month was on the whole satisfactory and water was obtained in almost every case. The number of coolies employed on these works on the last day of the month was Rupees 1,043.

Improvement of Village-sites.—Twenty-three village sites were improved during the month at a cost of Rupees 1,828 by clearing away undergrowth prickly-pear and other rubbish, repairing streets, market-places, &c. The number of coolies employed on these works on the last day of the month was Rupees 781.

The progress of works during the month was not all that could be desired. I was engaged nearly the whole month in carrying out the Jamabundy of the Kistnagherry Taluq; the Tahsildar was sick, and three of the Range Officers were most inefficient. Changes have now been effected, and far better work is being turned out.

State of Season.—A few partial showers of rain fell in the early part of the month, and it was hoped that the cumboo and oil crop would have come to maturity, but high dry winds and scorching sun prevented during the latter portion of the month, and, except under a few tanks, these crops withered and dried up. Land was ploughed and prepared for raggy, but, owing to the want of rain, seed was only sown in a few localities. The rains brought a little water to the tanks and wells, but before the close of the month the supply had run short.

Gratuitous Relief.—On my return from leave I found that arrangements for this form of relief had been introduced without due order and arrangement.

The Relief Inspectors and Munsifs were more or less ignorant of their work, and, though numbers did obtain relief-payments, were irregular, and fit objects were rejected. I have since devoted a great portion of my time to the subject, and matters are now on a more satisfactory footing.

The necessity for a special officer to be in sole charge of all famine works in the taluq became apparent, and on the 7th July I applied for a Special Deputy Collector for this purpose. Final orders have not yet been received, but, in case of my Sheristadar being appointed, as you propose, Special Deputy Collector, I have every hope that the conduct of relief operations will be far more satisfactory than it has been.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The remarks made on other progress reports from the Salem Sub-division as to the manner in which it is desirable that the outturn and cost of work should be shown apply to this report also. The loss of the crops is a great calamity. The system of village relief will require constant and careful supervision, and more detailed information as to the manner in which it is being worked should be given in the next report.

3. The Collector does not notice the Sub-Collector's remarks regarding the necessity for the appointment of a Special Deputy Collector for the Sub-division, but the appointment of a temporary Additional Deputy Collector is notified in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 14th August, and it is presumed that he is to be located in the Sub-division.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

No 32-D. ORDER THEREON, 4th September 1877, No. 2,634-B.

Miscellaneous.

It is desirable that such progress reports should be sent in for the whole division for each month, not taluq by taluq. Government await such a report for the month of June, embracing the particulars set forth in G.O., No. 2,436-A, dated 3rd August 1877, and G.O., No. 2,499-A, dated 14th August 1877.

2. His Grace in Council regrets to learn that the prospects of the Oossor Taluq are not satisfactory.

3. The two Range Officers have, it is presumed, been removed from the service.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

FORWARDED, through the Board of Revenue, for the information of Government.
SALEM,
9th August 1877.

(Signed) C. T. LONGLEY,
Collector.

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dated 14th August 1877 no 3860

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report on the working of
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in the Caspar Talugai
the month of June.During the mo. 18
5 new main roads were
under construction.(1) Thali Gamlayini road.

5 miles estimated Rs 2000

Rs 475 were expended dur-
ing the month for 493
cu yds of earth work, 4310
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345 cu yds of gravel dug,
6744 sq yds of gravel spread.
The number of persons
employed on this work
on the last day of the
month was 163 & the amt
spent up to the end of
the month was Rs 1742.

(2) Udenahalli Kuttamam.

Salaru road. 6 miles. Rs.
The amt Rs 3520. In the
month Rs 164 were spent
on the following work.
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beginning of the work was
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(3) Thulajiri Musti road.

11 miles. Estimate Rs 4438.

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this work including Rs 38

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The Range Officer was given
unfit for his post & has
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additional estimate has
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3 miles of the road remain
to be completed.

(4) Nenkai Nagalun road.

7 miles. Estimate Rs 2100.

Rs 390 were expended during the month & the following work was done. 1846 cu yds of side channels cut & 4232 sq yds of metal spread.

The number of coolies employed on this work on

the last day of the month was 15. The amount spent to the end of the month

was Rs 1723. The Range Officer had entirely discontinued the work.

(5) Rajapuran road. 2 miles

Estimate Rs 1300. This work

was put in hand in the month under report & Rs

464 were spent up to the

end of the month. The following work was turned out for the month. 1075 cu yds of earth work, 1300 cu yds of side channels cut & 382 sq yds of earth spread. The number of coolies employed on the last day of the month was 210.

Main roads under repair.

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Sanitation works. 29 tanks
were under repair during
the month & Rs 3246 were
expended. 19466 cu yds of
earth were dug, 537 yds
of metal were spread,
1744 cu yds of stone work
were executed, 12718 sq yds
of earth were spread, 669
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carried out.

The number of persons
employed on these works

on the last day of the month was 556.

Irrigation channels. 5 channels were under repair. Rs 192 were spent during the month for digging 485 cu yds of earth, excavating 375 cu yds of stone work & for collecting 710 large stones. The number of coolies that were employed on these works on the last day of the month was 62.

Improvement of water supply. 22 Kuthans or fountains & 7 old wells were repaired & 9 new wells were sunk. The work turned out for the amt of Rs 3287.

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factory & water was obtained in almost every case. The number of coolies employed on these works on the last day

of the month was Rs 1043. Improvement Village sites.

23 Village sites were improved during the month at a cost of Rs ¹⁸²³ ~~1282~~ by clearing away sundry growth prickly pear & other rubbish, repairing shrubs near the places. The number of coolies employed on these works on the last day of the month was Rs 781.

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Return Collier } (d) C. T. Longley
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pointment of a special by
Collier for the sub division
but the appointment of a
temporary additional
by Collier is notified in
the Fort St George for
the 16th Aug.
It is presumed that
he is to be located in the
sub Division.

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