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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th February 1877.

Famine Relief.

No. 516A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th February 1877, No. 507:—

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 Salem, 29th January 1877, S.N. No. 473-70.

I HAVE the honor to forward copy of a letter received from the District Engineer here, No. 240, dated 24th instant, regarding taking up the Shevaroy Hills bandy ghaut as a relief work. A copy of my letter to which it is a reply is also sent. The bandy ghaut trace if undertaken would provide labor for a large number of persons for several months, and the work is just the class of work fitted for relief purposes; the District Engineer highly recommends it to be taken up as such. The work would cost Rupees 52,000 according to the District Engineer's estimate. I request that early orders may be obtained from Government in the matter.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, to Major P. MONTGOMERIE, R.E., District Engineer of Salem, dated Salem, 17th January 1877.

As after taking up the repair of many minor irrigation works in the southern taluqs there will still remain work to be provided for large numbers of able-bodied in Salem, Uttengheri, and Trichengode Taluqs, I have the honor to request you will inform me as soon as possible what the probable cost would be of converting the new trace made by Captain Bailey from the "lake" at Yercaud by Bugnion's Saddle to the bungalow at the foot of the Salem ghaut, a distance of thirteen miles.

2. Three years ago the Local Fund Board spent more than Rs. 4,000 on this trace, which I believe to be an excellent one; and were it not for a pit blocked by large boulders of rock extending for about a mile just below Bugnion's Saddle and the cost of blasting, which would be Rupees 6,000, which sum Government in G.O., No. —, dated ————, promised to provide, the trace might ere this have been used as a bridle-path. There is no doubt that a ghaut fit for wheeled traffic would tend immediately to open up the Shevaroy Hills and stimulate trade, and confer a lasting improvement on one of the sanitaria of Southern India. I believe it is only the difficulty and cost of getting materials up the ghaut which has retarded building enterprise on these hills. I request you will give me early information on the following points:—

(1.) Probable cost of converting present trace into a carriage road 18 feet wide.

(2.) Facilities for camping the coolies, water-supply, &c.

(3.) What supervision would be available? On a work requiring so much engineering skill, a special officer with some sappers to assist would be very necessary.

3. I would suggest cooly camps being formed (1) at the head of the ghaut near the lake, (2) at Bugnion's Saddle where there is a large plateau with plenty of water, and (3) at the foot of the ghauts.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) T. PRITCHARD,
Deputy Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From Major P. MONTGOMERIE, R.E., District Engineer, Salem, to C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, dated Salem, 24th January 1877, No. 240.

IN reply to your letter, S.N. No. 271, dated 17th instant, regarding the opening out of new trace for a cart road up the ghaut to Yercaud, I have the honor to inform you that Captain

Bailey's estimate for the removal of rock and opening out the existing trace to a width of two yards amounted to Rupees 6,190.

2. The cost of opening out the whole of the thirteen miles of the trace to a width of six yards would probably be about Rupees 4,000 per mile or Rupees 52,000, and this would give employment to about 4,000 people for six months.

3. The village of Kondapanaikenputty at the foot of the ghaut is plentifully supplied with water from wells, and there would be no difficulty in camping half of the coolies employed on the work near this village. The remainder of the coolies would most probably consist of hillmen who are already housed on the top of the hills.

4. Half a company of sappers under an Engineer Officer would be all the extra supervision required besides the district staff, and these could be encamped on Bugnion's Saddle, where there is a large plateau with plenty of water.

5. I request you will be so good as to let me know as soon as possible if it is your intention to carry out the work as a famine relief, as it will be necessary for me to make immediate arrangements for collecting blasting and other tools.

6. I learn that the planters are paying off their hill laborers, and if it were only to give these people employment and thus prevent them from swelling the ranks of the people to be relieved on the plains, I would strongly recommend the commencement of this work at once.

7. The whole ghaut has been accurately traced from beginning to end, and I need not point out how much more satisfactory and profitable this work would be as a famine relief than attempting to undertake the wonderful projects suggested by H. S. Thomas, Esq., in his letter printed with the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 3,020, dated 30th November 1876; or even that masterpiece of hydraulic engineering on the Vaniar proposed by your Head Assistant, for which neither plans, levels, nor data of any sort have been collected.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) T. PRITCHARD,
Dy. Collector, for Collector.

SUBMITTED for favorable consideration of Government.

2. The work would be a very useful one, and would provide employment for the people from three taluqs in the plains besides the hill coolies.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 516B. ORDER THEREON, 15th February 1877, No. 695A.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government entirely disapprove of the Shevaroy Hills Bandy Ghaut being taken up as a famine relief work.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Accountant-General.
Exd. A. F. Goodall.

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Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 6th February 77

No 5 to 473/50 Read the following

From

The Collector of Salem

To The Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Madras.

Sir

I have the honor to forward copy of letter received from the District Engineer here No 249 dated 24th Instant, regarding taking up the Shevaroy Hills Bandy Thank as a Relief work. A copy of my letter to which it is a reply is also sent. The Bandy Thank if undertaken would provide labour for a large number

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Govt. of {1877} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated February, 15th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 15th February 1877, *No.* 695A.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 516A-516B.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 529A.

Shevaroy Hills Bandy Thank.—Disapproving of the — being taken up as a famine relief work.

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obt. Servant
Signed C. J. Longley
Collector.

Salem Collector's Office
Salem 29th January 1877

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I have &c
(Signed) C. J. Langley
Collector

(True Copy)
(Signed) J. Pritchard
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the Value prepared by
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in which neither Plans
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have been Collected -

Chairman

Signed P. Montgomerie Major R.E.
District Engineer

/ True copy /
/ Signed / J. Pritchard
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Ag. Secretary

To The Additional Secy to Govt
Revenue Department

Revenue Department.

No. 349

From Rev Bd

Dated Feb: 6th 1877.

FOR ORDERS.

Some entire Sheets of this work - Has the Board taken up and undealt of the Sheets to accompany Tables to accompany Handbook - I much of it is too heavy work for farmers - but Superintendent of Census Bulletin for

FOR ORDERS.

Sheriff's Office Hants.

Dept. C.D. 8-6-75/4/77

Lieut. W.I. 12-7-77

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