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Famine Relief.

No. 178. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd February 1877, No. 789:—

Read the following letter from MAHOMED GUTTALAH, Acting Deputy Collector, to C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, dated Comarapolliem, 12th February 1877, No. 30 S.N.:—

I HAVE the honor to submit my report on the progress of State relief works in the Namkul Division up to the end of January last.

2. Owing to the deficient rain-fall in both the monsoons the crops began to wither, and the condition of the division became critical, especially in Trichengode taluq, the cultivation of which is mostly dry; the distress exhibited itself in several parts of the above taluq in October, and in the following month it became widespread throughout the division. The Local Fund Board placed at my disposal a sum of Rupees 2,050 for the improvement of water-supply, as there was scarcity of water everywhere; but this amount was soon expended, and the small relief thus afforded to the villagers, who were generally employed in deepening wells, was found insufficient, and the poor needed more help. Relief works were soon proposed at those parts where the distress was severely felt.

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* Trichengode	33,100.	Rupees 46,220* were sanctioned for the
Namkul	13,120	two taluqs as noted in the margin, wherein
Total	46,220	relief works were opened on the 14th
		December. Forty-nine and-a-half miles of

new roads in Trichengode and twenty-two miles in Namkul were taken in hand, as also the repair of two large irrigation works, viz., Avaniperoor and Serukkalay tanks, which had breached in the cyclone of 1872, were undertaken.

3. By the end of January the earthwork of twenty-five miles of new road in Trichengode and ten miles in Namkul was complete, and required only tamping; metals are being heaped up on the sides; bandies now can pass over them easily. The average cost of per mile of road thus complete was Rupees 213 in Trichengode and Rupees 223 in Namkul, which may be considered satisfactory. An improvement is being made to the existing sixteen miles of Local Fund road between Senkerri and Poolamputty.

4. One hundred and seventy-three wells have been deepened in 150 villages, and fifty-three village sites improved. I am glad to say that water-famine has greatly abated. In the cusbash of Trichengode, the Shandy Teppacolam (pond) upon which the whole population (6,535) is entirely dependent for water-supply was deepened and the springs opened. It is intended to deepen it more as its water is used for all purposes.

5. The Kamalalayam pond in the Namkul town which seldom dried entirely failed this year. Six large square wells, provided with steps, were immediately sunk in the bed for different castes of people and for cattle. The springs are beautiful, and it has now sufficient supply of water, not only for the inhabitants but also for the considerable number of travellers and cattle that frequently pass by the trunk road, close to which the pond is situated.

6. The large Teppacolum pond at Shendamungalam, the largest town in this division containing a population of 11,783, is now being deepened.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th March 1877.*

7. The execution of repair to the above two irrigation works referred to in paragraph 2 was in the hands of Revenue Department up to the 18th January, when it was handed over to the Public Works Department on the completion of almost all the earthwork to the tank bund; the rest consists of skilled labor and requires more professional supervision.

8. The task-work system was introduced from 12th January and has reduced a large number of idlers, who finding it difficult, have gone back to their homes to live upon their own resources.

9. On the 22nd December village centres were formed to afford gratuitous relief to infirm and aged and ceased by the end of this month, relief camps having been established in principal places. Out of a grant of Rupees 3,500, a sum of Rupees 2,385 was expended on this relief.

10. I have inspected all the roads, irrigation works, and many of the village relief works and village gratuitous relief centres several times since the opening of the relief works. I made six tours in Trichengode and eight in Namkul between December and January, stopping only six days at the head-quarters.

11. An abstract statement herewith submitted will show in detail the particulars of each description of relief works. Out of the total grant of Rupees 49,720 sanctioned for relief works in this division, Rupees 16,683 were expended up to the last week ended with 27th January. The amount expended on the irrigation works after the 19th January, the accounts of which are sent direct to you by the officers of Public Works Department, is not included in the statement above referred to.

FORWARDED for the information of Government through the Board of Revenue. The work done is satisfactory. The Collector has seen most of the works in this division.

SALEM,
14th February 1877.

(Signed) C. T. LONGLEY,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Statement.

THE report is satisfactory. Good and useful work appears to have been done at a moderate cost.

2. The expenditure on irrigation works should be pushed on in preference to that on roads. Out of Rupees 24,500 sanctioned, only Rupees 5,000 odd had been expended to date of report. There had been an expenditure of Rupees 7,355 on new roads out of a sanctioned grant of Rupees 12,300, but only Rupees 45 had been spent on repair of existing roads out of a grant of Rupees 2,000. The amount expended on gratuitous relief seems high.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th March 1877.*

No. 179.

ORDER THEREON, 6th March 1877, No. 948.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government endorse the Board's commendation of the work done in the Namkul division.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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Revenue Department

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Dated 22nd February 1877.
No. 789:-

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FAMINE RELIEF, No. 663.
Report on progress of Relief Works in the
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General Charge Dy. Colt }
- factors office } (Signed) Mahomed Guttalah
Camp Comarapalline } Acting Deputy Collector
12th February 1877 }

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Director
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To The Additional Secretary to Government
Revenue Department with Copy of Statement.

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