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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 2nd August 1877.

Read the following letter from H. SEWELL, Esq., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 30th July 1877, No. 266 :—

In continuation of my letter from Iluppur, dated 22nd July 1877, No. 248, I have the honor to report that I have been round inspecting the southern portion of the district. I went over to Cavilputty from Iluppur and thence to Puvalamkurichi, the southernmost village in the district, and returned to Manapari through Puttanattam. The distress in these parts is increasing seriously, and a large number of the cultivating class are out of employment owing to the holding off of the rains. If something is not soon done for them, they will flock into the relief camp for food as they have already begun to do. A large extent of land is covered with cumboo, cholum, and varagu crops, but they are much in need of rains, and are in a most precarious condition. If these are lost altogether it will aggrevate the distress. We have had very partial showers in portions of the district, but although it has been cloudy every evening during the past fortnight, the rains still hold off. I consider therefore that the time has come when it is necessary to open relief works in different parts of the district. In the Iluppur part of the Trichinopoly Taluq, there are repairable tanks which can be put in hand with advantage at once. In the Manaparai part of the Kullitalai Taluq there are one or two tanks, the repair of which would be most useful in the way of keeping down the number of able-bodied destitute poor that resort to the relief camp at Manaparai. As for Udaiyarpalaiyam the Coleroon embankment work would be the best to be put in hand.

2. I would therefore request Board's sanction to the following proposals :—

(1). In the Iluppur Division the Range Officer is now preparing estimates for repair of several small tanks, all of which will be probably under Rupees 2,000, and which I can therefore sanction myself. I request that the Board will be good enough to sanction a camp grant of Rupees 5,000 for this division.

(2). Near Manaparai there is an estimate ready for the repair of Sivalur tank, Rupees 2,280 (estimate enclosed), which I request the Board to sanction. There is another estimate under preparation for the repair of Maravanur tank, about Rupees 1,000, which I can sanction myself, and I shall therefore require Rupees 3,280 for this division.

(3). As regards Udaiyarpalaiyam Taluq there is an estimate already sanctioned by Government in G.O., No. 435, dated 28th February 1877, for widening and strengthening the Coleroon embankment, amounting to Rupees 15,550. Of this, the Local Fund Board have agreed to contribute Rupees 6,400, as the bank will form a most useful road when widened. But this year we have no funds available. I therefore request the Board to place the amount of estimate at my disposal, and if it is thought fit the Local Fund share might eventually be recovered.

3. These works will, I think, be sufficient for the district for the present. I have already addressed the Board on the subject of relief works in Trichinopoly town in my letter of 27th July 1877, No. 253. I would propose, with the Board's sanction, that the works above-mentioned should be carried out under the Revenue authorities with the professional assistance of the Public Works Department officials, who will measure up the work done by the different gangs, and payments will then be made by the Revenue Department calculating the task-work at 50 per cent. of an ordinary fair task in accordance with G.O., dated 21st May 1877, No. 1,788.

4. In order to start these works, I request that the Board will be good to [illegible] have 1,000 pick-axes and 1,000 [illegible] as possible. amount that I request to be placed at my [illegible] as follows:—

	Rs.
For Ilupur	5,000
" Manaparai	3,280
" Udaiyarpalaiyam, Coleroon embankment	15,550
	23,830

Or in round numbers Rupees 24,000.

Enclosure No. 1.—Estimate.

The Board sanction the estimate for the Sivalur tank repairs, amounting Rupees 24,000, and approve the Collector's selection of works and the manner in which he proposes to carry them out except as regards the employment of the paupers from the limits of the town on which subject separate Proceedings have been passed. The Local Fund contribution towards the cost of strengthening the Coleroon embankment must be recovered when funds are available.

2. An allotment of Rupees 24,000 is sanctioned as requested, and an indent for the tools required will be prepared in this office and forwarded to the Superintendent of Public Works Department Workshops, for supply at an early date.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, with estimate returned.
Superintendent, Public Works Stores, with indent.
Copy to the Accountant-General.
" " Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Encl. W. J. Lewis.

Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

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Encl.

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Works — proposed for execution for relief purposes in Trichinopoly District. — Sanctioning an allotment of Rupees 24,000 for — as well as an estimate for Sivalur tank repairs, and forwarding to Superintendent of Public Works Department Workshops for supply an indent for tools required.