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No. 190-A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th March 1877, No. 1,339:—

Read the following letter from H. LEFANU, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, to C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, dated 7th March 1877, No. 362-211 S.N.:—

WITH reference to paragraph 1 of Board's Proceedings, No. 3,244, dated 21st December 1876, I have the honor to state that I have obtained fuller particulars than were available for my last monthly letter with reference to the works sanctioned and in progress in my division.

2. The number of miles of road sanctioned is about thirty-six. The Mallapuram-Kadathur road is about nine miles in length, for nearly the whole length the line has been traced and earthwork is completed for four and half miles. The last week's work represented 1,080 cubic yards of side channel and pit excavation, gravel was dug to the extent of 400 cubic yards, and 9,000 square yards of gravel spread, besides some jungle cleared, &c. 257 males, 401 females, and 14 children were employed. The estimate for this road has not yet been sanctioned and has only just been received. The amount sanctioned to date is Rupees 3,100, and the expenditure reported is Rupees 2,877. This is not the full amount, as I believe that work to the value of a thousand rupees more has been done in addition to the above, and in my letter, No. 328-183, dated 3rd March 1877, I applied for a further sum of Rupees 1,000.

3. The sum at my disposal for the Mallapuram-Darampuri road to date is only Rupees 2,000, as the Revenue Department are only to make the road to the foot of the ghaut on the Vattthalamalai, or some three and half miles. About two miles have been put in progress, and the third mile is traced. The earthwork for a mile is completed, and the number on the work as last reported was 39 men, 56 women, and 11 children. 456 cubic yards of pits and side channels, 50 cubic yards of gravel, 200 square yards of spreading gravel, and 10 cubic yards of boulder removed is the total of last week's works. Rupees 1,145 are reported as expended to date on this road.

4. The Kunnathur and Karapatt road is estimated for Rupees 1,600, and Rupees 1,050 has been expended to date. When I visited it last three large gangs were working on it, but the Tahsildar has not reported the number last working on the road. The last week's work was reported at 375 cubic yards of gravel dug, 44 cubic yards of earthwork, and 8,187 square yards of gravel spread.

5. The Poder and Ananthur has had a sanction of Rupees 1,300, and Rupees 800 have been expended to date. He has also omitted to report the number working on it. When I last saw it there was some five or six large gangs on the work besides some weaker persons whom I eliminated and sent to a village relief work more suited to their strength. The earthwork is done for about three miles, and the last week's work was only 30 cubic yards of gravel dug, 55 cubic yards of spreading gravel, 160 cubic yards of side channels, and 12 square yards of undergrowth removed. The presence of cholera in the village of Ananthur has always been an obstacle to work on this road, and my efforts to ameliorate the epidemic were partially frustrated by the obstinacy of the people who objected to the cleaning of their well.

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7th April 1877.*

6. The estimate for the Kammenellur-Irumathur road has not been submitted for sanction yet, and the work is stopped. I have instead started a village relief work, and hope to have the road going soon. Rupees 600 were spent on this road, and the waste owing to careless supervision at the commencement was considerable. The road is about five miles long, and, except a tank-bund in the middle and at the Irumathur end, the earthwork was completed and a considerable portion gravelled.
7. For the Mallapuram-Papireddipatti road as desired by you I recommended a further grant of Rupees 1,000 pending submission of estimate, but Mr. Dawes reports that the sum has not yet been made available from the Treasury. It is very desirable that this should be done. The road is marked out for the full $9\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and is likely to be a most useful work. Rupees 900 is the expenditure to date.
8. The Natrampalli-Pudupett road is so far as earthwork and gravel go completed, excepting the portion which should go over the Agraharam and Natrampalli tank-bund. Owing to the height to which the Public Works Department are raising the former, it will be impossible to take the road over it, and a diversion round the water-spread is necessary. Sixty-nine males, 102 females, and 8 children were employed on it, according to last report the sum sanctioned being Rupees 2,000 and expended Rupees 1,607.
9. Four old roads of lengths from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles are being repaired at a cost of Rupees 1,470, and the cost of a new railway feeder to the Jollapett Station from the trunk road is included in that amount.
10. In the Public Works Department 120 tanks have been sanctioned at a cost of Rupees 64,000 for repair, and the majority have been started and are in full swing.
11. The most important works of all are the village relief works, such as improving village site, water-supply, &c. Of such works, 101 have been sanctioned at a cost of Rupees 5,616, of which 29 to the value of Rupees 1,215 are completed. 404 persons are entered in the last return as employed on these works, but this cannot be correct, as I know from personal observation that in this one town alone some 200 persons are so employed. The Munsifs cannot be sending proper returns to the taluk, and I have sent a reminder to the Tahsildars to see that the orders about sending these returns by special messengers punctually are enforced. On the 28th ultimo I called for specific information as to the works done and number employed from the Tahsildars concerned, and that from Uttankarai has not been received, while I fear that that from Tripatore is inaccurate.
12. The great work of the month was the organizing of the division into relief circles, of which eight have been formed in Tripatore and fourteen in Uttankarai. The villages are being carefully inspected with a view to affording relief by way of village relief works and preparing lists for gratuitous relief. The particulars of this have been communicated to you already, and there is no use in detailing what is the normal course observed through the district. Of the fourteen circles in Uttankarai six are under Mr. Hight and eight under Mr. Dawes, the Temporary Deputy Collector, and in Tripatore three have been placed under Mr. Newman, and five I have kept in my own hands, which, as you advise, I will hand over to the Tahsildar.
13. The camp system is in force at Tripatore and Harur. In the former camp a lingering diarrhoea or dysentery has taken the place of the cholera which prevailed before; but I regret to say that Harur is worse off, and there seems to have been some serious neglect on the part of the officers concerned. I am awaiting the report

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of Mr. Dawes on the subject, and will inform you of what has taken place. One thing is, I believe, proved beyond doubt, namely, that two bodies of cholera patients were buried in the Vaniar from which the towns-people get their water-supply.

FORWARDED through the Board of Revenue for the information of Government.

SALEM,
15th March 1877.

(Signed) C. T. LONGLEY,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. Mr. LeFanu's report produces the impression that he has not got the control of relief works in his division sufficiently in hand.
3. The commencement of organization of village inspection and relief is satisfactory.
4. Inquiry should be made as to the burial of persons who had died of cholera in the river-bed at Harur, and those responsible for an act which might have most fatal consequences should be punished.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 190-B.

ORDER THEREON, 7th April 1877, No. 1,369-A.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Sanitary Commissioner.
" the Financial Department.
" the Public Works Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Department.

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Dated 24th March 1877, No. 1389

Read the following:—

Board's St. 1078. ^{Se No 362} ₂₁₁

From The Agt. Assistant Collector of Salem

To The Collector of Salem.

Sir,

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of (1877) 28 hours.
REVENUE.
AS BOARD OF REVENUE.
Dated April 7th.
G.O. 30th April 1877, No. 1389.
APRIL.
No. 190-A-190-B.
FALGUNE HELLER, No. 910-A.
Works in the Salem, Pond, and
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Salem H. P. Asst. Collector's office } I have &c.
Dated 7th March 1877 } Dy. H. Le. Fane,
H. P. Asst. Collector.

(True Copy) Forwarded through
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Salem } Dy. C. J. Longley
15th March 1877 } Collector

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(True Copy & Extract)

W. C. C. S. S.

Secretary.

To

The Adl. Secretary to Government P. D.

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