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Revenue DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
29th January 1877.*

No. 861-A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd January 1877:—

Read the following letter from A. J. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevely, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 16th January 1877, No. 29.

I HAVE the honor to report that, owing to the irrigation repair-works being in many cases at long distances from the villages in which there is distress, I applied, by telegraph, for permission to expend money on miscellaneous and sanitary works.

2. The cases chiefly occur in the Zemindaris and in Otapidaram Taluq, though they are not confined to these localities. In Otapidaram it happens there are few tanks, and that no estimates are immediately ready in the Public Works Department. In the Zemindaris, except Ettiapuram, we have no irrigation-works, and the Zemindars and the Muttadars are so badly off themselves in most cases that they are not able to undertake works.

3. I have arranged with the division officers, so that the relief-works of each distressed taluq will have an officer to itself, with one exception, where I have been obliged temporarily to put the General Charge Deputy Collector in charge of two taluqs; if the work proves heavy, I purpose applying to the Director of Revenue Settlement to lend me the services of Mr. Bird. The following are the arrangements as at present made:—

Collector	...	...	...	Ettiapuram Zemindari.
Sub-Collector...	...	...	...	Nanguneri.
Head Assistant.	...	...	...	Otapidaram.
Salt Deputy Collector	...	...	...	Sankarnainarkovil.

without prejudice to his salt duties which he has arranged to carry on and to visit at intervals.

General Charge Deputy Collector... Sattoor and Striviliputur.

4. Where the irrigation-works suffice, these alone will be carried on, but where these are insufficient, miscellaneous works will be commenced; and should these not prove sufficient, we have a number of road-estimates sanctioned and waiting for funds upon which to set to work. Allotments for these will be applied for, if necessary.

5. I have arranged with the various officers and the Public Works Department to make payments either in money or in grain as they judge best according to circumstances at the rates sanctioned. At the request of District Engineer, I have undertaken in the Revenue Department the duty of paying all coolies whether on irrigation-works or otherwise. The arrangements for this purpose have been made in consultation with the division officers specially in charge of the taluqs.

THE Collector's proposal to employ those needing relief on works of village improvement is approved. The Board, however, trust that the Collector will not

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have occasion to resort to grain-payments. The arrangement by which the Salt Charge Deputy Collector is put in charge of a taluq 70 miles from the nearest salt-pan, while the Head Assistant Collector remains in the taluq where the most important salt-pans are situated, does not commend itself to the Board; and the Collector should arrange to employ the Salt Deputy Collector either in the Otapidaram or Nanguneri Taluq. There is no necessity for the Collector paying the laborers employed by the District Engineer, as there is nothing to prevent that officer from carrying out the works under his charge in the usual manner.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 861-B.

ORDER THEREON, 29th January 1877, No. 391-A.

Miscellaneous.

THE Board's Proceedings are generally approved, but the Collector should be instructed to turn his attention to the collection of materials for the repair of existing roads and to well-sinking in preference to making new roads, of which the future maintenance may be doubtful.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Accountant-General.

Govt. of (1877) Madras.
REVENUE.

To
THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
&c., &c.,

Dated January, 29th.

Recd. Encl.

G.O., 29th January 1877, No. 391-A.

JANUARY.
Nos. 861-A-861-B.

People needing Relief in Tanjore District.—Approving the proposal to employ—on works of village improvement, and directing to instruct Collector to collect materials for the repair of existing roads and to well-sinking in preference to making new roads.

Revenue Department.
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To H. S. Esquire
As Secretary to the
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Sd/- A. J. Stuart
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[True Copy & Extract]
Sd/- H. E. Stokes
Acting Secretary.

To The Collector of Sinnerly.

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H. Stokes
Acting Secretary.

To The Secretary to Government, Revenue
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