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No. 575. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th November 1876, No. 2,964:—

Read the following letter from C. T. LONGLEY Esq., Collector of Salem, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Trichengode, 23rd November 1876, Section No. 4.

In reply to Official Memorandum, No. 1,863, dated the 16th instant, I have the honor to enclose a report just received from Mr. Wilkinson on the state of the sub-division, and also two statements, one showing how the Rupees 11,000 already sanctioned has been apportioned, and the other the works in progress. The Sub-Collector writes that he has only a balance of some 765 on hand, and applies for a further grant of Rupees 6,000 to be spent on works as per list already submitted to the Board in my letter, extra No. 500-C, dated 13th October 1876. There has been no rain, and all appearance of it seems to have passed. I am now on a tour through the southern taluqs. In Trichengode matters are becoming critical, and it will soon be necessary to open out relief works. In connection with the Officiating District Engineer I have selected certain irrigation repair works to be put in hand if matters do not improve, which will afford employment to a large number of villages on the borders of Namcul, Trichengode, and Salem. In the parts most severely affected, the water-supply is the great difficulty. In Trichengode the village wells in the north and west of the taluq are running quite dry. The Local Fund Board have just placed the balance of the present year's Budget under Grant III, Sanitation, amounting to some Rupees 4,500, at my disposal, and with this sum I hope to give water-relief to the suffering villages in the Trichengode, Salem, and Utengarai Taluqs.

2. The dry crops on the ground are oil-seed and gram, and these will perish unless we get rain. The raggy, cumboo, avarai, and thovarai have completely failed in the sub-division and Trichengode, and there is no wet cultivation to speak of any where excepting under wells. The taluqs most affected by the badness of the season are Oosoor, Darampury, and Trichengode, where less rain has fallen in the last two years, and where the water-supply is more scanty and the crops have more completely failed. Matters are a little better in Kistnagherry. In Utengarai some relief will be required, and also in the Womalore Division of the Salem Taluq; but in Ahtur, Tripatore, and Namcal the rainfall has been better, and I do not apprehend any great scarcity (though, of course, the dry crop is very short everywhere), and no relief works will, I hope, be required in these taluqs. The cattle throughout the district are suffering more or less, more in Trichengode and the sub-division, and have been driven away in greater numbers than usual to the hills for pasturage, which is very scanty in the plains. There is plenty of grain coming into the district, and prices continue steady at the following quotations:—

	Madras Measures per Rupee.
Rice, 1st sort...	4½
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Paddy, 1st sort ...	9
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Raggy ...	7½
Cumboo ...	8

3. In reference to the Board's Proceedings No. 2766, of the 7th November, I shall very shortly submit a further report in detail, and shall at the same time submit my proposals for opening out relief works in Trichengo, the Womalore Division of Salem, and in Utengam, which have hitherto been suffering more severely than the rest of the district from the exceptional bad nature of the season. A good fall of rain before Christmas would save the oil seed and gram crop now on the ground, and would enable the ryots to get a crop of cholan on the tank-beds (which are now all dry), but if this fall does not come, distress in the affected parts will, there is no doubt, be severe.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From F. WILKINSON, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, dated Oosoor, 19th November 1876, No. 699.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your "Season 2 of 1876," dated 18th instant. Your Season Circular No. 1 has not yet been received.

2. The rain which fell at Madras and other places on the 10th instant did not extend to the sub-division. There was a slight drizzle at Kistnagherry, Sankagerry, and Berikai, and a smart shower at the Remount Depot, but no other rain has been reported.

3. The distress in this and the Darampury Taluqs is increasing, and the number of destitute persons seeking employment is daily on the increase. The funds at my disposal do not permit me to employ all who present themselves. The raggy crop has entirely failed, and there are very little hopes now of the gram, avarai, or thovarai. The water-supply of many villages has entirely failed, but I am doing my best by deepening wells to secure a supply for some months more. The markets are fairly supplied, and the price of raggy in the Oosoor Taluq declined last week from 6 to 7 Madras measures the rupee.

4. From the inquiries I have made in this and the Kistnagherry Taluqs, every part of which I have recently visited, I am satisfied that there is ample grain in stock, but the difficulty is to get at it, as the ryots either refuse to sell or declare that they have none.

5. In an interview with the merchants of this place on Friday, they informed me that they had great difficulty in procuring grain. I promised to supply them with a Police guard if they wished to bring in grain from distant villages, and they promised to do all they could to keep the market properly supplied.

6. There has been a great increase of crime, and the time of myself and the Taluq Magistrates has been fully occupied of late in disposing of the cases of theft, robbery, and dacoity which are daily reported. On my return from Kistnagherry I found seventy-five persons in the sub-jail here.

7. I enclose three lists showing the relief works sanctioned and in progress in each taluq, and in the course of a day or two will report the actual amount expended up to the 18th instant, and the number of persons employed on relief works on that date. The weekly returns are due to-morrow.

8. I have already asked for a further grant, and hope to receive early sanction.

(True Copy)

(Signed) C. T. LONGLEY,
Collector.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 2 and 3.—Statements.

SUBMITTED to Government.

2. The further grant of Rupees 6,000 required in the sub-division is sanctioned, and to-morrow a telegram will be sent to the Sub-Collector direct informing him of this sanction.

3. Portions of the district seem to be in a critical state, but on the whole the Collector's report is more favorable than the Board expected. There seems to be an abundant supply of grain, but prices are ruling high. Another week or ten days will decide the turn which affairs will take. In the meantime, the Board rely on the Collector carefully watching the progress of events and furnishing timely information.

4. The Board will be glad to receive the report promised in paragraph 3 at an early date.

5. Adverting to paragraphs 3 and 5 of the Sub-Collector's letter, dated 19th instant, No. 699, Mr. Wilkinson will be authorized by telegram to entertain all persons seeking employment, and funds will be placed at his disposal on application. Additional aid in the shape of extra Sub-Magistrates will be afforded on his submitting proposals.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 576.

ORDER THEREON, 29th November 1876, No. 1,854.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government are glad to hear that distress in Salem is confined to a few taluqs; and that elsewhere there is no immediate cause for apprehending urgent necessity for relief.

2. Full statistical details should be obtained at stated intervals, say weekly, concerning the affected tracts in a form to be prescribed by the Board of Revenue for general adoption and a general report or summary submitted to Government every week.

3. The Government notice that no less a sum than Rupees 1,360 out of Rupees 2,375 in Oosoor Taluq and Rupees 925 out of Rupees 2,730 in Kistnagiri Taluq has been allotted to clearing prickly-pear, which cannot be considered a proper relief work.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Financial Department.
" the Inspector-General of Police.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

No 699.

Salem Sub Collector's Office
October 19 November 1876.

From The Dy Sub. Collector of Salem 1854/27

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Signed Frank Wilkinson
Acting Sub-Collector

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Signed B. P. Douglas
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Revenue Deptt.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 24 Nov 1896.

Read the following:-

Session No: 4.

From.

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To.

The Secretary to the
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Madras, Revenue Department
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