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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
26th April 1877.

Famine Relief.

No. 663. Read the following letter from J. G. HORSFALL, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Cuddalore, 13th April 1877, No. 35:—

WITH reference to your circular of the 30th January, calling upon me to institute careful inquiries as to the supply of drinking water in the district, I have the honor to report that, with the exception of comparatively few villages in which scarcity is already experienced, there is no likelihood of a failure of drinking water in the district generally should rain fall within the next two months. At present water is obtained from the beds of rivers, spring channels and wells, tanks and ponds having dried up for the most part throughout the entire district.

2. In the Chedambram Taluq the Coleroon, Vellar, and river channels supply water, and no scarcity is anticipated except in the Bhuvanagiri Division, where it is stated the present supply will not last for more than two months should the rivers not be in fresh. In the Trikalore Taluq also the rivers Pennar, Malattar, and Gadilam supply water to the villages on their banks, and in only two villages is positive scarcity reported. In the Cuddalore Taluq there are the Gadilam and Pennar rivers, as well as the Perumal tank, which now hold nearly two months' supply. The tract to the south-west of the taluq, however, is said to have not more than a two months' supply in the ponds, and pressure will be felt here should rain not fall shortly.

3. The worst parts of the district are the Virdachellam, Kullacoorchi, and Trinomalay Taluqs, and in these scarcity of water has already begun to be felt. The recent rain which fell on the 8th in the taluqs of Tindivanam, Villapuram, and Trinomalay Taluqs relieves me from any immediate anxiety as to them, as though the rainfall was not heavy, it appears to have been pretty general, and would no doubt give some water to the ponds and wells. In the Trinomalay Taluq the deepening and clearing of ponds is being done under relief works, but nothing has been done as yet for the Virdachellam and Kullacoorchi Taluqs; and should the season continue unfavorable, it will, I fear, be necessary to undertake works in these taluqs for the improvement of the water-supply. These taluqs are in the Sub-Collector's division, and a further report has been promised regarding them.

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No. 225, dated 29th March, from Deputy Collector on General Duties.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From S. VENCATASOOBIAH, Temporary Deputy Collector, to J. G. HORSFALL, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, dated Cuddalore, 15th February 1877, No. 23.

WITH reference to circular, No. 407, from the Additional Secretary to Government, I have the honor to submit copy of a report submitted by the Tahsildar of Cuddalore regarding the condition of the supply of drinking water in his taluq. I had visited several villages myself, and I agree with the Tahsildar that difficulty will be felt for drinking water in the western direction if there be no rain within about two months more.

Report of the Tahsildar of Cuddalore with regard to the prospects of Drinking-water Supply.

WITH reference to the circular, No. 47, dated the 30th ultimo, from the Additional Secretary to Government, copy of which was communicated to me with takeed, No. 60, dated the 2nd instant, I beg to submit the following report with regard to the present supply of drinking water and to the future prospects of that supply in Cuddalore Taluq.

2. Scarcity of drinking water is not at present felt in any part of this taluq. The villages situated on both sides of Gadilam and Pennar rivers are fed by the living streams of those rivers. Perumal tank now holds nearly two months' supply of water, and all the villages that are situated below this tank have a good supply of drinking water. The sea-coast villages lying between Madalaput on the north and Andarmullipallam on the south, and also the sandy villages of Thondamanatham, Kudicadoo, &c., have their drinking water from springs and kanies, in which water is available at a depth of 3 or 4 feet below the ground. The villages to the north of the Pennar river and scattered towards the eastern part of the taluq had, besides ponds, the Bahoor and Tiruppanambakam tanks, which are fed by river channels for their drinking water purposes; but owing to the absence of freshes in Pennar river these tanks are quite empty. There is, however, nearly two months' supply of drinking water in many of the ponds belonging to these villages. If the season were to be so bad as it is at present, I apprehend that after the expiration of the next two months scarcity of water will be felt in this tract of the taluq. The same is the case with that tract of the country extending from the Copper Hill on the north to the southern extremity of the taluq, and from the road leading from Cuddalore to Kurinjipady on the east to the western extremity of the taluq. This tract, consisting of low jungles and laterite soils, is on a high level, and is more open to scarcity of drinking water, as all the villages lying within it have to depend solely on their respective ponds. Fortunately the rains of October and November have left a supply of water which will suffice to feed men and cattle for a month and-a-half, or nearly two months more. It is only possible to say after two months hence where the scarcity of water is felt, and if at all we have any apprehension in due course, it must first arise from both the bad tracts above mentioned.

(Signed) C. VENCATARAMIER,
Tahsildar.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From J. THOMSON, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, to J. G. HORSFALL, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, dated 19th February 1877, No. 90.

I HAVE the honor to reply, so far as the taluqs under my charge are concerned, to your footnote, No. 130, to the circular of the Additional Secretary to Government, No. 407, of 30th January last, requiring information as to the present and future drinking-water supply of the district.

2. In Villapuram Taluq I know of the existence of water in only one irrigation tank in Pudupakam, near Vanoor. All others are declared to be dry. In the Puniar (Pennar), where the railway crosses, water is found at a depth of 3 or 4 feet in the sand. The Pillur spring channel (from the Malattar) between Pennar and Villapuram is still running in at least one-half its volume of the month of November. The Pambar is dry 2 miles north of Villupuram; about 3 miles above its junction with the Gingee river in the limits of Mudaliarkuppam, where I was on the 15th, water was running in its bed. In the same quarter there was a rivulet in the Gingee river; the Perini channel, leading off from an anicut above the railway bridge, has some water in it; at the bridge itself there are only pools; at Gingee, I am credibly informed yesterday, there is running water. The Vicravandy river is surface dry at the Railway bridge, and the anicut

channel is, I am told, empty. The Tahsildar states that in no part of his division is the present supply fairly good; the Deputy Tahsildar specifies seventeen large village, situated around Vanoor, where the well and pond supply is fairly good.

3. In Tindivanam Taluq there is water in three or four irrigation tanks in the north-east corner. I have already detailed the condition of the Gingee river. The Killianoor or Kondamur river is dry. In the Thondiar there is a small runnel at the railway bridge and water in the channel led from its anicut above. The Ongur river is dry.

4. In the Merkanum Division the villages in the north and west are fairly supplied; in the southern part the supply is scanty and in ten villages bad. In the main division twenty-two villages east of the Madras and north of the Merkanum roads and in the Gingee Division nine villages in different directions are fairly well off. From Killianoor into the cusbah along and near the roadside there is no water, or only dirty puddles in the ponds. (In the western parts of both taluqs, as you are aware, works for the improvement of pond water-supply are in progress.)

5. From so much as I can learn by reports, oral and written, from my subordinates, the private wells of the villages have for the most part to be trusted to, where the rivers are not adjacent, for the supply of man and beast. It is of course imposible to form an accurate idea of how long, in the event of rain keeping off, the present supply will hold out. The general idea is that where it is fairly good at present it will continue for two months more.

6. In several instances I have to send in estimates presently and ask for sanction and grants to clear and deepen ponds for the use of the travelling community and as work for the villages.

7. The Gingee river along its course will, I think, hold out the longest. In the Pennar's 18 or 20 feet bed of sand water may always be expected to be found if sought for. I cannot speak with certainty of any other portion of the division where, in the event of long drought, water may [illegible] be found in any quantity except at great labor and cost.

ENCLOSURE No 3.

From J. WALLACE, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to J. G. HORSFALL, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, dated Ulundurpett, 22nd March 1877, No. 210.

WITH reference to your letter, No. 130, dated 1st February 1877, I have the honor to state that in Chedambram Taluq the supply of drinking water in almost all the villages is good, having Coleroon, Vellar, and river channels, &c., for their source.

2. In about a hundred villages adjoining Srimushnam, and in about fifty villages to the north and east of Bhuvanagiri, the future prospect of the supply depends upon the floods coming down the Vellar and Coleroon, and the present supply is expected to last for two months to come.

3. In Kullacoorchi Taluq the supply of drinking water and its future prospects appear to be discouraging. Excepting villages on the banks of rivers and jungle streams, of which there are a few in this taluq, the other parts are badly off from want of proper supply. In these villages people depend upon wells, and these wells also would fail ere long. It is reported that should there be no rainfall within the next two months, people will suffer very much from drought.

4. The state of the Virdachellam Taluq as regards water-supply appears not more satisfactory. I will give minute details on the state of this taluq on receipt of a detailed report from the Tahsildar.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.

From J. WALLACE, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to J. G. HORSFALL, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, dated Ulundurpett, 24th March 1877, No. 222.

WITH reference to my letter, dated 22nd instant, No. 210, I have the honor to state that the information from the Tahsildar regarding wells was very defective and unsatisfactory.

2. I have again called upon the Tahsildar for more particulars, which I will furnish when received.

ENCLOSURE No. 5.

From C. SREBALIAH, Deputy Collector, General Duties, South Arcot, to J. G. HORSFALL, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, dated Trikalore, 29th March 1877, No. 225.

Trinomalay Tahsildar's Arzi, No. 116, dated 19th February 1877, with 3 enclosures.
Trinomalay Tahsildar's Arzi, No. 179, dated 16th March 1877, with 4 enclosures
Trinomalay Tahsildar's Arzi, No. 267, dated 28th March 1877, with 1 enclosure.
Trikalore Tahsildar's Arzi, No. 67, dated 10th February 1877.
Trikalore Tahsildar's Arzi, No. 150, dated 18th March 1877, with 9 enclosures.

IN continuation of my letter, No. 86, dated 12th February 1877, and in reference to your Order No. 130, dated 1st February 1877, at the foot of the Government Circular No. 407, dated 30th January 1877, I have the honor to submit reports, as per margin, from the Tahsildars in my division on the subject of water-supply for drinking purposes.

2. At present no absolute difficulty is felt in the taluq of Trikalore except in the two villages of Udappancuppum and Elavathady where all the wells and ponds are dry as ever in the dry season. The ryots fetch water from the adjoining villages, and the Tahsildar is of opinion that no remedy can be applied, as there would be no water even if fresh wells are sunk.

He is not able to state positively as to the future prospects of the water supply in his taluq.

3. In the villages on the banks of the rivers the spring water from them is used generally and in those removed from them; the ponds are generally empty in the two taluqs of my division, and the ryots use the well water for drinking purposes, in some instances fetching the same from the wells out in the fields.

Pennar.
Malattar.
Gadilam.

4. In Trinomalay Taluq there is difficulty of drinking water, present and prospective, in the thirteen villages specified in the enclosed list. In five of them I have already obtained funds for the improvement of water-supply under relief operations, and the work No. 5 is now in progress. For work No. 11 I have already allotted Rupees 145 out of the Budget grant for the current year under Local Funds in anticipation of your sanction, which I have applied for in my letter, No. 149, dated 9th March 1877.

The amount still to be sanctioned on account of the rest of the works is Rupees 1,100, and I beg sanction may be accorded for commencing with them. The amount remaining unappropriated out of the Famine Funds, Rupees 10,000, at my disposal is Rupees 1,216-12-0.

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STATEMENT showing the Villages where difficulty is felt in obtaining drinking water, and the nature of the remedy proposed to be applied in Trinomalay Taluq, South Arcot District.

No.	Name of Village.	Source of Drinking Water.	Condition of Drinking Water source.	Repairs proposed.	Amount of Estimate.	Remarks.
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2	Ramapuram ...	Wells.	Fast drying.	Do.	100	Do. do.
3	Kayemput	Cheyyar river at a distance of half a mile and pond at Chengum.	...	Removing the silt of the pond at Kayemput.	250	Do. do.
4	Puliamputti... ...	Wells and pond.	Fast drying.	Removing the silt of the pond.	150	Do. do.
5	Endel	Well.	Dry.	Sinking a well.	180	Sanctioned in letter, No. 62, dated 16th January 1877.
6	Aransankunni ...	Do.	Fast drying.	Deepening a well.	50	
7	Elunkunny	Wells.	Do.	Do.	140	
8	Manikkul	Do.	Do.	Do.	200	
9	Kurumbaputty ...	Well sunk in a drinking water pond.	Supplies small quantity.	Removing the silt of the pond.	90	
10	Pattikaringalpady.	Wells.	Fast drying.	Do.	130	
11	Kattamaduvu ...	Do.	Do.	Deepening the well.	145	Provided from the Local Funds of 1876-1877.
12	Tambunaikenputty...	Well.	Dry.	Sinking well.	390	People now draw water from a well at Andiput at a distance of one mile.
13	Mothakkel	Do.	Fast drying.	Deepening the well.	100	
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(Signed) C. SREBALIAH,
Deputy Collector.

TRIKALORE,
29th March 1877.

No. 664. ORDER THEREON, 26th April 1877, No. 1,572.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Collector of South Arcot.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Financial Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

Govt. of [1877] Madras

REVENUE.

To

The COLLECTOR of SOUTH ARCOT, &c., &c., &c.

Dated April, 26th.

Read. Encl.

G.O., 26th April 1877, No. 1,572.

APRIL

Nos. 663-664.

FAMINE RELIEF NO. 1,634.

Drinking-water Supply of South Arcot—Recording letter from the Collector reporting on the present and prospective.

SOUTH ARCOT.

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
Cuddalore
13th April 1877

No. 35

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From

J. G. Horsfall Esquire
Ag. Collector of South Arcot.

To

J. H. Garstin Esquire
Additional Secretary to Government
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Sir
Your most obedient Servant
J. G. Horsfall
Actg Collector

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From Acting 7 No 2602

The Collector of

South Arcot.

To The Additional Secretary to Govern=ment Madras.

Dated 13th
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Reporting on the drinking water supply present and prospective of the District.

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Statement showing the villages where difficulty is felt in obtaining drinking water and the nature of the remedy proposed to be applied in Trinomalay Taluq North Arcot District

No.	Name of Village.	Source of drinking water	Condition of Drinking water Source	Repairs proposed	Amount of Estimate	Remarks
1	Anandavady	Pond and odai water	Dry	Removing the silt	250 " "	Sanctioned under your letter No 333 dated 1st March
2	Ramapuram	wells	Fast drying	Do	100 " "	Do Do 1877
3	Kayempet	Cheyyar river at a distance of half a mile and pond at Chengam	"	Removing the silt of the pond at Kayempet	200 " "	Do Do
4	Puliampettu	wells and pond	Fast drying	Removing the silt of the pond	150 " "	Do Do
5	Eendel	well	Dry	Sinking a well	180 " "	Sanctioned in letter No 62 dated 16th January 1877
6	Aravankunni	well	Fast drying	Deepening a well	50 " "	
7	Elumkunni	wells	Do	Do	140 " "	
8	Munnikkal	wells	Do	Do	200 " "	
9	Kurumbapetty	well sunk in a drinking water pond	supplies small quantity	Removing the silt of the pond	90 " "	
10	Patakurungapady	wells	Fast drying	Do	130 " "	Provided from the local funds of 1876-77
11	Kattamadwu	Do	Do	Deepening the well	145 " "	
12	Sambumarakenpetty	well	Dry	Sinking well	390 " "	People now draw water from a well at Kelpet at a distance of one mile
13	Mothakkal	Do	Fast drying	Deepening the well	100 " "	
			Total sum required to be sanctioned		1100 " "	

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No 90 Head Assistant Collector's Office
19th February 1877

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J. G. HORSFALL
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From

J. Thomson Esquire
Ag Head Asstt Collector
South Arcot

To

J. G. Horsfall Esquire
Ag Collector South Arcot

Sir,

I have the honor to reply, so far as the Taluqs under my Charge are Concerned, to your foot note No 130 to the Circular of the additional Secretary to Government No 407 of 30th January last requiring information as to the present and future drinking water Supply of the District.

In Villupuram Taluq I.

2.

Letter No 225
dated 19th
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Notice of the existence of water in only one irrigation tank in Pudupakam near Vanoor. All others are declared to be dry. In the Pennar (Panar) where the railway crosses, water is found at a depth of 3 or 4 feet in the sand. The Pillur Springe Channel (from the Malattar) between Pennar and Villupuram is still running in at least one half its volume of the month of November. The Pambar is dry 2 miles north of Villupuram, about 3 miles above its junction with the Gingee river in the limits of Mudalier = Kuppam where I was on the 15th water was running in its bed. In the same quarter there was a rivulet in the Gingee river, the Per[illegible] Channel leading off from an anicut above the railway bridge has some water in it; at the bridge itself there are only pools; at Gingee I am credibly informed yesterday there is running water. The Varahanady river is surface dry at the Railway bridge and the anicut Channel is I am told empty. The Tahsildar states that in no part of his division is the present supply fairly good; the Deputy Tahsildar specifies 17 large villages situated around Vanoor where the well and pond supply is fairly good.

3 In Tindivanam Taluq there is water in 3 or 4 irrigation tanks

in the north east Corner. I have already detailed the Condition of the Gingee river. The Killiamur or Koudamur river is dry. In the Thondiar there is a small runnel at the railway bridge and water in the Channel led from its anicut above. The Cugar river is dry.

4 In the Merkanam division the villages in the north and west are fairly Supplied, in the Southern part the supply is scanty and 40 villages bad. In the main division 22 villages east of the Madras and north of the Merkanam roads and in the Gingee division 9 villages in different directions are fairly well off. From Killiamoor into the Custah

along and near the road side there is no water or only dirty puddles in the ponds. (In the western parts of both Taluks as you are aware works for the improvement of pond water supply are in progress).

5. From so much as I can learn by reports oral and written from my Subordinates the private wells of the villages have for the most part to be trusted to, where the rivers are not adjacent, for the Supply of man and beast. It is of Course impossible to form an accurate idea of how long in the event of rain keeping off the present Supply will hold out. The general idea is that where it is fairly good at present it will

Course for 2 months more.

6. In several instances I have ~~to~~ send in estimates presently and ask for sanction and grants to clear and deepen ponds for the use of the travelling community and as work for the villages.

7 The Ginger river along its course will I think hold out the longest. In the Punnar's 1800 20 feet bed of sand water may always be expected to be formed if sought for. I cannot speak with certainty of any other portion of the division where in the event of long drought water may certainly be expected to be found in any quantity except at great labour and cost.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedt Servant

Thomson

Ag Head Asstt Collector

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From the A. S. C.

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Reporting on the state of the Drinking water wells in his Division

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SOUTH ARCOT. 116 SUB-COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

Camp Ulundurpett

No. 222 24th March 1877

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From

John Wallace Esqre
Ag Sub-Collector of
South Arcot.

To

J. G. Horsfall Esqr.
Ag Collector of
South Arcot

Sir,

With reference to my letter dated 22d Inst. No. 260, I have the honour to state that the information from the Tahsildar regarding wells was very defective and unsatisfactory

I have again called upon the Tahsildar for more particulars which I will furnish when received.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obdt Servant
John Wallace
Ag Sub Collector.

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The Sub Collector
of South
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To 22602
The Acting Collector
of South
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Dated 24th [illegible] 77
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Reporting that the information received from the Tahsildar regarding wells are very defective & unsatisfactory

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Sub Collector's Office
Camp Ulundurpettai
22nd March 1877

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No. 210

From
John Wallace Esqre
Ag Sub Collector
South Arcot

To
J. G. Horsfall Esqre
Ag Collector of
South Arcot.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No 130 dated 1st February 1877 I have the honor to state that in Chidambaram Taluq the supply of drinking water in almost all the villages is good, having Coleroon, Vellar and river channels &c for their source.

In about a hundred villages adjoining Srimushnam and in about 60 villages to the north and East of Bhuvanagiri the future prospect of the supply depends upon the floods coming down the Vellar and Coleroon and the present supply is expected to last for 2 months to come.

In Kullakurchi Taluq the supply of drinking water and its future prospects appear also discouraging. Excepting villages on the banks of rivers and jungle streams, of which there are a few in this Taluq the other parts are badly off from want of proper supply. In these villages people depend upon wells and these wells also would fail ere long. It is reported that should there be no rain fall within

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within the next two months people will suffer very much from drought.

The State of the Vriddachalam Taluq as regards water supply appears not more satisfactory. I will give minute details on the state of this Taluq on receipt of a detailed report from the Tahsildar.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obd^t Servant
Wm Wallace
Ag Sub Collector

The Ag Sub Collector
South Arcot
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To
The Ag Collector
of South
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Dated 22nd March 77
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Reporting on the
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G O 26 April 77 No [illegible]

Report of the Tasildar of Cudda=lore with regard to the prospects of drinking water supply.

With reference to the Circular No 47 dated the 30th Ultimo from the additional Secretary to Government Copy of which was Communicated to me with Taheed No 60 dated the 2nd instant, I beg to submit the following report with regard to the present supply of drinking water and to the future prospects of that supply in Cuddalore Taluq.

2. Scarcity of drinking water is not at present felt in any part of this Taluq. The villages situated on both sides of Gadilam and Pennar rivers are fed by the living streams of these rivers. Perumal tank now holds nearly two months supply of water and all the villages that are situated below this tank have a good supply of drinking water. The Sea Coast

villages lying between Kadalapet on the north and Andarmullipallam on the south as well as the sandy villages of Thondamanatham, Kurichicadoo &c have their drinking water from springs and kanies in which water is available at a depth of 3 or 4 feet below the ground. The villages to the north of the Pennar river and scattered towards the eastern part of the Taluq had besides ponds the Bahoor and Eripanamalatam tanks which are fed by river channels for their drinking water purposes. But owing to the absence of freshes in Pennar River these tanks are quite empty. There is however nearly two months supply of drinking water in many of the ponds belonging to these villages. If the season were to be so bad as it is at present I apprehend that after the expiration of the next two months, scarcity of water will be

be felt in this tract of the Taluq. The same is the case with the tract of the country extending from the Capper Hill on the north to the Southern extremity of the Taluq and from the road leading from Cuddalore to Kurinjipady on the east to the western extremity of the Taluq. This tract consisting of low jungles and laterite soils is on a high level and is more open to scarcity of drinking water as all the villages lying within it have to depend solely on their respective ponds. Fortunately the rain of October and November have left a supply of water which will suffice to feed men and Cattle for a month and a half or nearly 2 months more. It is only possible to say after 2 months hence where the scarcity of water is felt and if at all we have any apprehension in due Course, it must first arise from both the bad tracts above mentioned.

(Signed) C. Vencataramier
Tasildar

(True copy)

Deputy Collector

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Trikalore
29th March 1877

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From
The Deputy Collector
General Duties South Arcot

To
J. G. Horsfall Esquire
Acting Collector of South Arcot

Sir,

In Continuation of my letter No 86 dated 12th February 1877 and in reference to your order No 130 of 1st February 1877 at the foot of Government Circular No 407 dated 30th January 1877, I have the honor to submit reports as per margin from the Tahsildars in my Division on the subject of water supply for drinking purposes.

Trinomalay Tahsildar's Arzee No 116 dated 19th February 1877 with 3 enclosures
Do No 179 dated 16th March 1877 with 4 enclosures
Do No 267 dated 28th March 1877 with one enclosure
Trikalore Tahsildar's Arzee No 67 dated 10th February 1877.
Do No 150 dated 18th March 1877 with 9 enclosures.

2. At present, no absolute difficulty is felt in the Taluq of Trikalore except in the 2 Villages of Udappancuppum and Elavathady where

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at my disposal is Rs. 1216-12-0

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant

Deputy Collector

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The Deputy Collector
G. D. South Arcot
To
The Collector of
South Arcot

Dated 29th } March
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Reporting as to the supply of drinking water present and prospective in his division.

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