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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

19th September 1877, No. 2,799.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 390. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 31st August 1877.

Read the following letter from C. W. W. MARTIN, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, Madura, to W. McQUHAE, Esq., Collector of Madura, dated 17th August 1877, No. 311.

I HAVE the honor to forward my report on famine relief operations in this division for the month of July.

2. I. DINDIGUL TALUQ. *Works.*—The following statement shows the works under progress during the month and the quantity turned out with the corresponding expenditure:—

Statement of Works.

Name of Village and Work.	Amount of Estimate.	Expenditure up to the end of the Month.	Quantity of Work turned out.	Value.	Percentage.
	Rs.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	
1. Mandaikulam of Aruppamputty... ...	440	375 14 7	Earth, 4,173 cubic yards, at Rs. 0-1-3.	325 15 0	87
2. Pereakulam of Mulipady...	694	691 4 11	Earth 5,321	415 11 0	60
3. Vallacondasamudram, of Nallamanacottai.	1,710	1,391 10 5	Do. 16,540	1,292 3 9	92
4. Tamarakulam of Kottur	...	1,465 5 4	Do. 10,739½	838 15 9	57
5. Road from the Race-course to the Trichinopoly road	1,060	642 11 1	Do. 3,703½	289 4 9	53
6. Ooppukulam of Pilathu	680	115 5 6	Do. 1,144	107 4 0	91
7. Bringing down cannon balls from the Dindigul fort.	...	516 12 4	.....	...	...
8. Pereacolom of Seelapady...	183	103 8 6	{ Earth ... ... 770 { Do. 358	60 2 6 27 15 6	69
9. Do. of Vedasandur	390	492 11 4	{ Hard earth ... 2,976 { Gravel 193½	279 0 0 21 3 4	
				328 1 10	
10. Urani at Kidayuramboo	1,000	332 7 8	{ Hard earth ... 2,345 { Kunker... ... 116	219 13 6 12 11 0	70
			Total ...	232 8 6	

3. *Wells.*—Rs. 3,240 during the month and Rs. 15,446 up to the end of the month have been advanced to ryots under the Land Improvement Act XXVI of 1871 for digging new and repairing old wells.

4. II. GRATUITOUS RELIEF. *Relief-camps.*—The number of people relieved in the beginning of the month in the Dindigul relief-camps was 1,437.* These numbers rose to 2,996† at the end of the month. The inmates of the camp consist chiefly of old and infirm people of both sexes and children. All those whose state of health will permit it are vaccinated. There is a biweekly muster of the whole camp, and those who are able to work are sent out to the officer employed for the purpose who divides them off for the different kinds of labor which are available and suitable for their sex and age. The old and infirm people who are past the benefit of medical treatment are sent

*Men	297
Women	510
Children	630
†Men	460
Women	1,048
Children	1,488

out on money-dole. By this system the camp has been reduced to order, and in time the crowd of persons who have lately invaded Dindigul will find their own places on works. I am now organising a system which will prevent confusion in future by distributing new arrivals at once.

5. *Relief-houses.*—During the month the relief-houses at Vedasandur and Covilore were under operations. The number of people fed in the beginning of the month was 205 and 92, respectively. At the end of the month it rose to 602 and 150 as shown in the following statement :—

Station.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Vedasandur	49	134	419	602
Covilore	14	33	103	150

6. *Village-relief.*—The numbers relieved in the beginning of the month were 1,205,—209 by cooked food and 996 by money-dole. These have risen at the end of the month to 2,265, of whom the number fed by cooked food is 213 and that on money-dole is 2,052. This increase is due to the scarcity extending itself daily to persons who could formerly find subsistence for themselves. Want of work in connection with cattle-tending and ordinary agricultural occupation must result in growing destitution, and the people appear to me to hold back, in many instances, from work until their appearance is sufficiently reduced to secure for them the dole in last month, and not only did not consider it necessary to reject the persons admitted by the Inspectors, but did consider it necessary to admit a number of other persons.

7. *Advance to Weavers.*—Rs. 3,416 in this month and Rs. 5,106 up to the end of the month have been advanced to weavers in raw material and ready money. Cloths worth Rs. 2,671 have been manufactured by the recipients of advances and delivered into the taluq.

8. *Condition of the People.*— A great and perceptible change for the worse is noticeable nearly everywhere. This change has been very marked since the panic in the beginning of July caused by the failure of the rice-supply by railway for some days. I cannot help thinking that that has had the effect of suggesting to owners of small stores the possibility of a total failure of supply and the necessity for the reduction of personal consumption, with the result that farm servants and dependents have been turned adrift and a starvation-scale of diet introduced into many ordinarily well-to-do households.

9. *Season Prospects.*—There was large crop sown in Dindigul Taluq about the 5th July when there were local showers over a large extent of the taluq. This crop, principally cholum, cumbu, and mochai, was kept alive by showers from time to time during the month, but towards the close of the month much of the crop showed signs of insufficient moisture ; and I fear before this date that much of it has failed. Such part as was reached by the rain of the 22nd July will probably hold out for some time longer.

10. I. Pulney Taluq. *Works.*—The annexed statement shows the works under progress during the month, the expenditure on each, and the value of work turned out.

11. *Wells.*—Rs. 500 during the month and Rs. 23,380 up to the end of the month have been advanced to ryots under the Land Improvement Act XXVI of 1871 for digging new and repairing old wells.

12. II. Gratuitous Relief. *Relief-camps.*—The number of people relieved in the beginning of the month in the Pulñey relief-camp was 2,007.* The number rose to 3,480 at the end of the month.

*Men	887
Women	1,120
Children	...
Men	1,104
Women	1,201
Children	1,175

13. *Relief-houses.*—During the month the relief-houses were reduced from 5 to 4, the Koothampundy house being closed altogether, and the people in it admitted to dole. Arrangements have been made for closing the other relief houses and doling the persons relieved at them. The numbers relieved at the end as compared with those at the beginning were as follow :—

Name of the Houses.	Number in the beginning of the Month.	Number at the end of the Month.
1. Thoppampatti	319	785
2. Kuthampundy	176	...
3. Kallimandayam	139	199
4. Kolambukondan	142	132
5. Odapatty	...	158
Total...	776	1,274

14. *Village-relief.*—The number of people under village-relief in the beginning and end of the month were as follow :—

In the beginning of the month—	
By money-dole	253
„ cooked food	613
At the end of the month—	
By money-dole	1,358
„ cooked food	1,692

Relief by cooked food has acquired far too great dimensions as it should only continue in the case of helpless, bed-ridden persons or orphan children, and I have drawn Mr. Baber's attention to the subject.

15. *Advance to Weavers.*—Rs. 2,191 during the month and Rs. 2,252 up to the end of the month have been advanced to weavers under Government Order, No. 1,091, dated 15th March 1877, Revenue Department.

I enclose Mr. Baber's report.

Enclosure No. 1.

BABER, Esq., Special Officer, Famine Relief, Pulney, to C. W. W. MARTIN, Esq., ...ng Sub-Collector of Madura, dated Agraharam, 10th August 1877, No. 245.

I have the honor to submit the usual report upon famine-relief operations in Pulney Taluq during July. The enclosed statements show the progress made in the relief-works in the different divisions.

2. Relief-works. *Works completed during the Month*—

I. In Serjeant Kerr's division—

The Tamaraikulam tank and supply-channel.
Kaliyamputhur Pudukulam tank and supply-channel.
Mandaikulam and Kamalasamudram tanks of Iyempalli.

II. In the Tahsildar's Division—

Kurumbapatti tank of Kottiamangalam.
Kalikanaikenpatty tank.

III. Sub-Overseer Mr. Taylor's Division—

Konilam tank of Kottiayam, Pereakulam, and Muthusamudram tanks of Coveriyamputti.

Village-road from Velamputti to Appiamputty.

3. *Works in Progress and those started during the Month.*—I. In Mr. Kerr's division the dressing of the earth-work on the bunds of Sengulam and Odayakulam tanks of Kaliyumputhur is fast approaching completion. On the new Komaralingam road nearly all gravel required has been collected at the road-side, and has now to be spread and be rammed. The following fresh wo were started :—

(1.) Peria Iyempalli and Othukulam tanks of Iyempulli.

(2.) Iyempalli low level supply channel ; this was started by permission in anticipation of sanction.

II. In the Tahsildar's division good progress has been made on the old Dharapuram road and on the village-road from Tholayuthu to Thoppampatti. The work in the Korecaduvu Rajavoykal and in Pulney-Vappamkulam and Kothamangalum-Pudukulam was all but completed.

The new works started were—

(1) Magaraiputti Oorady tank ;
(2) Pulney-Idumbaukulam tank.

III. In Mr. Taylor's division the works started during the month were—

(1) Virupatchi tank supply-channel ;
(2) Variyapur tank and supply-channel.

This last-named work is now being executed under Mr. Jackson's superintendence as directed by you.

4. *Works to be substituted for those in Progress.*—Estimates for works as stated below have been sanctioned :—

I. In Mr. Kerr's Division—

	Rs.
Chinna Iyempalli tank of Iyempalli	530
Thenpalani Othukulam	150
Sinnakulam	485
Bangarasamudrum	80
Pappankulam	160
Gullapanaickenkulam	795
Kannadi Perumaulkulam	635
Village-road Pulney to Balasamudram	931
Total ...	3,706

II. In the Tahsildar's Division—

	Rs.
Lowering high level nunjah lands of Kolayamputtoor	9,380
Village-road, Thalayuttu to Thoppampatti (revised large estimate)	7,000
Odaikulam of Thalayuttu	900
Repair of part of road from Pulney to Dindigul...	2,710
Total ...	19,990

III. In Mr. Taylor's division a sanctioned estimate, amounting to Rs. 250, for the of Konilankulam supply-channel of Kothayem remains to be worked of

The following estimates drawn up to afford famine-relief have been sent in to the by the Taluq Overseer :—

		Rs.
(1.)	Repair of Vyapuri tank of Pulney...	1,790
(2.)	Agraharam Rajavoykal	6,720
(3.)	Revised estimate for repair of the old Dharapuram road	6,484
(4.)	Repair of Aramanaipadukulam of Iyenpalli	6,720

Of the above work, No. 1 has been sanctioned as an ordinary work, and is now being executed by the Public Works Department, I have the honor to suggest that Nos. 2 and 4 be obtained from the Range, Officer, as they are works suited to the employment of famine-relief coolies. No. 3, as stated in last month's report, has already been started, and will be worked out by the end of this month.

5. There are now 9,000 people on the works Mr. Kerr's and the Tahsildar's divisions, and the different works enumyerated above, if sancted as famine-relief measures, will, with all sanctioned estimates alread sent to me, give employment to these numbers till the middle of September. The people on Mr. Taylor's works will, as recently directed by you, be drafted to the new road from Kallimandayem to Ediyacottai.

6. *Cost of Work and Outturn.*—In a few of the works there is a decided improvement in the daily outturn of work, the full amount of task fixed being turned out by individual gangs. But this improvement is not general, and, as a rule, three-fourths of the task fixed, or a little more than one-half of ordinary full task, is the usual outturn of the gangs. Under these circumstances, and taking into my calculation the payment of Sunday wages, of men's rates of wages to nursing mothers, and of the 3-pie allowance to children, I reckon that we must necessarily exceed our estimates by 75 per cent. of the sanctioned amounts. I base this calculation on the following figures :—

	Rs.
Amount of sanctioned estimate, say	100
Add 50 per cent. on account of reduced task performed	50
Add 16 per cent. on account of Sunday wage	16
Add 9 per cent. on account of allowances to nursing mothers and children under seven	9
Actual Expenditure ...	175

7. Gratuitous Relief—*Relief-camps.*—A fortnight back the numbers here rose to 3,500. Arrangements were then made for sending to the works all able-bodied people and children above seven. At the same time several of the inmates went out on the money dole. This reduced our numbers to 2,900. But they have again risen, and now stand at 3,700. The necessity for another relief-camp has been made clear, and, as directed by you, arrangements have been made for opening a fresh camp at Agraharam, near the river, about two miles from Palni. I hope to start the new camp in a few days. As ordered by you all admissions will be made at the central camp, Palni, from whence the people will be drafted to the new camp. The death-rate in the camp has been exceptionally high during part of the period under review, the deaths during one week numbering 73, or at the rate of 1,040 per 1,000 per annum. Cholera of a mild type made its appearance, but appears now to be subsiding.

8. *Relief-houses.*—The numbers here still stand high, as will be seen from the following figures :—

1.	Kolumbu Gounden Relief-house	159
2.	Thoppamputti	404
3.	Kallimandayem	254
4.	Koothumpoondi	202
5.	Odaiputti	204

As directed by you arrangements are being made to close these relief-houses, the inmates of the same being relegated either to the relief-camp or to their villages on the money dole.

9. *Village Relief.*—There is a considerable increase under this head, due mainly to the extension of the money-dole system of relief and also to increased distress. By the last returns the figures stand as follows :—

	No.
By feeding in villages (thirty villages)	1,692
By money dole	1,358
Total ...	3,050

10. *Concluding Remarks.*—During the period under review payments of wages were made at the following rates :—

Per man	1	Anna	11	Pies and	2	Annas	3 Pies.
Per woman	1	,,	5	,, and	1	,,	9 ,,
Per child	1	,,	0	,, and	1	,,	2 ,,

The rates for money dole have been 1 Anna 2 Pies per adult and 8 Pies per child under twelve.

We have now arrived at what I presume may be considered the period of greatest pressure. The distress has now touched families and classes who have hitherto been able to shift for themselves. The result is that our works are being crowded with people who have never before sought for Government relief. We have now 10,000 people on the works in progress under my supervision.

STATEMENT showing the Works under progress during the Month of July 1877 in the Palni Taluq.

Name of Village and Work.	Amount of Estimate.	Expenditure up to the end of the Month.	Quantity of Work turned out.	Value.	Percentage of Value to actual Cost.	Remarks.
	RS.	RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.	RS.	
1. Road from Palni to Komaralingum.	9,736	11,150 0 0	Hard earth c. yds. 34,444, at R. 0-1-6	2,239 2 0	68	
			Gravel 22,131 at 0-2-0	2,766 6 0		
			Stones for road-dams 249, at R. 1-0-0	249 0 0		
			Levelling 17,740, at $\frac{1}{40}$	443 8 0		
			Unbroken stones collected 235, at 0-12-0	176 4 0		
			Gravel carted to road-side 9,734, at 0-3-0	811 2 8		
			Total ...	7,685 6 8		
2. Thamarakolam Tank and Channel.	4,766	6,518 14 6	Earth 5,880	459 6 0	67	
			Hard earth 36,249	3,898 5 6		
			Gravel 648	80 6 0		
			Sectioning and tamping 42,772, at 0-0-3	445 8 0		
			Total ...	4,383 9 6		
3. Punderkolam Tank and Channel of Kalayamputhur.	1,440	2,025 10 11	Earth 380	29 11 0	100	Work completed.
			Hard earth 17,740	1,663 2 0		
			Sectioning and tamping 18,120	188 12 0		
			Digging rock 223½, at R. 1-0-0 ...	223 12 0		
			Total ...	2,105 5 0		
4. Senkolam Tank and Channel.	1,840	2,101 10 2	Earth 4,490	344 8 6	77	
			Hard earth 11,557	128 4 0		
			Gravel 1,026	128 4 0		
			Total ...	1,621 9 0		
5. Mandakolam Tank of Iyempalli.	572	1,456 5 0	Hard earth 2,266	212 7 0	50	
			Gravel 3,812	476 8 0		
			Sectioning and tamping 4,078	42 7 8		
			Total ...	731 6 8		
6. Odakolam Tank and Channel of Iyempalli.	1,070	2,899 14 7	Hard earth 23,559	2,691 2 0	82	
			Gravel 911	113 14 0		
			Total ...	2,385 0 0		
7. Kamalasamudram Tank of Iyempalli.	391	768 0 2	Hard earth 185	17 5 6	51	
			Gravel 2,964	370 8 0		
			Digging rock	6 0 0		
			Total ...	393 13 6		
8. Perea Iyempalli Tank.	1,800	1,167 10 0	Earth 7,800	615 10 0	57	
			Hard earth 544	51 0 0		
			Total ...	660 10 0		
9. Perea Iyempalli Channel.	1,780	1,012 0 5	Hard earth 4,502	562 12 0	55	
			Hard earth 3,143½	245 9 0	93	Work completed.
10. Kovilakara Tank and Channel.	1,150	1,160 13 9	Hard earth 3,387½	317 10 0		
			Gravel 2,760½	301 14 8		
			Do. 470½	71 4 6		
			Rock 39	58 8 0		
			Kanker 134½	21 0 3		
			Levelling 2,639	65 11 7		
			Total ...	1,081 10 0		
11. Road from Thalayuthu to Iyempalli.	1,869	1,191 3 7	Earth 4,814½	376 1 10	50	
			Hard earth 1,931½	288 11 1		
			Gravel 1,439	156 4 9		
			Levelling 5,845	361 2 0		
			Hard gravel 1531	74 8 0		
			Kanker 153	16 1 0		
			Total ...	1,192 8 2		

STATEMENT showing the Works under progress during the Month of July 1877 in the Palni Taluq—(*Continued*).

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	RS.	RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.	RS.	
12. Old road from Palni to Darapuram.	1,230	4,713 0 10	Earth 5,454	426 1 6	19	
			Hard earth 3,388¼	317 2 11		
			Gravel 334½	36 9 10		
			Hard gravel 326	40 10 0		
			Kunker 30	4 11 0		
			Levelling 2,250	56 4 0		
			Total ...	881 7 3		
13. Kotteamankolam Tank	1775	2,842 15 11	Earth 4,295⅛	335 9 9	28	
			Hard earth 3,525	330 7 6		
			Gravel 1,274½	139 6 7		
			Levelling 51½	1 4 6		
			Total ...	806 12 4		
14. Kurumbaputti Tank	85	115 12 11	Hard earth 415½	38 14 10	46	
			Gravel 124½	13 10 3		
			Total ...	52 9 1		
15. Korikadavu Rajahvoikal.	2,490	3,991 8 3	Earth 7,547	589 9 9	48	
			Sand 21,546½	1,009 15 7		
			Gravel 2,740	299 11 0		
			Total ...	1,899 4 4		
16. Panpankolam Tank of Palni.	330	1,070 2 8	Hard earth 2,925¼	273 0 3	31	
			Gravel 244½	26 11 10		
			Levelling 1,277	31 14 10		
			Total ...	331 10 11		
17. Kalikavaikampatti Tank.	295	530 2 9	Earth 205	16 0 3	50	
			Hard earth 1,608¾	150 12 1		
			Gravel 897½	98 2 2		
			Total ...	264 14 6		
18. Idumbamkolam Tank, Palni.	830	530 1 9	Earth 2,104	164 6 0	69	
			Gravel 1,824	199 8 0		
			Total ...	363 14 0		
19. Megarajpatti Tank.	440	312 10 5	Earth 2,057	169 11 3	100	
			Gravel 1,490	162 15 6		
			Total ...	328 10 9		
20. Kovilankolam Tank of Kottayur.	1,000	1,190 12 3	Earth 8,642½	676 2 10	57	
21. Perankolam Tank of Kaveriammapettai.	240	204 13 8	Earth 1,819	141 6 6	70	
22. Constructing bund around the chucklers' huts in Kallimadayem.	68	54 0 3	Measurement not received	...	...	
23. Village road from Velamputti to Appayamputti.	1,700	1,301 12 3	Earth 14,725	1,150 6 3	64	
24. Supplying channel of Perankolam Tank in Virupakshi Village.	884	496 2 5	Earth 3,648	286 0 6	59	
25. Muthusamudram of Kaveriammapettai	270	365 15 6	Earth 3,286	256 11 6	70	
26. Veriappur Tank and supplying channel.	1,270	177 11 11	Earth 900	70 5 0	40	
27. Road from Uppiliaputti to Vedasundur.	18,960	25,559 3 2	Information not received	...	...	
28. Parthiyur Anicut.	1,350	34 9 8 2	Earth 724, at R. 0-1-6	67 14 0	100	
			Masonry 106⅝	286 12 0		
			Total ...	354 10 0		

DINDIGUL,
17th August 1877.

(Signed) C. W. W. MARTIN,
Acting Sub-Collector.

No. 555.

SUBMITTED to the Board of Revenue.

2. The value of work done in Pulney, especially on works under Serjeant Kerr and the Tahsildar, is much less than the value of work done in other parts of the district, although the condition of the laborers is at least as good as in Tirumungalam, Ramnad, and other places, where severe distress has lasted for many months. The number of persons entitled to wages for half a day's work is very limited, especially if light work be provided separately for the weakly. Every where outside the sub-division the value of work compares fairly with its cost, and the cost of supervision in Pulney is certainly not less than in other places. Mr. Baber reports improvement in paragraph 6 of his report, but the results he anticipates cannot be accepted as satisfactory, and must not be permitted in future as long as the general condition of laborers is fair. I regret to say that future prospects are most gloomy, and that the condition of the poorer classes in villages, especially children, is becoming rapidly worse.

DINDIGUL,
19th August 1877.

(Signed) W. McQUHAE,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. Mr. Martin should give his attention to the manner in which the works are being carried out with the view of obtaining a better outturn, especially in the Pulney Taluq. No. 8 in the list for Dindigul is not understood; report has been already called for.

3. The failing condition of the people in the sub-division points to the necessity for more extended relief in the form of village doles. The prospects of the season are, the Board regret to say, most gloomy.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 391. ORDER THEREON, 19th September 1877, No. 2,799.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government regret to learn that the prospects of the sub-division of the Madura District are so gloomy.

2. Endeavors should be made to enforce task-work in the Palni Taluq more strictly.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman and A. F. Goodall.

Revenue Department.

No 4044.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 31st August 1877

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No 311.

From.

C. N. N. Martin Esqre.

Acting Sub Collector, Madura.

To.

P. Mc. Dubae Esqre

Collector of Madura

Sir.

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Dindigul Taluq

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Govt. of Madras.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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Dated September 1878

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G.O., 19th September 1877, No. 2799.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 390-391.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 1860.

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				Hard Do 2976	279 - -		
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Women - 1048
children - 1488.

Camp was 1437. These numbers rose to 2996 at the end of the month. The inmates of the Camp consist chiefly of old and infirm people of both sexes and children. All those whose state of health will permit it are vaccinated. There is a biweekly muster of the whole

Camp

Camp and those who are able to work are sent out to the Officer employed for the purpose who divides them off for the different kinds of labour which are available and suitable for their sex and age. The old and infirm people who are past the benefit of medical treatment are sent out on money dole. By this system the Camp has been reduced to order and in time the crowd of persons who have lately invaded Dindigul will find their own places on works I am now organizing a system which will prevent confusion in future by distributing new arrivals at once.

5. Relief Houses. During the month the relief houses at Vedasandur and Coulore were under operations. The number of people fed in the beginning of the month was 265 + 92 respectively. At the end of the month it rose to 602 + 150 as shown in the following statement.

Station	Men	Women	Children	Total
Vedasandur	49	134	419	602
Coulore	14	33	103	150.

6. Village Relief. The numbers relieved in the beginning of the month were 1203 by cooked food + 996 by money dole. These have risen at the end of the month to 2265 of whom the

number fed by cooked food is 213,
and that on money dole is 2052. The
increase is due to the scarcity ex-
tending itself daily to persons
who could formerly find subsis-
tence for themselves. Want of work
in connection with Cattle tending
and ordinary agricultural occupation
must result in growing destitution
& the people appear to me to hold
back in many instances from work
until their appearance is sufficiently
[illegible] for them the dole
[illegible] their village. I hope before long
to combat this proceeding by inspec-
tion of all persons at dole centres
periodically either myself or through
the
the most responsible officers of
my own and the Taluq establish-
ments. I personally inspected 44
villages in last month and not
only did not consider it necessary
to reject the persons admitted by
the Inspectors but did consider
it necessary to admit a number of
other persons

7. Advance to weavers. Rs 3416
in this month and Rs 5106 up to the
end of the month have been advanced
to weavers in raw material and ready
money. Clothes worth Rs 2671 have
been manufactured by the recipients
of

of advances and delivered into the Taluq.

8. Condition of the people. A great and perceptible change for the worse is noticeable nearly everywhere. This change has been very marked since the panic in the beginning of July caused by the failure of the rice supply by Railway for some days. I cannot help thinking that that has had the effect of suggesting to owners of small stores the possibility of a total failure of supply and the necessity for the reduction of personal consumption with the result that farm servants and dependants have been turned adrift and

and a starvation scale of diet introduced into many ordinarily well-to-do house holds.

9. Season Prospects. There was a large crop sown in Dindigul Taluq about the 5th July when there were local showers over a large extent of the Taluq. This crop, principally Cholam, Cumboo, and Mochai was kept alive by showers from time to time during the months last towards the close of the month much of the crop showed signs of insufficient moisture and fear before the date that much of it has failed. Such part as was reached by the rain

of

of the 22nd July ends probably sold out for some time longer.

10. Palani Taluq.

I works. The annexed statement shows the works under progress during the month, the expenditure on each & the value of work turned out.

Rs. 11. Rupees 500 during the month & Rs 23380 up to the end of the month have been advanced to ryots under the Land Improvement act XXVI of 1871 for digging wells & repairing old wells.

II. Gratuitous Relief.

12. Relief Camps.

The number of people relieved in the beginning of the month in the Palani Relief Camp, was

x Men 807
Women 1120
Children
Men 1104
Women 1201
Children 1175

x 2007. The number rose to 3480 at the end of the month.

Relief Houses.

13. During the month the relief houses were reduced from 5 to 4 the Koothampundy house being closed altogether & the people in it admitted to dole. Arrangements have been made for closing the other relief houses & doling the persons relieved at them. The numbers relieved at the end as compared with those at the beginning were as follows.

Name

Name of the Horses.	Number in the beginning of the month	Number at the end of the month
1. Hoppampatty	319	755
2. Kuttampundy	176	"
3. Kallimandayan	139	199
4. Kolambakondan	142	132
5. Edapatty	"	158.
	776	1274

Village Relief

14. The number of people under Village relief in the beginning and end of the months were as follows.

In the beginning of the months.		At the end of the months.	
By Nos.	dole	By Cooked food	By Nos. dole
253		613.	1358.

By Cooked food has acquired
for too great dimensions as it should
only continue in the case of helpless

By Cooked food
1692

bedridden persons or orphan children & I have drawn Mr Baber's attention to the subject.

Advance to Weavers

15. Rupees 2191 during the months & Rs 2252 upto the end of the months have been advanced to weavers under Government Order No 1091 dated 15th March 1877, Revenue Department.

I enclose Mr Babers report.

Sub Collector's Office, Dindigal 17th August 1877

Thanks.
(Signed) C. W. M. Martin
Ag. Sub Collector.

(True Copy)

No 555.

Submitted to the Board of Revenue.

The value of work done in Palni especially

especially ~~on~~ works under Sergeant Kerr and the Tahsildar is much less than the value of work done in other parts of the District, although the condition of the Labourers is at least as good as in Tirunnungalam, Ramnad, and other places where severe distress has lasted for many months. The number of persons entitled to wages for half a day's work is very limited especially if light work be provided separately for the weakly. Every where outside the Sub Division the value of work compares fairly with its cost, and the cost of supervision is Paltry

is certainly not less than in other places. Mr Baker reports improvement in para 6 of his report but the results he anticipates cannot be accepted as satisfactory and must not be permitted in future as long as the general condition of Labourers is so. I regret to say that future prospects are most gloomy and that the condition of the poorer classes in villages, especially children is becoming rapidly worse

Madura Collectorate Office, (Camp) Dindigal 19th August 1877

(Sd) W. Mc. Dulae
Collector.

Submitted for the information

of Government.

2. Mr. Martin should give his attention to the manner in which the works are being carried out with a view of obtaining a better outturn especially in the Palay Taluq. As 8 in the test for Dendigal is not understood, report has been already called for.

3. The failing condition of the people in the subdivision points to the necessity for more extended relief in the form of village dole.

The prospects of the season are, the Board regret to say, most gloomy.

(True Copy Enclosed).

Ag. Secretary

To Head Assistant Govt. Agent.

Camp. Agraharam.

No 245.

Dated 10th August 1877

From.

E. M. Baker Esquire

Special officer. F. R.

Palani.

To

C. W. W. Martin Esquire

Ag. Sub Collector.

Madura.

Sir.

I have the honor to submit the usual report upon Famine Relief Operations in Palani Taluq during July. The enclosed statements show the progress made in the Relief Works in the different divisions.

Relief Works. 2. Works completed during the month.

I. In Sergeant Kerr's division.

the Tamarankulam tank and
supply channel.

Kaliyampattur Pudukulam
tank and supply channel.

Mandrankulam and Kama-
ravanmuram tanks of Ayampatti.

II. In the Tahsildar's division.

Kurumbapatti Tank of Kottamangalam.

Kalikumpattu tank.

III Sub Overseer Mr Taylor's division

Koolam tank of Kottagam

Periakolam and Muttusamudram
tanks of Kouriyammapatti.

Village road from Velampatti to
Appiampatty.

3. Works in progress and those started during the month.

I. In the Kerr's division the dressing of the earth work on the bunds of Sengulam and Udayakulam tanks of Kalipumpattur is fast approaching completion. On the new Komaraling am road nearly all ground required has been collected at the road side and has now to be spread and be rammed. The following works were started.

1. Peria Ayampatti and Ottankulam tanks of Ayampatti.

2. Ayampatti low level supply channel; this was started by permission in anticipation of sanction.

II.

II. In the Tahsildar's division good progress has been made on the old Chavapuram road and the village road from Kolayuttuvu to Koppampatti. The work in the Konecadayoo Rajamoykal and in Palani Pappram Colum and Kottamangalum Pudukulam was also started.

The new works started were.

1. Magoraipatti Corady tank.
2. Palani Idumbankolum tank.

III. In Mr. Taylor's division the works started during the month were.

1. Veerapatchi Tank supply channel.
2. Varigapur Tank and Do.

This last named work is now being executed under Mr. Jackson Superintendence as directed by you.

4. Works to be substituted for those in progress.

Estimates for works as stated below have been sanctioned:

I. In Mr. Kerr's Division.

Chinna Iyampatti tank & Iyampatti Do	530
Veerapalani Ettukulam	150
Kumakulam	485
Bangarasamudram	80
Pappankulam	160
Gallapanaikenkulam	795
Kamada Perumal Kulam	635
Village road Palani to Balasamudram	931
Total Rs.	3766

II. In the Tahsildar's Division.

Lowering high land Nanja lands of Kolayamputtur	9580 Village

Village road. Thalayuttu to Thoppan-
puttu (revised large Estimate) - 7000
Edaikulam of Thalayuttu — Rs 900
Repair of part of road from Palam } 2710
to Dindigul

Total Rs 19990

III. In the Taluq division a
sanctioned Estimate amounting
to Rs 250 for the repair of Kovi-
lankolam supply channel of
Kottayam remains to be worked off.

The following Estimates drawn
up to afford Famine Relief have
been sent in to the Range Offi-
cers by the Taluq Overseer.

1. Repair of Vyapuri tank } Rs 1790
of Palani —

2. Agrahara Rajavoikal 6720

3. Revised Estimate for } 6484
repair of the old
Dharapuram road

4. Repair of Arumanai } 410.
pudukulam of Dyemputtu

Of the above work No 1 has been
sanctioned as an ordinary work
and is now being executed by the
D. P. W. I have the honor to suggest
that Nos 2 and 4 be obtained from
the Range officers as they are worke
suited to the employment of Famine
Relief Coolies. No 3 as stated in
last months report has already
been started and will be worked
out by the end of this month.

5. There are now 9000 people on the
work

works in Mr Kerr's and the
Talsildar's divisions and the
different works enumerated above,
if sanctioned as Famine Relief
measures, will with all sanctioned
estimates already sent to me give
employment to these numbers till the
middle of September. The people on
the Factory works will as recently
directed by you be drafted to the
new road from Kattimandagem
to Edigacottai.

b. <u>Cost of work and out-turn</u>. In a
few of the works there is a decided
improvement in the daily out-turn
of work. The full amount of task
fixed being turned out by individual
gangs.

gangs. But the improvement
is not general and as a rule 3/4 of
the task fixed or a little more than
one half of ordinary full task
is the usual out-turn of the gangs.
Under these circumstances and taking
into my calculation the payment of
Sunday wages, of Mens rate
to nursing mothers and
Allowance to children. I reckon that
we must necessarily exceed our
estimates by 75 percent of the

[redacted] these the
Calculation [redacted] ing figures
Amount of Sanctioned Estimate say Rs 100
Add 50 percent on account of
reduced task per cent } 50

add 16 per cent on account of Sunday wage ——— 16

add 9 per cent on account of allowances to nursing mothers and children under 7 ——— 9

Actual expenditure Rs 175

7. Gratuitous Relief. Relief Camps.

A fortnight back the numbers here were c. 3500. Arrangements were made for sending to the works all able bodied people and children above 7. At the same time several of the inmates went out on the money dole. This reduced our numbers to 3300. Both [redacted] and now stand at 3700. The necessity for another Relief Camp has been made clear and as directed by you

arrangements have been made for opening a fresh camp at Agraharam near the river about 2 miles from Palani. Hope to start the new camp in a few days. As ordered by you all admissions will be made at the central Camp, Palani from whence the people will be drafted to the new camp. The death rate in the camp has been exceptionally high during part of the period under review the deaths during one week numbering 73 or at the rate of 1040 per 1000 per annum. Cholera of a mild type made its appearance but appears now to be subsiding.

8.

8. Relief Houses. The inmates here still stand high as will be seen from the following figures.

Kolumba gowrdem Relief house	159.
2. Koppampatti	404
3. Kallimandayam	254
4. Koottumboonde	202
5. Edaipatti	204

As directed by you arrangements are being made to close these Relief Houses. The inmates of the same being relegated either to the Relief Camps or to their villages on the money dole.

9. Village Relief. There is a considerable increase under this head due mainly to the extension of the money dole system of relief and

and also to increased rates. By the last returns the figures stand as follows.

By feeding in village	30
By Money dole	1358
Total	3050

10. Concluding remarks. During the period under review payments of wages were made at the following rates.

per Man 1 a 11 P and 2 a 3 P.
" Woman 1 : 5. " 1 : 9.
" child 1 : 0 " 1 : 2.

The rates for money dole have been 1a. 2 P per adult and 8 pie per children under 12.

We have now arrived at t

I presume may be considered the period of greatest pressure. The dis trip has ever touched fancies & dispos who have hitherto been able to shift for themselves. The result is that our works are being crowded with people who have never before sought for Government help. I have now 10,000 people on the works in progress under my supervision.

I have the
(Signed) C. M. Baker.
Officer on Spl. duty. N.R.

(True copy) Balaram Jaling
(Signed) J. Ramrow
Dy Collr. for Collector.

(True copy)

Dy. Secretary

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