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Revenue DEPARTMENT

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

8th September 1877, No. 2,679-A.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 138-A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th August 1877, No. 4,037.

Read the following letter from P. SOOBIEN, Deputy Collector on General Duties, Madura, to W. McQUHAE, Esq., Collector of Madura, dated Disdigi, 15th August 1877, No. 592 :—

Is submitting my report on the relief-works, &c., carried out from Famine Funds for the month of July 1877, I have the honor to state that repairs to seventeen irrigation works were started in the Madura Taluq since February last, of which five have been completed with the exception of a masonry work in the Oothengudy Tank, which has been transferred to the Range Officer for execution. Completion certificates, so far as the earthwork is concerned in these five tanks, have been forwarded for the countersignature of the Range Officer. The remaining twelve works are under progress.

2. A list of the tanks, as well as the progress made up to the end of July last, is subjoined :—

	Works executed in Cubic Yards.	Value at Estimated Rates.	Actual in July.	Expenditure up to July.	Proportionate Expenditure per Cubic Yard.
		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS. A. P.
1. Povariman	53,707	3,899	55	2,558	
2. Oothangudy	11,383	727	...	657	
3. Kavanur	7,449	504	...	420	
4. Naranagudy	6,927	450	...	385	
5. Milagarani	13,391	1,130	...	865	
6. Kumaram	5,942	402	...	328	
7. Tenkarai	64,025	5,902	1,628	3,574	
8. Avaniapuram	24,942	1,949	28	1,378	
9. Virkur	23,023	1,798	...	958	
10. Sagudathally	779	55	42	47	
11. Veeramodian in Madacolam	1,464	92	95	95	
12. Manjampetty	798	50	29	29	
13. Parapetty	1,015	98	63	64	
14. Sekimangalam	952	89	61	61	
15. Tellacolam	1,749	109	97	97	
16. Nedungolam	1,141	71	48	48	
17. Kachakatty	1,730	108	96	96	
Total Earthwork	220,421	16,534	2,242	11,760	0 0 10

Difference between estimate and expenditure Rs. 4,774.
or 28 per cent.

Revetment in three of the tanks

1,328	3,802
3,570	15,362
Total Expenditure	

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3. Since the receipt of the G.O., dated 22nd May 1877, No. 1,788, earthwork is generally carried out on piece-work system, task-work not below 50 per cent. being exacted only when the coolies are not strong enough to do piece-work.

4. The wages were paid at the rates hereunder given:—

	From 1st to 12th July.		From 13th to 31st July.	
Men	A.	P.	A.	P.
Women	1	11	2	1
Children	1	5	1	7
	1	0	1	1

The number of coolies on work on the last day of the month was 554.

5. There was no fluctuation in the number of relief-camps and houses under my charge, and the number fed on the last day of the month was—

In camps	Madura	969
	Sholavandan	780
In houses		171
Total		1,920

The charge incurred on account of gratuitous relief in the month were as follows:—

Feeding charges	Camps	5,998
	Houses	457
Village relief		993
Moneydole		312
Relief to children of working coolies		11
Relief to gosha females		79
Petty establishment		65
Batta to coolies on the way to relief-work		320
Cost of sheds, &c.		320
Total		8,300

6. The total expenditure up to the end of the month under report in the Madura Taluq from Famine Funds was as shown below:—

	In July.	Up to end of July.
	RS.	RS.
On relief-works	3,570	15,862
On gratuitous relief	8,300	20,450
Improvement of water-supply		20
Permanent establishment	412	1,824
Total	12,272	37,656

Besides the above measures of relief, advances under Land Improvement Act have been made to the amount of Rs. 7,705.

7. Effect has also been given to G.O., dated 15th March 1877, No. 1,001, in relieving some of the distressed weavers in the town of Madura by making an advance to them in the following manner:

8. The Tahsildar purchases the required quantity of twists of different colors from the local market according to the selling price and distributes them among the weavers in such quantity to each as he is capable of working it out, a small sum not exceeding 5 Rupees to each family being also paid in the first instance in cash.

9. The cloths turned out are brought into the Taluq Catcherry, where they are valued with the assistance of professional men and the value is given credit to the advance made, paying the difference in cash, and the supply of twists is repeated after settlement of accounts with each weaver.

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10. This advance system has been in force from the 7th May, and 138 persons have been brought into the list as fit subjects during the last three months. The advance up to 6th August amounted to Rs. 5,255-0-6 in twists and Rs. 606-13-3 in cash, making a total of Rs. 5,861-13-9. Of this cloths to the value of Rs. 2,805-12-3 have been received, and Rs. 3,056-1-6 remain to be adjusted. Either the Tahsildar or myself visit the houses of the applicants for advances and their looms, and make close inquiries of their circumstances and satisfy ourselves that he is a fit subject for the concession before he is admitted to the roll. A superintendent is employed to inspect the looms at work frequently and report the progress to the Tahsildar. There was only one instance in which a weaver, without conforming to the terms of the advance, disposed of it otherwise, and was not heard of for some time. But the advance was, however, recovered from him.

11. The cloths turned out are generally of a specimen worn by females of the ordinary class, and which could find a ready sale in sea-port towns, such as Ceylon, Singapore, and Rangoon. They have been now secured in boxes in the Taluq Treasury room, and I would reserve their disposal till there is a change in the season, as they cannot be sold at a reasonable price just at present, that is without a bearing discount on the costs of Government.

12. The usual statement of audit for the month under report is enclosed.

No. 554.

SUBMITTED to the Board of Revenue. Permission is requested to retain the cloths manufactured by weavers till they can be sold in a satisfactory manner. Relief-work for the able bodied in this taluq is provided in a satisfactory manner, and the necessity for such work, though increasing, is still moderate in consequence of emigration and other circumstances; but great difficulty is experienced in providing work for the weakly, wanderers, and others who are partly unwilling and partly unable to do regular earthwork. During the current month attempts are being made to meet this want. No one is allowed to remain in camps who is fit for any work, and those that are quite useless are put on moneydole, but it is found impossible to give moneydole in all villages. In many of the punjah villages the village officers are in a state of great destitution, and cannot be trusted to distribute to others the charity which they come very near to requiring themselves.

(Signed) W. McQUEHAE,
Collector.

DINDIGUL,
19th August 1877.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. Much useful work appears to have been done at a very low rate. The Collector may exercise his discretion as to the sale of cloths, but should bear in mind the probability of deterioration if they are kept long in store, and the fact that if large stocks remain on the hands of Government and are sold off at the close of the famine the market will be glutted and weavers will be kept out of work. He should endeavor to effect sales by degrees, even though this may entail some loss. As regards the objection to the introduction of the moneydole system in the punjah villages adverted to, the only plan appears to be to provide for more frequent inspection in such cases so as to reduce the risk of fraud.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

Revenue Department, 8th September 1877. No. 2,679-A.

No. 138-B. ORDER THEREON, 8th September 1877, No. 2,679-A.

Miscellaneous.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council
has read the Deputy Collector's report
with interest, and it is satisfactory to

learn that the work has been done cheaply.

2. It is observed that the advances to weavers appear to be on somewhat too
general a scale.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

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Madura Revenue Department
No. 4037

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 30th August 1877

Read the following

No. 592

From

The Dy. Collector
On general duties Madura

To The Collector

Madura

Sir

I am submitting my report on the relief works &c. carried out from Famine funds for the month of July 1877. I have the honor to state that repairs

Colt. of 1877) Madras.

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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1877

G.O. 855 September 1877, No. 2679-A

SEPTEMBER

Nos. 138-A-138-B

FAMINE RELIEF NO. 1762

Provision of Relief works in Madras District.
Observing, with reference to the report of the
Dy. Collector on the relief works for July 1877, that it
is satisfactory to be seen that the work has been
done cheaply, and intimating that the advances
to be made appear to be on somewhat too liberal a
scale.

No 17 irrigation works were started in the Madurai Taluk since February last, of which 5 have been completed with the exception of a masonry work in the Bothenagudi Tank, which has been transferred to the Range Officer for execution. Completion Certificates so far as the earth-work is concerned in these 5 Tanks have been forwarded for the Countersignature of the Range Officer. The remaining 12 are under progress.

2. A list of the tanks as well as the progress made up to the

end

end of July last is subjoined

	Estimated in Cubic yds	Estimated rates	Actual in July	Expenditure up to July	Balance
1 Panarimam	53707	3399	55	2658	
2 Bothenagudi	11383	727	"	657	
3 Kavarur	7449	504	"	420	
4 Aranganudi	6927	450	"	285	
5 Madagaram	10391	1150	"	865	
6 Kammaram	5942	402	"	378	
7 Cherkara	64025	5002	1625	3574	
8 Avaniapuram	24942	1949	28	1078	
9 Peralur	23023	1799	"	958	
10 Sagudathally	779	55	42	47	
11 Karamodiam in Madacolam	1464	92	95	95	
12 Alvarjampully	798	50	29	29	
13 Panapully	1016	98	63	64	
14 Sekimangalam	962	89	61	61	
15 Illacalam	1749	109	97	97	
16 Madungalam	1144	71	48	48	
17 Kanchabully	1730	108	96	96	
Total Earth work	220421	16334	2242	11760	108661

Difference between Estimated
and expenditure } 4774 or 28
percent.

Revelment in 3 of the Tanks: 1328. 3602

Total expenditure: 357.0 18362

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The number of Coolies.

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 to Relief work ———— 65

Least I did to ———— 320

Total 8300

6 The total expenditure up to the end of the month under report in the Madura Talug from the famine funds was as shown below.

	In July up to the end of July	1857	1858
On Relief works ————	3570	15362	
" Gratuities Relief ————	8300	20450	
Improvement of water supply } ————	"	20	
Permanent Establishment ————	412	1824	
<u>Total</u>	12272	37656	

Besides the above measures of relief

relief, advances under Land Improvement act, have been made to the amount of Rs 7705

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Madura Collector's office }
(Camp) Dindigul } 18/ W. McLehane
19th August 1877 } Collector

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Ch. L. Allen
Ag. Secretary

To

The Adm. Secy to Government R.D.
with copy of Statement

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8th September 1877, No. 2,680-A.

Famine Relief.

Read the following papers:—

No. 141-A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th August 1877.

Read the following letter from G. MACKENZIE, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, to A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, dated Tirupoor, 12th August 1877, No. 192.

I HAVE the honor to submit the report on famine relief in Pulladam Taluq during the month of July.

2. *Works.*—The average number of persons employed daily was 3,025. The storing of metal and gravel was carried out on eight existing lines of road, of which four were completed during the month and four are still in progress. The amount of metal and gravel collected during the month was 1,020 and 42,739 cubic yards at a cost of annas 7½ and annas 1½, respectively. On the five new railway feeders work progressed during the month. On three of them the gravel ~~metal and gravel~~ ^{metal and gravel} are being stored ready for spreading. The allotment sanctioned for these five railway feeders is Rs. 29,352, which includes masonry work. Up to the end of July we had spent Rs. 11,169-11-3. Work was in progress on two village-roads. On seventeen irrigation tanks the work of clearing silt, removing prickly-pear, and forming a road-way along the bunds was in progress until it was suspended by order of the Public Works Department, pending revision of the estimates.

In the principal towns of the taluq, namely, Avenashy, Tirupoor, Sooloor, and Cheyoor, improvements were undertaken, such as filling up pits, cutting side drains, removing prickly-pear, &c.

3. Suggestions for a further scheme of works have already formed the subject of a separate communication to your office.

4. *Water-supply.*—There was no rain during the month, and scarcity of water begins to cause inconvenience in almost every village. We have deepened by public funds fifty wells in Pulladam Taluq, of which thirty-five had been completed before the end of July, and the remaining fifteen were in progress. I fear that it may be necessary to continue this work to a still greater extent, as there is not much prospect of rain that will fill wells before October. The matter has my earnest attention.

5. *Crops.*—The agricultural prospects are very gloomy, for the period during which rain can be of any use is rapidly passing away. Ragi and thenay were sown to a very small extent after the showers of May, but these crops are withering every where, except in a few garden-lands near the Noyel river. This strip of well-cultivation is inappreciable in the expanse of this large taluq. I mention it only because the railway runs through it, and some travellers may perchance form a false estimate from these green crops. The cholam and cumbu that was also sown has mostly withered, but part of these crops may yet be saved by a timely fall of rain.

6. *Cattle*.—There is no disease among the cattle, but it is very difficult to get fodder for them. A few have died, and some owners have been selling their beasts for any price they would fetch. But I do not think that there is as yet any scarcity of ploughing oxen. There is an ample supply for the cart-traffic on the roads.

7. *Health of People*.—Revenue Assistant Surgeon Rammay Roy travelled all over Pulladam Taluq, going from village to village. There have been several cases which were reported as cholera, but which were more probably famine diarrhoea, and these cases seem to have been among persons who were too proud to come to the works. I shall make every effort to meet these cases of destitution by the money-dole system. With this exception, there is very little sickness in this taluq, much less than one would expect when prices are so very high.

8. *Health of Workers*.—As all the workers have been in receipt of the higher scale of wages, and as we pay the prescribed extra allowance for children, they are in good condition.

9. *Gratuitous Relief*.—The numbers continue to increase. There are 58 relief-houses in this taluq, so that no person has farther than three or four miles at most to walk from his home. At three places (Avenashy, Tirupoor, and Pulladam) sheds are being erected, and the numbers there are so large that these places may almost be termed camps. At these three places temporary hospitals are being organised under supervision of the Assistant Surgeon Rammay Roy. In all these relief-houses we endeavour to induce the people to return to their own houses every evening. By this we are able to keep clean the enclosure where distribution takes place, and it will be so much the more easy to get rid of numbers when happily and prospects improve. The recipients of gratuitous relief were at different places during the month by Dr. Harrison.

Inspection.—The taluq has been divided into four circles which are under charge of two Additional Deputy Tahsildars and two pensioners, Messrs. Martin and Cole. There are also two employes from the Survey Department. These all work subordinate to the Tahsildar. The number in receipt of gratuitous relief on August 4th was 26,119, and the expenditure under this head alone in the month of July was Rs. 54,253. This additional establishment is not more than is really required in Pulladam Taluq, and if rain does not fall it may be necessary to give the Tahsildar still more assistants.

11. *Weavers*.—There are 13,000 looms in this taluq, and advances have been made through which 600 looms are now at work. This has been a subject of a separate correspondence with your office.

12. *Future Prospects*.—Some villagers have sold their brass vessels, their ornaments (even including their wives' "talis"), their field implements, the thatch of the roofs, the frames of their doors and windows, and others are approaching similar destitution. Some of the Vellala puttahdars are overcoming their repugnance to accepting food at our relief-houses, and unless rain falls very soon, we must expect a great increase of the numbers already on gratuitous relief. If no rain falls in the month of August, it is to be feared that the ryots will not be able to keep alive their ploughing bullocks. Many people are now migrating to Pollachi and Malabar District until better times.

13. *Grain-supply*.—The difficulty that was experienced a month ago in getting grain from Negapatam seems to have passed away, and abundance of rice now arrives at Tirupoor (Avenashy road station) consigned to the Native merchants there. As I have said before, Tirupoor supplies rice to Dharapuram and Udampetta Taluqs and even to Palney. There is no reserve of rice accumulated at Tirupoor; indeed, there are no godowns to hold any large quantity. As soon as it arrives by rail it is sent inland by carts. The local merchants profess their ability to supply the whole country side if the railway continues open.

No. 313.

FORWARDED to the Board of Revenue with reference to Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 3,244, of 21st December 1876.

2. I have already sent a recent report* from personal inspection of the Pulladam Taluq, and have no remark to offer. Distress is being efficiently met,

* Dated 24th July 1877, No. 272.

but I regret that no farther medical aid can be prepared.

COIMBATORE,
16th August 1877.

(Signed) A. MARTINDALE,
for Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. Work has been executed at a very moderate rate, and the division appears to be well managed. The Board regret, however, to learn that the prospects, both as regards crops and pasturage for the valuable ploughing cattle, are so gloomy. It is satisfactory to find that the grain-supply suffices and that the trade is active.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 141-B. ORDER THEREON, 8th September 1877, No. 2,680-A.

Miscellaneous.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council concurs in the Board's remarks.

Having regard to the extended migration in the taluq, the migration of people to the Malabar District is difficult to understand, and would seem to show that relief has failed to reach the persons for whom it is intended. The matter should have the Collector's attention.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. F. R. Dantleman.

Revenue Department
 Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
 Dated 30th August 1877

Read the following:
 No. 192

From,
 The Hq: A. C. Assistant Collector
 of Coimbatore.

To, The Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,
 I have the honor to submit
 report on Famine Relief in Palkaana
 Taluk during the month of July.
 2. Works. The average number of persons
 employed daily was 3,025. The shoring of
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 SEPTEMBER.
 Nos. 141-A-141-B.
 FARMING REVENUE, No. 1784.
 Famine Relief Operations in Palkaana Taluk
 Coimbatore District. — Commencing in the Board
 minutes with reference to the — and drawing the
 Collector's attention to the migration of the people
 to the Malabar District.

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spread and tamped over lengths of
miles and on the two others met al
and gravel are lying about ready for
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for these 5 Railway feeders is Rs. 29352
which includes masonry work. Up to the
end of July we had spent Rs 11,169-11-3.
Work was in progress on two village roads.
Irrigation tanks the work of clearing
removing prickly pear and
forming a road way along the bunds
was in progress until it was suspended
by order of the D.P.W. pending revision
of the estimates.

In the principal towns of
the Taluk, namely, Avenashy, Tirupoor,
ooloor, and Chayoor, improvements
were undertaken, such as filling up
pits, cutting side drains, removing
prickly pear &c.

3. Suggestions for further

scheme of works have already formed
the subject of a separate commu-
nication to your Office.

4. Water Supply. There was no rain
during the month and scarcity of
water begins to cause inconvenience
in almost every village. We have
deepened by public funds 50 wells
in Palladam Taluk of which 35 had
been completed before the end of
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in progress. I fear that the
necessity to continue this work
to a still greater extent and
as there is not much prospect
of rain that will fill up the
wells before October. The matter
has my earnest attention.

5. Crops. The agricultu-
ral prospects are very gloomy
for the period during which
rain can be of any use is
rapidly passing away.

Raggs and May were sown
a very small extent after
showers of May, but
the crops are withering
by where except in a few
green lands near the
Noyab river. This strip of
well. Cultivation is in-
appreciable in the appearance
of this large valley. I
must know it only because the
railway runs through
it and some travellers
may perchance form
a false estimate from
these green crops. The
Cholera and Cumber
that was also sown has
mostly withered but part
of these crops may yet
be saved by a timely fall
of

of rain.
6. Cattle. There is no decrease
among the cattle but it is
very difficult to get fodder
for them. A few have died.
Some owners have been
selling their beasts for any
price they would fetch. But
I do not think that there is a
great scarcity of ploughing
oxen. There is an ample sup-
ply for the cart traffic on
the roads.

7. Health of people. Bengal
Assistant Surgeon Ramen
Roy travelled all over Palla
during the month
going from village to village.
There have been several cases
which were reported as cholera
but which were more pro-
bably famine diarrhoea &
there

these cases seem to have
been among persons who
were too proud to come
to the works. I shall make
every effort to meet these
cases of destitution by the
money dole system. With
this exception there is very
little sickness in this Taluq
which I hope one would ex-
pect when prices are so low.

Health of Workmen. As all
workmen have been in
receipt of the higher scale
of wages and as we pay
a prescribed extra allow-
ance for children they are
in good condition.

1. Gratuitous Relief. The
numbers continue to increase
There are 58 Relief Houses.

in

in this Taluq so that no person
has further than three or four
miles to walk to work from
his home. At these places
Avenashy, Tripoor & Pakadum
where are being erected a
number of these are so large
that these places may al-
most be termed camps.
At these three places Temp-
orary hospitals are being
organised under supervision
of the Assistant Surgeon in
Rennaway Coy. In all these
Relief Houses we endeavour
to induce the people to return
to their own households
evening. By this we are
able to keep clear the ex-
cess of disease often distributed in
these places and it will
be so much the more easy
to get rid of numbers when
happily rain falls and pro-

to improve. The receipts of gratuitous relief are inspected at different places during the month by D. J. Harrison.

Inspection. The Salary has been divided into four circles which are under charge of two additional Deputy Subintendents and two pensioners Inspector Martin.

There are also two employees from the survey Department. These all work subordinate to the Subintendant. The number in receipt of gratuitous relief on August 4th was 119, and the expenditure under this head alone in the month of July was Rs 54,253.

This additional establishment

is not more than is required in Panchayat and if some do not fall it may be necessary to give the Subintendant still more assistance.

11. Peasants. There are 13000 loans in this Salary and advances have been made through which borrowers are now at work. This has been a subject of a separate correspondence with the Office.

12. Subsistence prospects. Some villagers have sold their houses, their animals, their lands (even including their fields "Zalis") their fields, their thatched roofs, the thatched roofs of the houses of their doors and windows and others are approaching similar distribution. Some of

the Villala putt abasso are
overcoming their repugnance
to accepting food at our
relief bazaar and unless
aid falls very soon we must
expect a great increase of
the numbers already on foot.
tious relief. If no rain
falls in this month of August
it is to be feared that the
Syats will not be able to
keep alive their ploughing
owners. Many of them are
now migrating to Palnuchi
and Melalavar District until
better times.

13. Grain Supply. The dif-
ficulty that was experienced
a month ago in getting grain
from Regaput am seems to
have passed away and in
abundance of rice now arrives
at Tirupoor (Avenash road
station) consigned to the

Native merchants to the effect
I have said before. The
supplies rise to 1000000
and 1000000 Salugs and
even to Pulasij. There is no re-
serve of rice accumulated
at Tirupoor indeed there
are not 800000 to hold
any large quantity. As soon
as it arrives by rail it is sent
inland by carts. The local
merchants profess their ali-
bity to supply the whole country
side of the Railway conti-
nues to open.

I have &c.
Caminthos Head }
Appt. Collr. Office } S of Gordon Mackenzie
Camp Tirupoor } as. H. Appt. Collector
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2. I have already sent a recent
report from person at in. x dated 24th
July 1877
- inspection of the Paladium
No. 242-

I have not ask
to offer. Distress is lying
efficiently met - but I regret
that no ^{further} medical aid can be
procured.

Leamington
Collector's Office } P. A. MacKinnon
Jan 1877 } P. Collector.

Submitted for the in-
formation of the Government.
Work has been executed at a very
moderate rate and the division ap-
pears to be well managed. The
Board regret, however, to learn that
the prospects both as regards crops
and pasturage for the valuable
ploughing

ploughing cattle are so gloomy. It is
satisfactory to find that the grain
supply suffices and that the trade is
active.

/ True Copy & Extract /

Chas. G. L. G.
Secy. Secretary

To
The Hon. Secy. to Govt. P. B.

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