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Revenue DEPARTMENT

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Famine Relief.

No. 124. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th January 1877, No. 300 :—

Read the following letter from J. G. HORSFALL, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 16th January 1877, No. 14 :—

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th ultimo, No. —, I have the honor to state that, having called on the District Engineer, Head Assistant Collector, and the Deputy Collector on General Duties to furnish me with a list of works, &c., which may be selected by them as relief-works, I have just now received the accompanying communication from the last-named officer.

2. As a beginning and as a test of the real condition and wants of the people, I have authorized the Deputy Collector to commence the repair of drinking-water ponds in the Trinomallai Taluq at once. I have also in the mean time called upon the District Engineer to furnish me with estimates for the repairs to irrigation works proposed by Sri Baliah, so that, should necessity arise, these also may be put in hand.

3. I have deferred the adoption of road works as relief measures pending further experience and information as to the necessity of employing labor on so large a scale.

4. I have requested the District Engineer to furnish me with an outline map of the district, and will submit the same to the Board on receipt.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From C. SRI BALIAH, Deputy Collector on General Duties, South Arcot, to J. G. HORSFALL, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, dated Trikalore, 12th January 1877, No. 24.

In obedience to your requisition in letter, No. 2, dated 5th January 1877, received on the 8th, I have the honor to submit two lists showing the names of villages where drinking-water ponds and irrigation tanks may be repaired under relief operations.

The works relate chiefly to Chengam Division, where, as I have already reported, distress is felt; as to the tanks selected from the other parts of the taluq, which I have however retained in the list, their repairs may be deferred till the necessity for relief operations is felt in those parts.

2. *Drinking-water Ponds.*—The estimated cost of the improvements of ponds is Rupees 5,630-4-0. These estimates were prepared from time to time, but the improvements were not carried out for want of funds.

Irrigation Tanks.—The list of irrigation works has been prepared in communication with the Range Officer. He has not, however, given the amount of outlay required. But to avoid delay I submit the list without the information. I am in correspondence with the Tahsildar and the Range Officer as to the probable amount required, and hope to furnish the information soon. I would, however, roughly fix the amount at Rupees 5,000.

3. *Roads*.—I beg to annex in the margin an extract from a demi-official letter addressed to me on the 1st December 1875 by the Collector Mr. Garstin when he was moving in Trinomallai Taluq. He is of opinion that stones may be had collected by the coolies on the road sides to be afterwards broken and used for metalling the road. About twenty miles of the Salem frontier road lie in the affected parts of Trinomallai Taluq commencing from the 5th mile to the west of Trinomallai as far as Dandamput. The collection of stones at 8 Annas a cubic yard for one mile of road on both sides of it (nearly half, or four annas, is the cost of digging and carting a cubic yard of gravel from a distance of one mile) would occupy 100 able-bodied coolies for 140 days, or nearly five months, and there may be as many such gangs employed as the number of miles of road. Twenty miles would give employment for five months to 2,000 men. The estimated cost is Rupees 35,000. I make this recommendation in deference to Mr. Garstin's instructions. I am, however, anxious that such a large expenditure on roads where the nature of the soil being hard, meets us half-way need not be undertaken in preference to reproductive works.

4. I would also recommend that the Chekkady road, which now stops at Thandraput, be extended to Chinniamput, nine miles in length. The work was sanctioned in G.O., No. 2,396, dated 8th December 1875. The estimated cost is Rupees 6,220.

5. The aggregate sum of money that would be required for relief operations in Trinomallai Taluq is thus Rupees 51,850-4-0 as particularized below:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Drinking-water ponds...	5,630	4	0
Irrigation tanks ...	5,000	0	0
Collecting stones on twenty miles of Salem frontier road ...	35,000	0	0
Extending the Chekkady road ...	6,220	0	0

6. I beg, in conclusion, to add that I have grave doubts whether *bona fide* ryots would come forward and work for cooly. In the famine year 1868 the Chekkady road was taken up under relief operations but I am credibly informed that the ryots refused to work, and that wudders had to be employed. Neither were they to be had without pressure being used. To prevent abuse I would recommend that where the local ryots do not come forward and work in their tanks and drinking-water ponds the work be stopped at once. The professional wudders need not be employed on relief-works. They would find sufficient employment in ordinary repairs to tanks sanctioned in the budget, and, if the Public Works Department Officers can find them no employment, they can be employed in the repairs of certain selected tanks; but as to the drinking-water ponds, I am firmly of opinion that the ryots should be required to work in them exclusively if they are really in need of help.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. G. HORSFALL,
Acting Collector.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 2 and 3.—Lists.

SUBMITTED to Government.

2. Mr. Horsfall's action is approved. He should have the work done by contract or piece-work on the scale adopted by the Collector of Salem, which will be found in a circular in the *Salem District Gazette*. A report of the result of the experiment and whether the classes whom it is desired to relieve have recourse to the work should be submitted in a fortnight.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 125. ORDER THEREON, 5th February 1877, No. 526.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Financial Department.
" the Accountant-General.
" the Public Works Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 25th January 1877.

Read the following

No. 14.

From J. G. Horsfall Esquire
Acting Collector of
South Arcot.

To H. Stokes Esquire
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras.

Sir, With reference to the

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated
31st ultimo No. I have the honor to state
that having called on the District
Engineer, Head Assistant Collector, and
the Deputy Collector on General duties to
furnish me with a list of works &c
which may be selected by them as
relief

Cost of (1877) Madras.
REVENUE.
To THE BOARD OF REVENUE.
Rs. Rs. Rs.
Paid February, 5th.
Rs. 5th February, 1877, No. 596.
FEBRUARY.
Nos. 124-125.
PAID BY RELIEF, No. 380.
Works in South Arcot.—Recording
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue appointing
the Collector in connection with—

relief works I have just now received
the accompanying communication from
the last named Officer.

Copy letter dated 12th
Jan'y '77 with its
enclosures.

2. As a beginning and
as a test of the real condition and
wants of the people I have authorized
the Deputy Collector to commence the repairs
of drinking water ponds in the Trinomalee
Taluk at once. I have also in the
meantime called upon the District Engineer
to furnish me with estimates for the
repairs to Irrigation works proposed
by Sri Poaliak, so that should
necessity arise these also may be put
in hands.

3. I have deferred the
adoption of road works as relief
measures

measures pending further experience and
information as to the necessity of employing
labor on so large a scale.

4. I have requested the
District Engineer to furnish me with an
outline map of the District and will
submit the same to the Board on
receipt.

South Arcot Collector's Office
Cuddalore
16th January 1877

I have seen
J. G. Horsfall
Acting Collector.

Enclosure 1.

No. 24.

T. K. Kalne
12th Jan'y 1877.

From The Deputy Collector
General Duties
South Arcot.
To J. G. Horsfall Esquire
Acting Collector of
South Arcot.

Sir,

In obedience to your requisition
in letter No. 2 dated 5th January 1877
received on the 8th, I have the honor
to

to Submit 2 lists showing the names of
villages where drinking water ponds
and irrigation tanks may be repaired
under Relief operations.

The works relate chiefly
to Chumam Division where as I have
already reported distress is felt: as to
the tanks selected from the other
parts of the Taluk which I have how-
ever retained in the list. Their repairs
may be deferred till the necessity for
relief operations is felt in those parts.

2 Drinking water } The estimated ^{cost} of the
ponds. } improvements of ponds
is Rs 5630-4-0. These estimates were
prepared from time to time but the
improvements were not carried out
for want of funds.

Irrigation

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Irrigation } The list of irrigation
Tanks } works has been prepared
in communication with the Range
Officer. He has not however given
me amount of outlay required. Prompt
to avoid delay, I submit the list
without the information. I am in corres-
pondence with the Tahsildar and the
Range Officer as to the probable amount
required and hope to furnish the
information soon. I would, however
temporarily fix the amount at Rs 5000

" I fear deal
" may be done if
" relief works are
" started by forming
" holes by the road
" sides in heaps ready
" for breaking up
" for mettling the roads.
" If relief works have
" to be started in a manner

3. Roads. I beg to
annex in the margin
an Extract from a
Demi Official letter
addressed to me on
the 1st December 1876
by the Collector Mr.
Ganstin when he
was moving in Indo-
malay Taluk. He is of
Opinion

"and here about this is
" the best way of turn-
" ing the labour of the
" people to account. There
" should be a Camp
" at every 5 or 6 miles where
" food is cooked
" and distributed
" to the coolies and people
" employed on the 3
" miles of road on
" each side of it.
" The stones should
" be piled in a conti-
" nuous heap three
" feet high and starting
" from one mile stone
" one gang of persons
" should work to the
" next mile stone.
" on one side of the
" road and down it
" again on the other.
" The measurement
" would be very
" easy because every

Opinion that stones
may be had collected
by the coolies on the
road sides. to be
afterwards broken
and used for
metalling the road.
About 20 miles of the
Salem frontier road
lie in the affected
parts of Tinomalai
Talug commencing
from the 5th mile
to the west of
Tinnimalai as
far as Sandam-
put. The Collection
of stones at 8
cannas a cubic
yard for one
mile of road
on both sides of
it (near half)

" measuring yard of
" Such a heap would
" be one cubic yard
" so that every mile
" of road would afford
" room for 3,520 cubic
" yards of stones
" which would take 100
" persons working easily
" 140 days to finish.
" A Supervisor would
" be required to note
" the work done daily
" and to pay for it
" in food and to
" mark out with sticks
" and string the man-
" ner and place where
" the stones were to
" be heaped: where
" all the heaping was
" done we might
" let them to work
" with hammers to
" break up the stones

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or 4 cannas to the
Cost of digging and
Carting a cubic
yard of gravel
from a distance
of one mile)
would occupy
100 able bodied
coolies for 140 days
or nearly 5 months
and there may be
as many such Camps
employed as the
number of miles
of road. Twenty
miles would give
employment for
5 months to 2,000
men. The estimated
cost is Rs 35,000
I make this item.
- mandation in
reference to Mr.

"In this way we might
"set metal for the
"whole road from
"Pachel or Menabants
"to this or even beyond
"Collector".

Gardner's instructions.
I am, however, anxious
that such a large
expenditure on
roads, where the
nature of the soil

being hard, must be half way, and
not be undertaken in preference to
reproductive works.

4. I would also recommend
that the Chakkadi road which now
stops at Thundampet, be extended
to Chinncampet 9 miles in length.

The work was sanctioned
in Government order No. 2396 dated
8th December 1875. The estimated
cost is Rs 6220

5. The aggregate sum
of money that would be required
for relief operations in Tinmalay
Taluk.

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Taluk is thus Rs 57,850 - 4 - " as

particularized below.

Drinking water ponds. Rs 5,630 - 4 - "

Irrigation Tanks - Rs 5,000 - "

Collecting stones on 20
miles of Salun Frontier road } Rs 35,000 - "

Satundies } Chakkadi
road } Rs 6,220 - "

6. I beg in conclusion to add
that I have grave doubts whether bona-
fide ryots would come forward and
work for cash. In the famine year
1868, the Chakkadi road was taken up
under relief operations, but I am
credibly informed that the ryots refused
to work, and that oddlars had to be
employed. Neither were they to be had
without possession being used. To prevent
abuse, I would recommend that
where the local ryots do not
come

Come forward and work in their tanks and drinking water ponds, the work be stopped at once. They professional odders need not be employed on relief works. They would find sufficient employment in ordinary repairs to tanks sanctioned in the Budget; and if the D.P.W. Officers can find them no employment, they can be employed in the repairs of certain selected tanks. But as to the drinking water ponds, I am firmly of opinion that the ryots should be required to work in them exclusively if they are really in need of help.

I have read
Sd/- C. Sri Prasad
Sd/- S. S. Anstall Dy. Collector
True Copy

Enclosure 2.

List of irrigation works to be repaired under relief operation in Trinomalai Taluq.

Name of the Village	Description of work	Remarks
1. Thandamput	Repairing the tank bund	
2. Sippandi Nammundal	do	
3. Mounsil Mamsal in the limits of Mounsoomunjalum	do	
4. Odanaga Maday	do	
5. Kulasirupankkum	do	
6. Nariaput	do	
7. Thaliampallam	do the small tank bund	
8. Thandamput	do the tank bund	
9. Soppamandab	do	
10. Pappambady	do	
11. Pirjor Thodlockum - Mamsal	do	
12. Alindal pohim	do	
13. Orattandabady	do the river supply channel	
14. Kallara pad	do	
15. Quilam	do the tank bund	
16. Anatarabam	do	

17. Chingam Poomoor Repairing the tank bund
18. Shela Puma Moor Postmug do
19. Samamur Kudambaneri do
20. Inam Devamandal do
21. Vengaya Velur do
22. Maranandal do
23. Devamandal do
24. Aluthirittampundi do
25. Kulasanada Paravadi do
26. Inam Marandal do the small tank bund
27. Kishori Mungalam do the river supply channel
28. Thamarapankam do the tank bund
29. Vancipooram { Repairing the large tank bund } do small do
30. Allikondaput do the tank bund
31. Sakkarai Mounday do
32. Kattampundi do
33. Poolmizur do the supply channel
34. Kozumput do the tank bund
35. Kuppam Mangal in the do

36. Kavan Mangal in the limits of Kulasanadu Thal { Repairing the tank bund } 536/9
37. Kothundavady do the large tank bund
38. Mangalam do do
39. Anandal tank in the limits of Mangalam { do the tank bund }
40. Inam Palarana Thal do the large tank bund
41. do do the small do
42. Soram May do the tank bund
43. Kulasanadu Thal do the large tank bund
44. do do the small do
45. Korumooringie do the tank bund
46. Yappak Kuru do
47. Vengur do the large tank bund
48. J. Valanatty do the tank bund
49. K. Audaput do the small tank bund
50. Arampu do the tank bund
51. Kelvea Moor do the small do
52. Vannandal tank in the limits of Somalipady { do the tank bund }
53. Vinnomalay do do
54. Gervampundi do do
55. Kariyett do do
56. Kilampundi do do
57. Sivarama do do
58. Kadalaganu Thal do do
59. Thiruvor do

Prithalane
12.2.1907

By C. Sri Baliah
Collector (true copy) Sd/- J. G. Has fall
as collector

Contract or piece work on the scale
adopted by the Collector of Salem which
will be found in a circular in the
Salem Gazette. A report of the result
of the experiment and whether the classes
whom it is desired to relieve have
recourse to the work should be submitted
in a fortnight.

/Done App. & Subst.

Sd. J. E. Stokes
As Secretary.

To The Collector of Sonm. & rest.

/Done App./

To His

As Secretary.

To The Secretary to Government, R. D.

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Nov: 1897: 24th
 2. Dec. 16

Rev. of Mr B. J. of Rev.
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Subscribed to Rev. S. and
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 works.

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 5 Mr. Stenhouse
 6 Mr. Stenhouse
 15 Mr. Stenhouse

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