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31st January 1877.*

No. 984. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th January 1877, No. 300:—

Read the following letter from C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 21st January 1877, No. 308-29:—

I HAVE the honor, with reference to paragraph 1 of Board's Proceedings, No. 3,244, dated 21st December, to forward a report on the progress of relief works and the results achieved in the sub-division of this district. The work done, when compared with the expenditure, is decidedly satisfactory and creditable to the officers concerned. The reports for the other divisions have not as yet been received. A reminder has been sent to the Divisional Officers, and they will be forwarded on receipt.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From F. WILKINSON, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, dated Oosoor, 15th January 1877, No. 31 S-N.

I HAVE the honor to submit the following report as to the progress of State Relief Works in the sub-division up to the 31st December last.

2. Relief works were commenced in the Oosoor and Dharampuri Taluqs on the 24th October, and in the Krishnagiri Taluq on the 27th idem. During the months of October, November, and December Rupees 22,706 were expended from Local Funds on the repair of roads, sinking and deepening wells, and on works of village improvement, and up to the end of December Rs. 23,015 were expended from Relief Funds.

3. Between the beginning of October and end of December I made two tours in the Oosoor, two in the Krishnagiri, and one in the Dharampuri Taluq, spending only nine days in head-quarters and being fully engaged in organizing and inspecting relief works. The Tahsildars of Dharampuri and Krishnagiri and the Deputy Tahsildar of Pennagram gave me every assistance. As no special officer was appointed to the sub-division until the very end of Decem-

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ber, all the work connected with relief was, in addition to our ordinary revenue and as the margin will show, extraordinary magisterial

work. The want of tools, of definite instructions, and of sufficient funds was much felt, but the relief afforded, works having been started in nearly every part of each taluq, proved most beneficial. Crime has decreased, and the use of aloe pith and of the fruit of prickly-pear as articles of food, which in the beginning of October was so common, has almost entirely ceased.

4. The enclosed list shows clearly what has been accomplished. This may be briefly summarised as follows:—

Ten new main roads have been commenced, 5½ miles of road have been completed, and 21½ miles are under construction. The completed miles are as good as any in the district, and, though their exact cost cannot be ascertained till the whole road is finished, I do not apprehend that it will exceed Rupees 500 per mile. Materials have been collected for the repair of, and repairs have been executed to, eight main roads, the Local Fund allotment on which had been expended.

Five new village roads have been constructed at a cost of Rupees 200 per mile, and five village roads have been repaired.

Repairs have been executed to thirty-six tanks; 38,433 cubic yards of silt (at a cost of 6½ cubic yards per rupee) having been removed and the bunds strengthened and repaired.

Nine river channels have been repaired, silt having been removed, and the banks cleared of brushwood, prickly-pear, &c.

Twenty-nine guntahs or ponds have been deepened and improved; 27,031 cubic yards of earth having been removed at an average cost of 8½ yards per rupee, and other repairs

carried out. I have inspected several of these works and can testify to the thoroughness and efficiency of the work done. I may instance one at Nallur, in the Oosoor Taluq, which was repaired under the superintendence of the Village Munsif; 3,400 cubic yards of silt have been removed, and a considerable portion of the stone revetment has been repaired at the moderate cost of Rupees 145.

Fifty-seven drinking wells have been deepened, and fourteen new wells sunk. In nearly every case a good supply of water has been obtained.

Forty-four village sites have been improved by the eradication of prickly-pear (this work has been discontinued since the receipt of the Government Order), the repair of streets, the improvement of market places, filling up of pits, and other works of a sanitary nature.

The total number of persons employed on the 31st December was 13,877.

5. The system of gratuitous village relief had not been fully organized, as orders on the subject were not received until the end of December, but charitable relief was afforded at Oosoor, Denkenikottah, and Shulagherry.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. T. LONGLEY,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

No.	Name of Taluq.	Name of Work.	Estimated Cost.	Amount spent up to 31st December 1876.	Progress of Work.
<i>I. New Main Roads.</i>					
1	Oosoor	Talli, Joulagiri, 5 miles at Rs. 200 per mile.	1,000	101	$\frac{1}{4}$ mile completed and $\frac{1}{4}$ mile in progress.
2		Udenhalli to Kelamangalam, 6 miles at Rs. 300 per mile.	1,800	70	$\frac{1}{4}$ mile in progress.
3		Shulagiri to Masti, 12 miles at Rs. 300 per mile.	3,600	387	2 miles completed and 3 miles in progress.
4		Beriki to Bagalur, 7 miles at Rs. 300 per mile.	2,100	44	$\frac{1}{4}$ mile completed and $\frac{3}{4}$ mile in progress.
1	Dharampuri	Marandahally to Palcode, 7 miles at Rs. 250 per mile.	1,750	64	2 miles in progress.
2		Nallamballi to Saligam, 4 miles at Rs. 300 per mile.	1,200	377	$\frac{1}{4}$ mile completed and 3 miles in progress.
3		Indore to Solapadi, 23 miles at Rs. 500 per mile.	11,500	253	1 mile completed and 3 miles in progress.
1	Krishnagiri	Kundumaranahalli to Vapanapalli, 12 miles at Rs. 500 per mile.	6,000	153	2 miles in progress.
2		Krishnagiri to Varthanapally, 6 miles at Rs. 100 per mile.	600	51	1 mile in progress.
3		Velampetty to Pochampalli, 7 miles at Rs. 200 per mile.	1,400	130	1 mile completed and rest in progress.
<i>II. Main Roads under Repair.</i>					
1	Oosoor	Denkenicottah to Kundacottah, 8 miles at Rs. 75 per mile.	600	33	In progress.
2		Nelamangalam to Royacottah, 12 miles at Rs. 50 per mile.	600	166	4 miles completed.
3		Denkenicottah to Kelamangalam, 7 miles at Rs. 50 per mile.	350	12	In progress.
4		175th Mile, Trunk Road	100	103	Completed.

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<i>II. Main Roads under Repair—(Continued.)</i>					
5	Oosoor— (Continued.)	Denkenicottah to Mudiganapally, 8 miles at Rs. 50 per mile.	400	20	In progress.
1	Dharampuri	Toppar Ghaut Road	2,000	156	In progress.
1	Krishnagiri	7 miles Krishnagiri—Maharaja Gadu Road.	100	100	Completed. A road-dam has been constructed, 520 square yards of earthwork and 30 cubic yards of stonework.
2	Krishnagiri	7 miles Krishnagiri Dharampuri Road, making metalled road in bed of Pennar.	800	102	500 cubic yards of jelly collected and placed.
<i>III. New Village Roads.</i>					
	Oosoor	Village Road at Mathagiri, 2 miles at Rs. 200 per mile.	400	77	$\frac{1}{4}$ mile completed and rest in progress.
	Dharampuri	Mullapuram Puthur, 2 miles at Rs. 200 per mile.	400	118	1 mile completed and rest in progress.
1	Krishnagiri	Village Road, Royacottah, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles at Rs. 200 per mile.	300	267	1 mile completed and rest in progress.
2		Village Road to Thimmapuram $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.	100	100	Completed.
3		Village Road to Sathur, 1 mile.	100	44	$\frac{3}{4}$ mile completed.
<i>IV. Repair of Irrigation Works.</i>					
1	Oosoor	Ramayan Tank, Oosoor	2,000	1,148	6,700 cubic yards of silt removed, bund strengthened, and pits filled up.
2		Terpett Tank	150	215	1,300 cubic yards of silt removed, and bund improved.
3		Tank, Oosoor	150	121	1,186 cubic yards of silt removed and bund reformed and improved.
4		Chennayenikota Barandur	250	27	122 cubic yards of earthwork.
5		Artukur Tank	100	45	212 do. of stonework.
6		Streepivasayan Tank	100	10	50 do. of earthwork.
7		Jeker Tank	150	44	299 do. of stonework.
8		Gudisakanapalli Tank	100	25	390 do. stonework.
9		Kurabasadana Tank	300	19	105 do. earthwork.
10		Mogucheruva Tank	300	88	888 do. do.
11		Kuruban Tank	150	47	550 do. do.
12		Nagundapalli Tank	100	102	721 do. do.
13		Bumamurjalam Tank	100	12	70 do. do.
14		River Channel, Panjapalli	200	134	800 do. do.
15		Do. Do. Irunapalli	200	16	280 do. do.
1	Dharampuri	Tandukampetty Tank	800	180	650 do. do.
2		Sanjivakara Gadapalli	500	60	Bund covered with prickly-pear; 1,000 square yards removed.
3		Palavadi Tank	500	181	784 cubic yards of earthwork.
4		Sogatur Tank	800	493	2,401 cubic yards of earthwork and road over bund widened and improved 2 yards.
5		Dharampuri	500	364	864 cubic yards of earth removed and road over bund widened, gravelled, and repaired.

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6		Baituhalli Tank ...	700	211	Band covered with prickly-pear; 4,750 square yards removed.
7		Puligavai Tank ...	500	96	1,005 cubic yards of earthwork and road widened and improved.
8		Karimangalam Nagal Tank	150	135	308 square yards of prickly-pear removed and 576 cubic yards of earthwork done.
9		Pennagaram Tank ...	300	187	700 cubic yards of earthwork.
10		Bilianur Agraharam Tank ..	400	350	1,500 do. of do.
11		Yeriyur Tank ...	150	66	23 do. of stonework
12		Balasamudram Tank ...	400	189	210 do. of earthwork.
13		Agasarahalli Tank ...	200	92	Removal of prickly-pear on bund; 1,424 square yards; earthwork 758
14		Echinohalli ...	200	54	352 cubic yards of earthwork.
15		Bellarahalli Supplying River Channel	400	194	100 cubic yards of earthwork and 800 square yards of prickly-pear.
16		Chettygarai Tank River Channel.	500	446	3,540 square yards of prickly-pear removed.
17		Biliner Tank Supplying Channel.	200	181	3 breaches closed; prickly-pear removed; channel cleared of silt and put in thorough repair; work completed.
1	Krishnagiri ...	Badetla Tank ...	1,000	468	1,422 cubic yards of earthwork 40 do. of stonework 300 square yards prickly-pear removed.
2		Thummapuram Tank ...	500	68	614 cubic yards of earthwork; 9,605 square yards of prickly-pear removed.
3		Bellavurthi Tank ...	200	74	291 cubic yards of earthwork.
4		Bubaji Tank ...	200	21	600 do. do. 1,400 square yards of prickly-pear.
5		Veerasetti Tank ...	200	20	291 cubic yards of earthwork; 430 square yards of prickly-pear.
6		Balitotum Tank ...	300	59	250 cubic yards of earthwork.
7		Melayandapalli Tank ...	50	51	380 do. do.
8		Kamandapalli River Channel.	200	201	320 do. do.
9		Sampatti River Channel ...	200	333	1,692 do. and tamping removal of prickly-pear, 894 square yards.
10		Attipallam ...	200		Given by Tahsildar together; explanation called for; 5,043 cubic yards of earthwork.
11		Pulambatti ...	300	100	2,037 cubic yards of earthwork to channel.
		V. Sinking new or deepening and repairing existing guntahs or ponds for the use of men and cattle.			1,080 cubic yards of earthwork to tank.
Oosoor ...	13 guntahs or kuttahs deepened and repaired.	2,050	1,620	14,985 cubic yards of earthwork 489 do. of stonework	
Dharampuri...	10 guntahs or kuttahs deepened and repaired and 1 new kuttai sunk.	1,925	1,200	Water obtained in every case and work done very good.	
Krishnagiri ...	5 Guntahs or Kuttahs deepened and repaired.	950	294	Earthwork 7,834 cubic yards; out-turn of work unsatisfactory, but very hard soil worked.	
	New Wells sunk.			Removal of prickly-pear, 3,860 square yards; earth work, 1,726 cubic yards; stone work, 67 cubic yards.	
Oosoor ...	7 wells sunk	1,025	565	Earthwork 4,611 cubic yards.	
Dharampuri...	3 do.	550	263	Do. 777 do.	
Krishnagiri ...	4 do.	450	139	Do. 1,109 do.	

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		VII. Wells deepened and repaired.	RS.	RS.	
Oosoor ...	19 wells improved	...	1,713	1,221	Earthwork, 11,922 cubic yards; stone-work, 180 cubic yards. In all but three cases a good supply of water was found.
Dharampuri ...	19 wells improved	...	3,355	1,481	4,364 cubic yards of earthwork.
Krishnagiri ...	19 wells improved	...	1,940	757	2,732 do. do. 303 cubic yards of stonework.
		VIII. Improvement of Village Sites.			
Oosoor ...	15 village sites have been improved.		2,790	2,510	Streets have been repaired, prickly-pear (by order of Collector) removed; pits filled up, market places levelled and improved, &c. No prickly-pear has been removed since receipt of Government Order, No. 2,048, dated 15th December 1876.
Dharampuri ...	10 village sites have been improved.		2,200	960	Do. do.
Krishnagiri ...	19 village sites have been improved.		2,050	1,671	Do. do.
		Total...	73,898	23,015	

(Signed) F. WILKINSON,
Acting Sub-Collector.

(True Copy.) (Signed) C. T. LONGLEY,
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SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

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(True Copy and Extract.)
(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 985. ORDER THEREON, 31st January 1877, No. 454.

Miscellaneous.

The Government are gratified at receiving so satisfactory a report of the work done in the Salem sub-division.

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

To the Financial Department.
" the Public Works Department.
" the Accountant-General.
Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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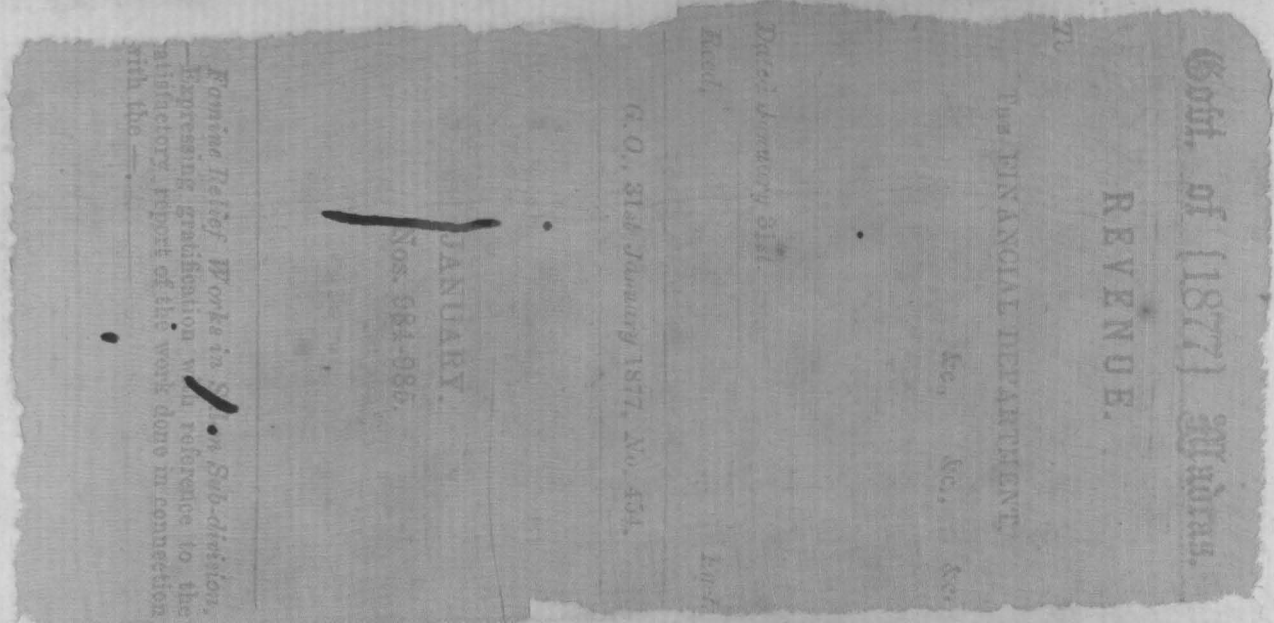
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W. H. H. H.

Acting Secretary.

To The Additional Secretary to Govt. Sd.
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