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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

Revenue DEPARTMENT

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Famine Relief.

No. 104-A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th February 1877, No. 883 :—

In acknowledging receipt of Board's Proceedings, dated 12th January 1877, I regret to observe that the Board have disallowed a very large number of relief works which I proposed for immediate execution. I have now the honor to submit a list of the works so disallowed with my remarks against some of them, showing their necessity and desirability. You will observe that some of the works in question have already been sanctioned, and the amounts entered in the list submitted with my letter referred to at the head of the Proceedings under reply were merely *additional* allotments required to complete them, while others have been undertaken in anticipation of sanction in order to provide relief in places where it was emergently required, and they are either almost finished or in so advanced a stage that it would be a waste of money to abandon them. It is therefore now very inexpedient to stop such works. From my remarks against some of the roads not approved of by the Board, you will see that they have been already proposed or contemplated by the Local Fund Board of this district; but for want of funds their undertaking was left in abeyance. I agree with the Board that the future maintenance of these roads is a matter for consideration. But as I observed above, the Local Fund Boards were prepared to maintain them sooner or later when funds become available. The question of a system of tolls on all the great trunk roads in the district is one that undoubtedly will very soon have to be taken up, and by its introduction on the main lines of traffic, the Local Fund Board will receive such an increase to its annual income as will provide for the upkeep of the new roads now proposed. I beg to assure the Board that none of them are what have been termed "fancy roads" devised merely for the sake of local convenience or to find work for the people engaged on their construction. Every one of them is road that is really required by that portion of the community that will use it, and also be generally advantageous. I therefore earnestly beg that the Board will be good enough to sanction the works now again applied for to the extent shown in the margin as will be seen from the accompanying statement.

	Rs.
1. Chittoor	23,900
2. Palmanair	3,300
3. Venkatagherrikota Division	14,000
4. Arcot	14,000
5. Gadiattum	2,000
6. Wallajah	11,000
7. Tirtani	2,000
8. Chendragherri	8,000
9. Kalastri	2,000
Total ...	80,200

2. As regards the minor works entered in the accompanying list and which were also disallowed by the Board, I beg to say that most of them are either completed or in an advanced state. I have ordered the latter class of works to be stopped at once, and a statement showing the expenditure incurred thereon and on the completed minor works will be submitted to the Board for their orders.

3. Immediately on receipt of the Board's Proceedings under reference, I issued orders to the Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars to prepare and submit estimates for

the collection and storage of metals for the repair of existing roads and in the Chendragherri Taluq and Karvetinugger Zemindari to put the work in hand at once.

...sq., Collector of North Arcot, dated Kanepett, 25th January 1877, No. 6.

THE Chendragheri Taluq Acting Tahsildar reports in his arzi, No. 21, dated 22nd instant, that the road from Damalchervoo to Mogarala already sanctioned as a relief work has been neraly finished and will probably be completed within two or three weeks more. When this work is finished, the relief coolies have no other work in that part of the taluq, and will, unless employed, suffer much for want of means of livelihood. I learn that this part of the taluq is hilly, and almost all the lands are dry, and there are very few irrigation works, such as tanks, wells, and channels, which might be undertaken as relief works.

2. The Tahsildar in the above arzi strongly recommends the extension (as a relief work) of the road from Mogarala to Mungalapenta in Pulicherlapolliam, the frontier village of the Cuddapah District. This road will be very useful, and will give relief to the coolies.

3. The Tahsildar roughly estimates the cost of this line at Rupees 8,000.

4. I am informed that the Local Fund Board once proposed to construct this road from Local Funds, and were only deterred from doing so by want of the necessary funds.

5. For the above reasons I strongly recommend that the above road be ordered to be taken up, and request that you will sanction its construction in anticipation of the sanction of Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. S. WHITESIDE,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—List.

WITH reference to the explanation furnished in the foregoing letter and by Mr. Whiteside in conference with the Board, they withdraw their objections to the road works specified in the list enclosed, of which six have already been approved. But it must be understood that the works are not sanctioned pending the submission of estimates, a formality which it appears from separate Proceedings cannot be dispensed with, the sums entered for works in previous lists having been found in several cases insufficient.

2. Mr. Whiteside will, therefore, cause estimates to be prepared for all works in the list for which estimates have not hitherto been prepared and sanctioned and submit to the Board those which are beyond his own competence to sanction under the rules.

3. The clearances of prickly-pear to which the Board objected are again included in the list, and must be disallowed. With regard to the lump allotments for works of water-supply, it has already been pointed out that they are unnecessary, and the course to be followed has been indicated in Board's Proceedings, dated 12th January 1877. The Collector may sanction under the rules any works of water-supply which appear to him urgently required. The proposed grants for the Government garden at

Chittoor and for topes (Items 19, 20, and 117) are also disallowed. Lump allotments for tools need not be specially sanctioned.

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Chittoor	1	13,000	Palmanair ...	32	200
	3	3,500		36	1,500
	4	4,000		39	1,200
	5	3,000		51	400
	15	300			3,300
	...	23,800	Gudiattum...	103	2,000
Venkatagherrikota	82	14,000	Tirtani ...	129	2,000
Arcot	92	7,000	Kalastri ...	130	2,000
	93	2,000			
	95	5,000	Chendragherri	131	8,000
		14,000	Total ...	...	80,100
Wallajah... ...	119	3,000			
	122	8,000			
		11,000			

4. The items specified in the new recommendations, and to which, subject to the preparation and submission of estimates, the Board's objection is now withdrawn. The Collector will be good enough to see that in future no work is started until estimate for it has been passed by proper authority. The amount is 80,100 Rupees, a work in Chittoor which the Collector can sanction being omitted.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 104-B. ORDER THEREON, 2nd March 1877, No. 910-A.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government approve of the execution of the nineteen roads detailed in paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings. Item No. 1 being estimated to cost more than 10,000 Rs., its commencement is sanctioned, subject, as in the case of the works sanctioned by the Board, to the submission of a regular estimate.

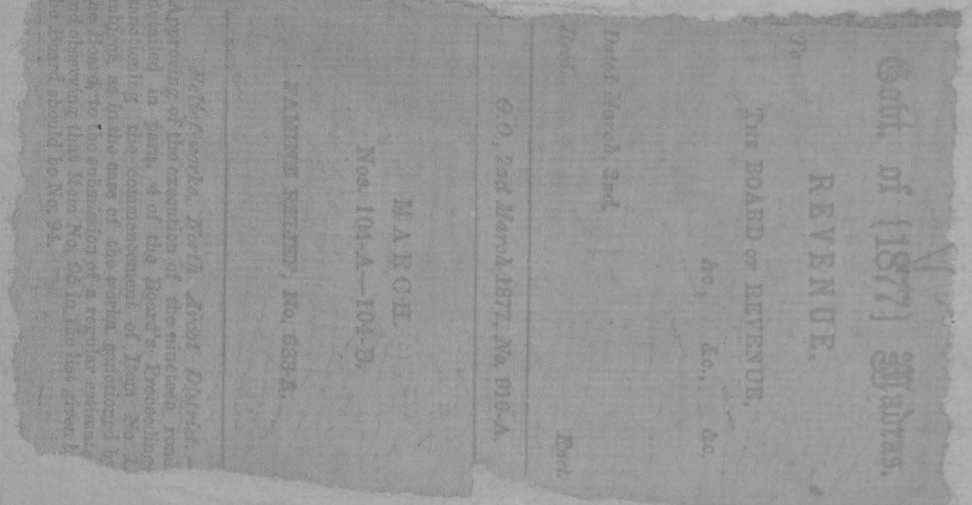
2. It is observed that Item No. 95 in the list given by the Board should be No. 94.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Ext. L. F. Zephir.


Govt. of (1877) Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 3rd.

Rect.

Read

G.O, 2nd March 1877, No. 916-A.

MARCH

Nos. 104-A—104-D.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 633-A.

Revenue department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 26th February 1877

Read the following.

No 72

Bd of R. No. 1591

From

W. S. Whiteside Esquire

Member of both Board

To

H.L. Stokes Esquire

Ag Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Madras.

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1 Chittoor — Rs 23900.
2. Palamaner — 3300
3. Vincatagheri
- Kolar Division — 14000
4. Arnee — 14000
5. Gudiattam — 2000
6. Vellagal — 11000
7. Lotani — 2000
8. Chendragheri — 8000
9. Kalastri — 2000

Total Rs 80200

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Sd. H. S. Whiteside
Collector

North and Collection Office
Paiyanur 2nd February 1873

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With reference to the explanation furnished in the foregoing letter, and by Mr Whiteside in conference with the Board, they withdraw their objections to the road works specified in the list enclosed, of which six have already been approved. But it must be understood that the works are not sanctioned pending the submission of estimates, a formality which it appears from experience proceedings must be dispensed with, the sums entered for works in previous lists having been found in several cases insufficient.

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	Item	Amount
Chittoor	1	18000
	3	3500
	4	40000
	5	3000
	15	800
		23800
Pelmanair	32	200
	36	1500
	39	1200
	51	400
		3300
Venkatagirikota	92	14000
Arcot	92	7000
	93	2000
	94 95	5000
		14000
Gudiattam	113	2000
Wallajah	119	3000
	122	8000
		11000
Tirtani	129	2000
Kalastri	130	2000
Chendragiri	131	8000
	Total	80100

4. The items specified in the margin are those which the Collector now recommends and to which subject to the preparation and submission of Estimates, the Board's objection is

is now withdrawn. The Collector will be good enough to see that in future no work is started until estimate for it has been passed by proper authority. The amount is 80100 Rs, a work in Chittoor which the Collector can sanction being omitted.

I have &c
(Sd.) H.L. Stokes
Secretary

To
The Collector of North Arcot
(True copy)

To Executive
Secretary

To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

With &c Copies of 2 enclosures

Enclosure in Board's
Proceedings of the
Govt. Secy. to Govt.
Revenue (Salt) dated 21/Jan/
No
Fin
7945
Fa. 2nd March 1921
Supplemental Estimate
Relief works proposed
for the District of
North Arcot.

constantly thronged by crowds of stranger and for whose conveyance roads are much required. The Kalastri Rajah is so anxious that the work should be thoroughly carried out that he is himself aiding in its execution by employing relief coolies himself to dig and collect gilly from the bed of the Lunawanicki river to be taken to the starts of the Lower and he will undoubtedly be much discouraged if the work is summarily disallowed.

The necessity for this work was admitted by the Local Fund Board in their Minutes of Proceedings dated 28th September 1876 - Specially sanctioned vide Colombo letter from Head Assistant Collector just received No 6 dated 20th January 1877. This is a continuation of Road from Dangalle to Matara No 22 sanctioned in Bs proc d/20th November 1876 No 3024 which work is now approaching completion.

6 Lendra 131 = 9 horry	Road from Magarala to Mongala = penta about 10 miles	8000	"	of which the amount of works now again recommended is Rs 8000-
135	Tools and plant	2000	"	of which the amount of works now again recommended is Rs 8200.
136	For providing water supply if necessity arises	5000	"	
		15000	"	
	Grand Total	188100	"	

Signed W S Wheeside
Collector.

True Copy

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Secretary

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123	Clearance of prickly pear in Ranepet	250 " "		
127	Clearance of wells and ponds in case of necessity	5000 " "		
128	Tools and plant	2500 " "		
		29750 " "		of which the amount of works now again recommended is Rs 11000
129	Road from Arcot Kuppam to Kavakamma Chuttrum 3 miles	2000 " "		This was also sanctioned in the above Proceedings and under the same circumstances. It is now in Progress and Rs 1721 expended thereon up to 26th January - Vide Relief Report. The length and amount of this work as herein given are correct. The same were wrongly given in the former list by a mistake. This work may therefore be completed. It very difficult in the Tuttani Division.
	Tools and Plant	500 " "		of which the amount of works now again recommended is Rs 2000
		2500 " "		
Kalastri Zamindari.	130 Improvement of roads in the town of Kalastri	2000 " "		This is a work urgently required. The Local Fund Board have long recognized its necessity. They provided Rs 2000 from the available funds of the current year and it is now being carried out. But for the completion of the main roads for which the Local Fund Board's grant was wholly insufficient this provision was made. It will be money very well laid out. for it will provide employment at a very critical time for a large number of people now in want of work and in a town the constant

Wallajah 119	Continuing the road from Sholin-ghur Railway Station to Ma-hendrawadi up to the Palaur Station on the Conjeeveram Rail-way in a line crossing the road from Nagavedu to Cheranai at Wenilli a distance of about 12 miles Additional allotment required	3000	This work was sanctioned in Board's Pro: dated 30th Novem-ber 1876 No 3024 and the original allotment was 5000 Rupees. The sum of 3000 Rs herein entered is additional allot-ment required. Rs 1396 have already been expended upon this work up to 26th January vide Relief Report. The work cannot therefore be discontinued. I have accordingly directed its progress. The additional allot-ment may under these circumstances I strongly recommend be sanctioned.
120	Road from Amadana Chettanum to Sholinghur Railway Station a wet cultivation	6000	I am very sorry indeed to have to give up this road. It is a short cut and direct feeder to the Railway as a glance at the Map will shew. There would be much traffic along it.
121	Road from the Ponnai road to join the Sholinghur and Arcot Road 7 miles hilly in parts	500 .. .	
122	Road from Arconum to Trittani about 9 miles stony hilly ground difficult country	8000 .. .	This work was sanctioned in Board's Pro: dated 9th January 1877 especially for Relief in the Trittani Division of Kavadi Zemindari where no other works can be undertaken by Govern-ment. The work has been commenced and is now in progress at both ends (viz near Arconum and Trittani) It may be continued.

102	Tools and Plant	3000	
		23500	of which the amount of works now again recommended is Rs 14,000.
Gudiatham 103	Road from Trivellum Railway Station to Kilimimmul 2½ miles Railway feeder and to the Casuarina plantation (Channels have to be bridged and much sand removed therefore rather expensive)	2000	A most valuable work, it was already commenced in anticipation of sanction and is nearly approaching completion. Rs 1000 have already been expended up to the 26th January. To stop work now would be a waste of the money already spent. I have therefore directed its continuance, This work may therefore I recommend be sanctioned.
104	Road from Lalapett to Bathanapalli the commencement of the Nayakanari ghaut nearly four miles	1000	
105	Road from Gudiatham via Melpatti Station to Tuttipet Railway feeder 17 miles	9000	
111	Clearance of wells and ponds if necessity arises	5000	
	Tools and Plant	2000	
		19000	of which the amount of works now again recommended is — as Rs 2000.
Kangundy 115	Road from Kuppanur to Kangundy 7½ miles very bad country.	7000	
116	Wells	2000	
117	Topes	1000	
118	Tools and Plant	1000	
		11000	

93.	Road from Kalavai to Valapan-dal a Village on the South-Western extremity of the Great Jaffna Tank of about 11 miles (additional allotment	2000	
94	Road from Chuckkrammulloor to Elepai – 10 miles. There is now a cart track	3000	..
	There is a road to Chukkramalloor from Arcot. This road would at Elepai, meet a road in the Conje-veram Taluq		
96	Do. Kalavai to Meranam 3 miles easy track much wanted	1500	..
101	Clearance and improvement of ponds and wells in Arcot Taluq if necessity arises	5000	..

in Board's Proceedings dated 30th November 1876 No 3024. A sum of 5000 Rs was originally allotted. This 7000 Rupees was required as an additional allotment. Up to 26th January Rs 1283 have been expended. I have ordered the stoppage of further expenditure. The necessity for this work was acknowledged by Local Fund Board in minutes of Proceedings 12th February 1875 and letter to Government 10th May 1876. The further allotment may therefore be sanctioned.

This work was also sanctioned in the above quoted Board's Pro: The additional allotment herein entered may be sanctioned. The original allotment was Rs 2500. Rs 539 expended on it up to 25th January.

The necessity and desirability of making this road was admitted by the Local Fund Board in their Proceedings dated 12th January 1875. It would be especially valuable as connecting the road system of this District with that of Chingleput.

	75	Removing Prickly pear in Ootacamund	100	"	
	76	do Bempalli	100	"	
	77	do Podigalukuppum	50	"	
	78	do Mudiramedoddi	100	"	
	79	Camping ground in Tope at the 119th mile on the Chittoor road (additional)	50	"	
	81	For providing for water when it may hereafter fail by digging wells in Tank beds	5000	"	
		Tools and implements	1000	"	
			13850	"	
Venkatagherikota	82	Naickneri ghaut 19 miles from Bempalli	4000	"	

of which the amount of work now again recommended is Rs 3300.

The desirability of making this road was acknowledged in minutes of Proceedings of Local Fund Board of the 15th February 1875 and in this part of the country no other kind of Relief work can be opened with advantage. Vide also my letter No 673 dated 9th December 1875 para 2. This will be a most valuable line of communication and is needed quite as much as any other that has been recommended. The District Engineer Captain Pennycuick and Colonel Prendergast have each repeatedly impressed on me the advisability of taking it up and as I have stated it is one of Relief works that I especially propose for the Venkatagherikota Division. Its subsequent up Keep can be carried by tolls.

	84	For providing water supply if necessity arises	2000	"	
			19000	"	
Vellore	87	Prickly pear clearance in and around Vellore and up to Central Jail	1000	"	
Arcot	92	Road from Tirupattoor to Mangauta distance of 10¼ miles additional allotment	7000		This work was already sanctioned in

of which the amount of works now again recommended is Rs 11000.

				on to a completion and request sanction. It will be a very useful village road.
39	For making a road from Palmanair to Thavadapalli Samudrapalli and Kotoor for 5 miles	1200	" "	The above remark apply to this work also. The isopenditure up to 26th January is Rs 1,473.
51	A new well in bed of large tank at Palmanair	400	" "	Palmanair town, the Board are aware is now suffering terribly from want of water the scarcity of which has been felt since May last. This well is very urgently requierd.
53	For removing Prickly pear in Kodapanatham	200	" "	
54	Do Balupalli	200	" "	
55	Do Pattikonda	200	" "	
56	Removing Prickly pear in Rengaragunta (additional)	100	" "	
57	Do Beripalli	50	" "	
58	Do Kottapalli	100	" "	
59	Do Bommadevali	50	" "	
60	Do Mosilimadugu (additional)	100	" "	
61	Do Mottigapalli	50	" "	
62	Do Thondapalli (additional)	200	" "	
63	Do Irugaveram (additional)	50	" "	
64	Do Kollupalli	100	" "	
65	Do Morleru	100	" "	
66	Do Koormayi	150	" "	
67	Do Merami	100	" "	
68	Do Melmoyi	150	" "	
69	Do Vurdimayanikichipalli	100	" "	
70	Do Mamadugu Agraharam	100	" "	
71	Do Nallipadla	50	" "	
72	Do Kalvasanapalli	200	" "	
73	Do Gollapalli	100	" "	
74	Do Marmivaru	50	" "	

	20	Forming a Tope on Chasi's Hill	300	Money for this will be at once provided out of Jungle Conservancy Fund.
	23	Removing Prickly pear throughout the Taluq	2000	
	24	Purchase of tools &c.	2000	
	25	To provide for additional water supply if water fails hereafter	1000	
			5,1500	Of which the amount of work now again recommended is Rs. 23,900.
Palmanair	27	For repairing the road to the Civil Dispensary including a tunnel	150	
	32	For constructing a tunnel under the road at Pungaragunta small tank	200	The Board have sanctioned Item No. 31 entered above this work, which provides for widening of the road forming the bund of this tank While widening the road on bund the reconstruction of the former Tunnel which is extremely narrow and situated at the corner of the Tank is indispensably necessary. In fact this work is really a component part of that provided for in Item No. 31 and unless sanctioned the improvement will be incomplete
	34	For making a road from Luckanapalli to Kuruda Hill and adjacent Villages (5 miles)	1500	
	36	For continuing the Nallagunlapalli Village road to Thondapalli and from Thondlapalli to join the Kolakatoor road 7 miles	1500	This work which was commenced in anticipation of sanction has now nearly approached completion A sum of Rs. 1699 has already been expended on this as well be seen from the Progress report for the week ending 26th January. To stop it now, because the Board have not sanctioned, it would be a waste of money already expended thereon. Iam therefore carrying it on

Supplemental List of Relief Works proposed for the District of North Arcot.

Taluq		Description of work	Amount	Remarks.
		(for as per list submitted with Collector's letter No. 579 of 23 Dec 1876)		
Chittoor	1	Road from Ponnai to Kotarlapalle 8½ miles	13000	The necessity and desirability of making the road was acknowledged by the Local Fund Board - Vide minutes of Proceedings of 10th May 1875 and Letter to Government of 10th May 1876.
	2	Cross road to join Valloor and Gudiattam roads via Chithapara from Pennathoor to Paradarami 15 miles exclusive of tunnels	15000	
	3	Road from Venkatagherry to Arugonda 6 miles	3500	These roads are really greatly required. They open up an important part of the country which is at present unprovided with lines of communications and are works that the Local Fund Board contemplated carrying out at some future date.
	4	Do from Arugonda to join Irala road 7 miles	4000	
	5	Do from Irala to join Cuddapah road near Puttoor 5 miles	3000	
	6	Road from Ponnai road junction to to join trunk road near Mutharasankuppam 8 miles	4000	
	7	Do from Judamari to Koppalaguruvapalli via Choultry to join Palmanair road 5 miles	3500	
	8	Sinking 4 wells by the side of Kotarlapalle road for the protection of avenue trees	400	
	15	Causeway across the Chittoor river to Southapet	300	This is a work greatly required and which will be a boon to the Town people of Chittoor and Southapet its chief suburb and the District Engineer says will also form an excellent Relief work. The sum required is small.
	16	Improving a Kasame in Mittoor	100	This is to provide water supply to Mittoor a suburb of Chittoor. Want of water is very much felt now in the Town. It is highly advisable to clear out and deepen this Spring Channel.
	19	Do Government Garden at Chittoor	400	