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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

5th September 1877, No. 2,650-1.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 62-C. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd August 1877, No. 8,922.

Read the following letter from P. O. NICHOLSON, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, Ramnad, to the Collector of Madura, dated Manamadura 8th August 1877, No. 256.

I have the honor to submit the Famine Relief Report for July 1877, for the Shivagungah Zemindary.

2. *Relief Works.*—The Chittirapuli Tank earth-work was finished on the 7th, and the masonry is now in hand. Nellur Tank is rapidly progressing, and will also shortly be finished. Mangalam Tank was started on the 19th ultimo, but the heavy rain of the 22nd and following days stopped the work by filling the tank to the brim. Manamadura Tank was started on the 5th, but is progressing in the most feeble way; even piece-work does not attract the comparatively few coolies hereabouts to the ordinary labor market.

3. The total amount spent on these works is Rupees 1,809-4-9, the cost per cubic yard from 1½ to 1 Anna. The work has been excellently carried out by Head Chaukey Kuttaswami Iyengar. Further estimates are ready and sanctioned for other works.

4. *Gratuitous Relief.*—Camps and Depôts were opened as before at Shivagungah, Manamadura and Thoopattur. Numbers and expenditure during the month and to the end of the month are tabulated.

Shivagungah	1,417	1,305	1,306	4,060	2,787	
Manamadura	1,078	1,064	1,020	4,000	2,980	
Thoopattur	414	420	752	1,582	1,212	

The numbers as expected have largely increased. I can safely say, however, that there are no unnecessary cases in the camps. Health has been tolerably good, though there has been slight cholera at Shivagungah and Thoopattur. Every one is being vaccinated. The food ration has been this previously G. O., No. 1,643, 5-7-77.

Shivagungah ... 4,060 Money dole for bushels paupers
Manamadura ... 4,000 Rice for the persons is now given largely
Thoopattur ... 1,582 reduced marginally.

6. *Village Relief.*—In nine villages a considerable number of paupers are receiving village relief.

7. *Relief Inspectors.*—Four Inspectors were at work as before.

8. I can add little to my former report, except that present distress is somewhat intensified. But for the future, there is a better outlook. The good rains which fell in most parts north of the Vigay between the 22nd ultimo and the 1st instant give promise of future crops. In some villages, the tanks have two and three months' water and seed beds are preparing, though seed is scarce. Punjah lands

have been ploughed and sown, and in the north the punjah crops sown in some places with the rain of the 5th and 7th ultimo, are flourishing under the recent good rains. If there are showers during the next six weeks or two months, and then heavy rain, there is almost a certainty, humanly speaking, of good crops in many villages.

9. The kodai crops, however, are a terrible failure in most villages, much withered and much was destroyed by insects. I have examined many fields of well irrigated crops and found the ears entirely destroyed by a beetle called Pachali poochi: the only value of the crops is for fodder.

10. Pasture has been improved by the late rains; many cattle, however, have either died, been sold, stolen or killed.

11. Emigration has been very brisk this month, no less than 4,204 having gone to Ceylon by way of Devipatam. These, of course, are chiefly able-bodied adults.

12. I fear that want of labourers, cattle and seed will considerably diminish the value of the recent rains.

No. 545.

SUBMITTED to the Board of Revenue for information. Prospects in Shivagungah are not so gloomy as in the rest of the district, where the prolonged drought becomes daily more alarming.

DINDIGUL,
16th August 1877.

(Signed) W. McQUHAE,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

3. The want of seed grain should receive attention; the renter would probably advance it.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 62-D.

ORDER THEREON, 5th September 1877, No. 2,650-B.

Miscellaneous.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council is glad to observe that the Acting Head Assistant Collector can report somewhat improved prospects in the Shivagungah Zemindari.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Financial Department.

Exd. A. Raitt.

Revenue Department

No. 3922

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 23rd August 1877.

Read the following:

No. 896-J.

From

The Acting Head Asst. Collector

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To

The Collector of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to submit the Famine Relief Report for July 1877 for the Shivaganga Zemindary.

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tively few coolies there about
& have not augmented or are
employed in hauling and
supplying the ordinary labour
market.

3 The total amount spent
on these works is Rs 1809 - 0 - 9
to end per cubic yard & small
fraction - The work has
been excellently carried out by
Head Overseer Krishnasawmy
Iyengar. Further estimate and
Map and randum for ditto

4 Compared as an
official at Shevaroys, attends
Pondicherry and Tranquebar, mea-
sures and Sanctions during the
month

Vaccination
Report
for
month

Sivagunga - 418
Periakulam 153.
Periyakulam 93.

Village Relief

months and to the end of the
months are marginally tabulated
Camps - 2 - 16 - 30 - 1 - 2 - 4 - 6 - 12 - The num-
bers Sivagunga - 117 - 1385 - 1306 - 4666 - 919 - have re-
Periakulam 913 - 1006 - 1581 - 4236 - 6056 - Periakulam
Periyakulam - 116 - 120 - 691 - 1402 - 220 - have
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been tolerably good though
there has been slight cholera
at Sivagunga, Periakulam &
Madura - Everyone is being
vaccinated - the form pattern
has been sent previously by
Gt. O. No 1640
5-5-77

5 Money doles for cooked
provisions and other petty expenses
in connection solely as noted
marginally -

6 Village Relief

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village relief.

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at work as before.

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the value of the present rains.

Thomas Shaw JP
Chas L. Nicholas
Capt. Coffin

No 645 A true Copy
Submitted for the Board
of

of Revenue for information
Prospects in Flinders not so flourishing as in the rest
of the District where the
first & last drafts have been
daily more alarming
Capt Dix dispatch 27th Nov. 1872 and
6 Augt 1873

Submitted for the
information of Government
Gratuitous relief to
be regulated by G. O 24th Jany
No 2372.

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farmers would probably advance

A true Copy Extract

Colgate
Acting Secretary

The Hon. the Chief Secretary

The Local Fund Overseers
All the famine Orphans
now as they can be employed
in Superintending relief works

General
Asst to
Lieut Colonel Jervis
Inspector
10th August 1847

Phoenix
Park

Offices Kilmainham
Dublin

(Private)
Robt Barlow
Esq Collector

It does not appear that
Colonel Jervis in
application to the Superintend-
ing Engineer for the services
of the men he should do so
now. Col Jervis by this letter
requests to afford all neces-
sary assistance by sending
estimates or subordinate to
prepare them and superin-
tend the works ordered (1806 August
24647) of the Local Fund

Find Accounts of Unknown Sees
are not being fully utilized
at present, they should be
placed at the Collector's
disposal.

(True Copies Extract)
(Sd) C.A. Galton
A/g Secretary
To The Coll.r of Chingleput
(True Copy)

Sd/-
A/g Secretary

