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30th April 1877.*

**Famine Relief.**

No. 723. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th April 1877, No. 1,699 :—

Read the following letter from W. McQUHAE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Madura, 6th April 1877, No. 207 :—

With reference to G.O., dated 22nd March, No. 1,197, stating that Government are not averse to repairing the Shevagunga irrigation works but requiring specific proposals regarding the works to be repaired, I have the honor to state that the object I have in view is to avoid opening ordinary State relief works in Shevagunga by repairing, wherever relief is necessary, some of the estate tank bunds and channels which are in a miserable state of ruin. This arrangement will be economical to the State and advantageous both to the Rani and her ryots. I have rough Tamil estimates of the repairs most required which will be put into proper form, and I beg that they may be sanctioned as required like ordinary famine relief works, so that I may commence without further reference a work to cost under Rupees 2,000. Where emigration takes away immense numbers, as it has done in Ramnad and Shevagunga, it is difficult to foresee how much relief work will be required. On the Ragunatha Cauvery not 500 people were working now where ten times that number were expected; but I can keep work ready as it is wanted, obtaining the sanction required by the rules for ordinary relief works.

2. As these works will cost the State nothing if done by piece-work or payment by the cubic yard. There is no emaciated class to provide for here, and if we find any emaciated individuals they can be put on gratuitous relief till able to work properly. Piece-work requires little supervision, wastes no money, and enables a man to provide for his wife and children without compelling them to do work for which they may be unfit. The objections to it for a certain stage of famine are evident, but Shevagunga is not in that stage yet.

3. For the present I propose that G.O., No. 1,192, dated 22nd March, sanctioning the road from Shembanoor to Eliangoody as a relief work, be cancelled or held in abeyance, and that the following tank bunds be substituted :—

|                                                | RS.    |
|------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Mettoor tank in Eliangoody Taluk ... ..     | 4,500  |
| 2. Manamadura tank ... ..                      | 1,500  |
| 3. Cambigoody tank in Tirupuvanam Taluk ... .. | 4,000  |
| Total ...                                      | 10,000 |

These are all situated in localities where the people have suffered much, and where emigration alone has saved Government from having considerable numbers on their hands. I shall submit regular estimates in a few days, but I think it important that the commencement of the work should not be delayed.

4. The work may be done on the principle sanctioned for the Ragunatha Cauvery main channel. Mr. Nicholson, who has a very efficient Overseer at his disposal, will supervise the work, and the Rani will approve of any arrangements that may be thought best regarding payment and regarding the agreement she is to enter into to repay the value of work done. I strongly recommend that daily

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payments be made through Mr. Nicholson, the simple account used on the Ragunatha Cauvery being adopted, viz. :—

| Date. | Men. | Women. | Children. | Cubic yards done. | Amount paid. |
|-------|------|--------|-----------|-------------------|--------------|
|       |      |        |           |                   |              |
|       |      |        |           |                   |              |
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5. If this be approved the only question remaining is the ~~for~~ <sup>to</sup> be taken from the Rani, regarding which I have asked the advice of the Government Pleader at Madura. The amount to be expended in this way will not be large, and it is an immense relief to get rid of roads where we cannot make them well, and to substitute work which we can do in a really efficient manner, and which will be a benefit to the district whether the quantity done be great or small, whereas a road on black soil unfinished and not properly maintained is worse than useless.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government with reference to G.O. dated 22nd March 1877, No. 1,197.

2. The Board think Mr. McQuhae's proposals as to the mode of carrying out the works the most suitable in the circumstances.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,  
Secretary,

No. 724.

ORDER THEREON, 30th April 1877, No. 1,600-A.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government approve the substitution of the tanks enumerated by Mr. McQuhae in paragraph 3 of his letter for the road, the execution of which was sanctioned in G.O., March 22nd, No. 1,192. That Government Order will, therefore, be considered cancelled.

2. The Collector's other proposals are sanctioned.

(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.

Krd. F. R. Bantleman.

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 Proceedings of the Board of Revenue  
 dated 16<sup>th</sup> April 1877  
 No. 1699  
 Read the following

Board's R. No. 3/60

No. 207

From

W. McQuhae Esq

Collector of

Madras

H. E. Stokes Esq

Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Madras

Sir,

With reference to G.O. dated  
 March 22<sup>nd</sup> No 1197 stating that  
 Government are not averse  
 to repairing the Shevapanga  
 irrigation works but requiring

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REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Secy. Secy.

Dated April 30th.

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G.O., 30th April 1877, No. 1,600-A.

APRIL

Nos. 723-724.

FAMINE RELIEF. No. 1034-A.

Irrigation Works in Shevapanga, Madras  
 District. Approving the substitution of — for  
 the road ordered to be executed in G.O., 22nd  
 March, No. 1,123, for relief purposes, and sanction-  
 ing the other proposals of the Collector.

Thursday 13th May 1851

Specific proposals regarding  
the works to be repaired, I  
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the object I have in view  
is to avoid opening ordinary  
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are evident, but Shewagunga  
is not in that stage yet.

3. For the present I propose  
that G. O. No 1192 dated  
22 March sanctioning the  
road, from Shemtanor to  
Uliapudy as a relief work  
be cancelled or held in abey-  
ance and that the

following tank bund be.

Substituted.

1. Nettoor tank in Iplangudy Taluk Rs. 4500

2. Manamadurai tank 1500

3. Cambijoodi tank in Tirapoor  
Vanam Taluk } 4000

Rs 10000.

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|------|-----|-------|----------|------------|-------------|
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5. If this be approved  
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Madura Collector } I have seen  
Office, on Circuit } of Mr. McQuhae  
(Camp) Maunamadura } Collector

Submitted for the orders of Govern-  
ment with reference to S. O. 1197  
1877 No 1197.

2. The Board think Mr. McQuhae  
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out the works the most  
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(True Copy & Extract)

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Secretary

To The Additional Secretary  
to Government R.D.

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Submitting to Governor  
must after formation  
Directors of Institution  
dated 6 June 1877  
No. 207 requesting  
Sanction to open  
school works in Shun  
Fung

No 1600A

The Govt. approve the substitution of the  
banks enumerated by Mr. McTear for the  
road to execution of which was sanctioned  
on 1st of March 22<sup>nd</sup> No 1192. - The Govt.  
then for the consideration cancelled.

2. The Collector's other proposals are sanctioned

12/4/ JHP  
30 April 1877

And copy 1. to the Board of Revenue, Hong  
Kong  
21 to the Board of Revenue, Shanghai  
5 to the Financial Dept  
6 to the Accountant General