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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 141-E. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th August 1877, No. 3976.

Read the following letter from Major C. D. BAYNES, in charge of State Relief Works, Darampury, to C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, dated Darampury, 6th August 1877, No. 299-150.

I HAVE the honor to submit the following report as to the progress of Relief operations during the month of June 1877.

1. *Roads.*—None have been completed. It was found necessary to return for revision the estimate prepared for the completion of Sogathoor and Pappara-patty and Nallampalli and Laligam roads, and now that the Department Public Works are about to take such works off our hands, they will not be recommended under Relief agency.

2. On the Palcode and Marandahalli Road, only half a mile of roadway remains to be made, but a three-vent culvert has to be constructed which I would suggest could be better done by the Department Public Works, as I have not the services of any professional subordinates at my disposal: the only road dam not constructed is approaching completion; the number of coolies employed on this work on the 30th June were 197 men, 304 women and 67 children. The work on this road is very good and solid, consequently it has proved rather more expensive than was originally contemplated.

3. Work done on this road during the month of June:—

Work.	Amount.	Value at Famine Rate.	Amount paid inclusive of Head Cooly.
Earth work	2,464 $\frac{1}{2}$ cubic yards...	2 Annas per cubic yard.	Including Sunday allowance.
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Moramboo	3,251 do. ...	0 3 0	
Unbroken metal	749 $\frac{1}{2}$ do. ...		
Prickly pears	182 square yards ...	24 square yards a Rupee or 8 Pies a square yard.	
		3 Pies a square yard Do.	
Levelling	1,827 do. ...		
Tamping	1,892 $\frac{1}{2}$ do. ...	2 Annas cubic yard	
Side ditch	106 cubic yards ...		
Total cost of works ...	Rs. 1,069-6-2		1,371 9 5

4. On the Indur and Sholapudy Road, the chief operation of work were tamping and spreading gravel and repairs of damage caused by showers of rain. A cart was driven more than a fortnight ago as far as Perumbalai, a distance of 15 miles from Indur. I think that hereafter it will be found necessary to construct a few wooden girder bridges over some of the mountain streams which cross the roadway. On the 30th June, there were only 145 men, 203 women and 49 children employed. The health of the coolies had been good. The road over Sholapady ghât is nearly completed.

5. Work done on this Road is shown below:—

Moramboo	...	...	3015½ at 4 Annas a cubic yard.
Jelly	...	...	801½ at do. do.
Road cutting	...	...	428 cubic yards at 2 Annas a cubic yard.
Ditch	...	...	1699½ at do. do.
Tamping	...	...	8321 at 3 Pies a square yard.
Earth-work	...	...	1316 at 2 Annas, 8 Pies a cubic yard.
Removing stones	...	...	459½ cubic yards, at 4 Annas cubic yard.
Spreading gravel	...	...	4119 square yards, at 2 Pies a square yard.
Stone revetment	...	...	1223½ cubic yards, at 4 Annas.
Blasting stone	...	...	37 cubic yards at 1 Rupee a cubic yard.

Total cost of works ... 2,070 0 7

Total amount spent—Rupees 3,318-13-4 including Sunday wages, sundries and wages of head coolies.

6. A tabulated statement of minor works completed and in progress is appended.

7. The sanction for dismantling the fort walls of Darampoory will, I regret to say, be expended this week. This work has been the means of support to the eastern portion of the Taluq. If 700 Rupees more could be given to this work it could be finished off neatly.

8. The demand for employment on the Pennagaram fort is daily increasing; on the 30th of June, 117 men, 252 women and 110 children, employed; at date

The Board have sanctioned the completion of these works in their Procs. No. 3640, dated 4th August, received 8th August. the number has risen to 481 men, 973 women and 267 children. The sanction of the Palacode fort is also expended. 800 to 1,000 Rupees will be required to

complete the work satisfactorily. Both this and Darampoory* fort are very beneficial works in a sanitary view.

Gratuitous Relief.—Twelve nursery kitchens have been opened in this taluq. The result is satisfactory, and the number will be largely augmented. It entails an extra expenditure of eleven Annas per child per mensem, but I am sure the Government will accept as an equivalent for this surplus expenditure the thriving condition of these children as corresponds with that of those who receive the money dole; the number thus fed is about 3,000 and the system is being extended as far as possible.

9. On the two camps at Darampoory and Pennagaram, there is an increasing pressure which is only to be kept down by strict adherence to the rule of admission by ticket, and by limiting the advantages of extra diet only to those of an age to profit by it. This is the result of the new scale of diet. An adult in a village on gratuitous relief costs Government 0-1-3 per diem, and for one anna can only purchase 9-6 ounces of 2nd sort rice, which amount according to Medical authority only postpones death. In camp adults draw 1½ lb. the cost of which is 2 Annas 6 Pies, in addition to which they are allowed condiments in extra, the cost of which run up the daily expense of their keep in camp to nearly three Annas nine Pies per head. Vegetables cannot be obtained in sufficient quantity to allow of every inmate receiving the prescribed weight of them. The health of both camps has been good, as the deaths that have occurred are all the result of slow starvation

before admission. I annex a statement showing daily average strength of these camps.

Camps.	DAILY AVERAGE NUMBER OF INMATES.			Total.	TOTAL DEATHS DURING THE MONTH.				
	Men.	Women.	Children.		Small-pox.	Famine Diarrhoea.	Anasarca.	Dropsy.	Total.
Darampoory	191	305	638	1,224	...	104	48	40	192
Pennagaram	122	208	307	637	1	27	...	...	28

This report was originally despatched on the 18th July 1877, but was returned for resubmission in the form required by Government.

FORWARDED through the Board of Revenue for the information of Government.
(Signed) C. T. LONGLEY,
Collector.

SALEM,
9th August 1877.

SUBMITTED to Government.

2. The cost of the work executed appears to have been on the whole moderate. The Collector will have learnt from the G.O. on Board's Proceedings of the 4th August that the demolition of the Fort-walls is to be discontinued at once and the coolies employed on that work drifted to the Sambasavanan project.

3. Major Baynes' description of the success which has attended the opening of nursery kitchens is encouraging; more detailed information regarding the system should however be furnished. One of the chief difficulties to be encountered is the preservation of the children, and an extra eleven annas per head per mensem is not much to pay in attaining this object.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 141-F. ORDER THEREON, 8th September 1877, No. 2,680-C.

Miscellaneous.

His Grace in Council observes that the benefits accruing from children's kitchens are questionable. It appears from this report that the system adds considerably to the cost of the maintenance of the children. The Collector will therefore discontinue relief under that form.

2. The diet for invalids in camps should only be given to that class of persons, while a diet according to the second scale fixed should be adopted in all other cases. The high rate per head of the cost of relief in camps seems to shew that the rates laid down by Government are not adhered to. The Collector should himself see that a proper system is introduced and that the public money is more economically disbursed.

3. The report, though improved, still omits to deal—or deals but slightly—with several important matters connected with relief.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
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Metals	b. yards	Rs — 3 — 4	

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Leveling	1827 S. yards	sq. yard.	
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Tamping	1892 $\frac{1}{2}$ S. yards	3 P. in a	
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Side ditch	106 b. yards	2 Rs.	
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Relief Office }
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6th August 1877 } On special duty.

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Col. G. G.
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