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Proceedings of the Madras Government Revenue Department,
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 persons are 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 I hope they may be 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 Taluq	4,500
2. Manamadura tank	1,500
3. Cambigoody tank in Tirupuvanum Taluq	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

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.

5. If this be approved the only question remaining is the fe[illegible] 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.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 16th April 1877.

No. 1699.

Read the following

Board's Pr. No. 3760 No. 207

From

W. Mc. Orkae Esq

Collector of

Madura.

To

H. E. Stokes, Esq

Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Madras.

Sir,

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

Govt. of Madras.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated April, 1878.

Read.

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

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Nos. 723-724.

FAMINE RELIEF. No. 1,058-A.

Irrigation Works in Shevagunga, Madura District.—Approving the substitution of — for the road ordered to be executed in G.O., 22nd March, No. 1,182, for relief purposes, and sanctioning the other proposals of the Collector.

Tuticorin Campbell,

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 Shiva = ganga, 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

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Estimates of the repairs most required which will be put into proper form and they 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 Rs 2000. Where emigration takes away immense numbers as it has done in Ramnad and Sheraganga it is difficult to foresee how much relief work will be required. On the Ragunatha Cawery not 500 people are 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 I hope they may be done by piece work or payment by the cubic yard. There is no emaciated class to provide for here and if be any emaciated individuals they can be put on gratuitous relief till able

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3. For the present I propose that G.O. No 1192 dated 22nd March sanctioning the roads from Shemtanoor to Elianpoy as a relief work be cancelled or held in abeyance and that the

following tanks bunds be.

Substituted.

	Rs
1. Nellore tank in Ayliampudy Valley	4500
2. Maimmadura tank	1500
3. Cambijoodi tank in Tiruppoor Vaniam Valley	4000
	Rs 10000.

These are all situated in localities where the people have suffer=ed much and where emigra=tion alone has saved Govern=ment from having consider=able numbers on their hands. I shall submit regular estimates in a few days but I think it import=ant that the commence=ment of the work should not be delayed.

4. The work maybe done in the principle sanctioned for the Rajamatha Tannery 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 regard=ing payment and regarding the agreement she is to enter into to repay the value of work done. I strongly recommend that daily payments be made through Mr. Nicholson the Simple account used on the Rajamatha Tannery being adopted viz

Date	men	Women	Children	Cubic yds done	amount paid

5. If the be approved the only question remaining is the form of bond to be taken from the Rani regarding which I have asked the advice of the Government Pleader at Madura the amount to be expended on this work will not be large, and it is an immense relief to get rid of roads where we cannot make them well, and substitute work which we can do in a really efficient manner and which will be a benefit to the district whether

whether the quantity done be great or small, whereas a road or black soil cutting ed and not properly main =tained is worse than useless.

Madura Collector's office, or Circt. (Camp) Manamadura

I have &c
N. Mc Lachlan
Collector

Submitted for the orders of Govern =ment with reference to G.O. 22nd March 1877 No 1197.

2. The Board thinks that the above proposals as to the mode of carry =ing out the works the most suitable in the circumstances

(True Copy & Extract)

N Rustom
Secretary

To
The Additional Secretary
to Government R.D.

No 1800 A

The Govt approve the substitution of the Letter of Credit mentioned in Govt No 2 letter for the Bank mentioned in Secretariat Order No 1192 dated 22nd March 1877 - The Govt wish that the Collectors Bond may be executed

2. The Collectors Bond may be executed

30th April 1877

Rec 1877 Secretariat No 2358/

To the Revenue Board

Board of Revenue Letter dated 15th April 1877 No 1800 A

Submitting the Security Bond executed by Mr Collector Mr Sandys for the sum of Rupees 10,000 in favor of the Secretary of State for India in Council

Ans Call for the Bond duly executed by the Collector and his Sureties

35 Do the Treasury Officer

21 Do the Accountant General

5 The Financial Dept

6 The Secretariat Dept

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