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Famine Relief.

No. 611-A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th February 1877:—

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Kandukur ...	36,000	.....	36,000
Kanigiri ...	18,000	.....	18,000
Ongole and Addanki ...	30,000	.....	30,000
Podile ...	10,000	.....	10,000
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Total ...	2,90,000	29,000	3,19,000
Add amount for the purchase of grain in the sub-division			18,000
In the Huzur			1,00,000
Add difference between actual expenditure and Board's last sanctioned amount ...			70,000
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I need not enter into details in explanation of the necessity for increased expenditure. With no prospects for cultivation, no employment for coolies, and the home stocks of the smaller ryots getting exhausted, it is a natural sequence that large numbers of persons apparently needing relief should apply for the same. The only prospect of lessening our numbers on general relief-works is that caused by Government having recently removed its restriction against the employment of local labor on the East-Coast Canal. The District Engineer is very properly using every effort to induce laborers to go to the canal works. Unfortunately our local "famine coolies" have a dread of the canal works partly from fear of cholera, partly from fear that they cannot earn sufficient to maintain themselves by piece-work under contractors which has been the system hitherto in vogue generally on the canal. But I consider that Government has every right in providing relief to dictate to those relieved the form and locality of their labor, and I propose when the District Engineer can give me confidence that ordinary famine coolies will be received on the canal immediately and worked at any rate at first departmentally at task-work, to draft people from our general relief-works on the following plan. The officers in charge of the latter will, from time to time, select at least half the able-bodied laborers likely to succeed at task-work, and warn them that after one week they will be given no more work locally, and must resort to the canal for employment if they want any relief from Government. At the end of the week they will be given batta for the number of days' journey between them and the canal and sent away from the works generally in charge of an official subordinate and in large parties with a note to the nearest canal officer. When once the canal works have acquired the confidence of the people, doubtless they will flock to them of their own accord, preferring to earn 5 and 6 Annas a-day, as the canal authorities state they can, rather than 2 Annas; and gradually it may be nearly all our general relief-work coolies in good physical condition will be absorbed in the canal works. But this must be done gradually in order that the working parties at the canal and other arrangements in connection with large masses of people may be systematically and carefully organised. So our general relief-works must not be suddenly stopped, and they may be useful to fall back upon in case of cholera breaking out on the canal works. Some of the works, too, are necessary not merely to give food for the time to the people, but by improving the water to guard against a water famine, and these I would not postpone under any circumstances. The Board may perhaps remark on the continued absence of irrigational works in proposals for this district. I have asked the District Engineer for a statement of his requirements in this way, but have not yet received the information desired. I am not yet able to submit for Board's

sanction estimates for all works exceeding 2,000 Rupees. The information is being collected, and I hope to send in the details at an early date; but, in the meanwhile, as the works cannot be stopped, I submit the present statement for sanction with the data available. There are altogether 34 works, estimated to cost above 2,000 Rupees each.

6. In the Principal Division, Gudur and Atmakur Taluqs have the largest works owing to the increasing wants of the people. In Rapur the works are fewer. The Venkatagiri and Naidupett road and the road from Podalakur to the north seem to be sufficient for the present to meet the requirements in that taluq. In the Head Assistant Collector's division the necessity for providing work is very great, particularly in Udayagiri. Mr. Underwood calculates a large increase of numbers on the several works, and makes his indent for funds to the extent of Rs. 60,000. The Sub-Collector made abstract proposals for funds for his division. Further details will be requested from him.

7. I must mention in submitting these estimates that the Venkatagiri Raja's relief-works have been stopped. In conclusion, I have to express my regret at the delay in submitting this application. To guard against it in some measure I had a telegram as per margin despatched on the 26th instant. I do not think that any one is to be blamed for the delay which has arisen from extreme press of work and the difficulty of securing information from various officers in charge of relief-works at early dates.

	Rs.
"Request sanction for expenditure on general Relief-works in February	
Principal Division	3,85,000
Sub-Division	1,22,000

These estimates are framed partly on Taluqwar estimates submitted by subordinate officers, partly on this month's expenditure with twenty per cent. increase on account of expected increased distress. Money will not be spent unless absolutely necessary. Regret that through mistake this has not been submitted earlier."

In this letter the Collector of Nellore requests sanction for relief grants to the extent of Rs. 5,07,000 to meet estimated outlay to the end of February Rs. 3,19,000, a sum of Rs. 1,18,000 expended in the purchase of grain, and Rs. 70,000 by which the expenditure on relief up to 20th January had exceeded the grants made.

2. The Board, in their Proceedings, 27th January 1877, No. 335, allotted a sum of Rupees 3,00,000 for the first and last items, estimating weekly demands at half a lakh, and judging from the weekly rate of expenditure shown by the returns of the 27th (which give Rs. 29,000 only) this grant is more than ample.

3. There remains the item purchase of grain, and as to this Mr. Sharp is requested to furnish some further explanation. He states that the sum includes purchases already made at the Huzur and in the sub-division; but it does not appear that the whole sum is due, and as under recent orders grain-wages are not to be paid unless food is absolutely not procurable, the Board do not understand why further purchases are wanted. Grain-wages have not been called for except in one or two taluqs by the prices which have hitherto prevailed, and in these they have not been in force. Moreover, the cost of the grain expended should appear, according to the orders issued under the outlay on relief-works and gratuitous relief already entered in the relief records. The Acting Collector is requested to report how much grain he has bought, for what purpose, what price, and how much has been actually expended.

4. The list of relief-works furnished by the Collector will be submitted for the information of Government. The Board trust that no time will be lost in overtaking the arrears of estimates due, in view to regular sanction being obtained for the works. The Collector refers to the absence of irrigation works in the list and states that he is awaiting information from the District Engineer. He should consult the list* furnished with his letter, 5th November 1875, No. 2,918, which shows 152 works requiring repairs estimated to cost Rs. 74,940.

* *Vide* G.O., dated 20th January 1876, No. 110.

5. The Board think that it is highly desirable to draft coolies from the district works to the East-Coast canal.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Taluq	Name of Work.	Amount sanctioned up to Date.	Total expenditure up to January 29th.	Further sum required for February.	Number of Coolies to be maintained each Day.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Gudur.	1. Making road from Dugarazpatam to Nayudupett, portion on the Gudur Taluq.	Rs. *16,000	Rs. 7,571	Rs. 6,000	Rs. 1,500	This includes a lump grant of 10,000 Rs. made for works generally in that Taluq, as per Collector's dowle, dated 4th January 1877, No. 69.
	2. Strengthening the bund of Gudur large tank.	4,500	3,105	1,000	250	Out of 1,700 yards the length of the bund, about 1,100 yards have been completely repaired. Earthwork has been done for a length of 800 yards.
	3. Completing road from Gudur to Tekkavaram.	2,000	...	5,000	1,000	Work not commenced, but urgently required to give employment to the poor.
	4. Repairing Chittamur Tank	1,000	342	1,000	250	
	5. For the repair of the Vindur Tank bund.	2,000	154	2,000	500	Partly in progress.
	6. For the clearance of the supply channel of Gudur Tank.	2,000	...	3,000	800	Do.
	7. For relief works in progress in the Taluq.	4,000		...	...	
	Improvement of ponds in the village of Gudur Venkateswarlu gunta and Tammisetti gunta.	900	135	...	...	Completed.
	Repairing a pond at Nelavur	450	250	500	...	
	Gravelling the road from the Taluq Cutcherry at Gudur to the High Road.	750	663	1,000	200	Earth-work has been done for 250 yards of length spread over with gravel.
	Repairing the gunta in the periah hamlet (Malagunta).	330	175	...	...	Completed.
	Repairing the gunta in the Chuckler's hamlet (Madiga gunta).	100	98	...	...	Do.
	Improvement of the pond at Dugarazpatam adjoining the salt road.	200	...	200	...	In this Taluq the works exceeding 2,000 Rs. are four, and the others comprize works below 2,000 Rs., and minor works.
	For the Improvement of water-spring in Gudur Tank.	200	...	200	...	
	Improving Vantena gunta spring....	...	...	100	...	
	Do. Yellasiri gunta	...	...	200	...	
	Total Gudur...	34,530	13,145	20,000	5,...	
	Charity-houses...	...	...	6,000	...	
		...	...	26,000	...	
Rapur.	1. Making road from Rapur to Podalakur.	11,000	4,158	7,000	1,400	The earth-work of six miles has been nearly completed.
	2. Making road from Rapur to Sangam.	1,500	5,578	3,000	1,000	
	3. Construction of road running north from Dassoor to Rapur and improvement of the adjacent village roads.	...	213	700	200	Work sanctioned, but no amount allotted. The work has been commenced.
	Miscellaneous.					
	A. Deepening ponds and wells	...	89	...	...	
	B. Repairing a large well west of Someswaram road.	40	...	...	...	
	4. Pedagopavaram road	1,000	379	1,000	500	In progress.
	Construction of a poor-house shed...	...	19	...	...	
	C. Digging side channels in Podalakoor.	...	110	...	...	

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Rapur.—(*Contd.*)	For establishing a grain Depôt at Rapur.	Rs. 2,000	Rs. ...	Rs. 500	Rs. 150	Miscellaneous.
		15,540	10,546	12,200	3,250	
	Relief of poor...	...	185	500	...	
		15,540	10,731	12,700	...	
	Construction of the Kanupartipad road in the vicinity of Nellore.	2,000	1,169	...	...	Complete.
	Nellore Town.					
	Minor works in charge of Municipality.	2,000	2,741	1,000	700	
	Minor works in charge Nuisance Inspector.	370	444	...	...	
	Improving fresh-water pond the "Magaligunta" in Allur Division in one of the hamlets of Gogulapalli.	200	100	...	...	Miscellaneous Works.
	Clearing and improving Bittayagunta at Konur gunta.	200	...	...	...	
	Clearing out the pond and finishing the well at Sakapalli.	200	...	...	...	
	For silting out two ponds at Alagavipad, Allur Division.	400	...	...	...	
	For repairing Caroor well.....	125	120	...	...	
	For repairing a pond near the village of Puradipalem.	100	...	...	...	
	Road from Marupur to Mulumudu....	500	354	1,500	...	
	For improving ponds.....	992	...	...	...	
		7,087	4,928	3,500	760	
	Poor-houses in Allur...	...	...	500	...	
	In Nellore...	...	...	2,500	...	
		...	...	6,500	...	
Atmakur.	1. Repairs to the supplying channel of Atmakur Tank.	8,000	10,721	...	...	Completed.
	2. Repairing the Atmakur Tank bund.	3,000	2,030	...	...	Do.
	3. Repairs to the Yedavalli Tank ...	1,200	1,016	...	...	
	4. Strengthening the Buckepalli river channel embankment.	6,000	24,131	24,000	7,000	
	Miscellaneous.					
	A. Improvement of roads and lanes in Atmakur Town.	1,500	1,369	...	...	
	5. Restoring the old supplying channel of the Atmakur Tank in disuse.	3,000	...	...	...	
	6. Making road from Gollarpalli to Vinjamur.	...	8	3,000	800	
	7. Raising strong embankment to the present supply-channel of Atmakur Tank where the adjoining ground is low.	...	...	...	...	
	8. Road from Nandavaram to Ravoor.	...	...	...	...	
	9. Road from Ravoor to Vedaraparti.	...	...	18,000	4,000	
	10. For making road between Chiramana and Chegerla to connect with the main road.	...	454	...	...	
	11. For laying out the village roads from Amanicheruvella to the surrounding villages.	...	...	3,500	...	

Talug.	Name of Work.	Amount sanctioned up to Date.	Total expenditure up to January 20th.	Further sum required for February.	Number of Coolies to be maintained each Day.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Miscellaneous.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
Atmakur.—(Contd.)	B. Deepening three wells at Navoor.	45	...	...	...	
	Poor-houses ...	22,745	39,729	46,500	11,800	
		...	2,388	11,000	...	
		...	42,117	57,500	...	
Kavali.	Road from Kaligiri to Kanigiri via Gudlapaladinnepad.	24,000	23,926	...	...	
	Road from Veligondla to Chintaladeni.	2,000	2,379	...	...	
	Improving sandy track between the villages of Gadavaloor, Renubanda, Nurpupalem, and Sayepett.	1,500	2,419	36,000	6,000	
	Gudladona road	...	1,727	...	...	
	Repairs of Timmasamudram tank ...	400	277	...	...	
	Clearing prickly-pear at Nekunampett.	50	50	...	...	
	Sanitary improvement in and near Kavali.	1,300	1,721	...	...	
	For digging a large reservoir in the bed of the pond.	500	...	...	...	
	Starting poor-house	...	520	3,000	...	
	Repairing ponds at Chennayapalem ...	300	...	3,300	...	For the purchase of rice for Poor-house.
		6,250	33,919	43,300	6,000	
Udayagiri.	1. Making road from Seshasarampuram to Udayagiri, 12 miles.	6,000		12,000	4,000	
	2. Road from Dhalavoy to Bhaia ...	6,000		15,000	4,000	
	3. Do. Yerraballi to Basivenipalli.	6,000	41,000	For 2-3-4		
	4. Repairs of the Nundavaram Tank.	...		18,000	5,000	
	5. Road from Kurapalli to Udayagiri.	...		5,000	1,300	For Yerraballi.
	Poor-houses...	18,000	41,994	54,500	15,500	
		...	...	5,500	...	
		...	...	60,000	...	
Kandukur.	Making road from Kandukur to Machavaram.	13,000	...	...	...	
	Improving the road from Tettoo to Gudlur, 5 miles.	1,500	15,783	...	...	
	Road from Kandukur to Gudlur ...	...	19,637	...	...	
	Road from Kandukur to Chundi via Pokur, about 16 miles.	...	7,984	...	...	
	Making road from Pokur to Lingasamudram, about 9 miles.	...	...	36,000	...	The estimate is sent in Abstract by the Sub-Collector.
	Deepening and banking north supply channel of Pokur tank. (10 miles from Chundi.)	...	...	...	...	
	Filling up a pond at Ullapalem hamlet of Pakala.	25	25	...	...	
	Minor Works	...	76	...	...	
	Poor-house ...	14,525	43,505	36,000	...	
		...	277	...	...	
		...	43,782	...	...	
Kanigiri.	Making road from Kanigiri to Mogalur, about 7½ miles.	5,000	913	...	...	
	Making road from Mogalur to Pamur, about 17 miles.	1,000	6,081	...	...	The Sub-Collector has sent in a letter saying that the number of coolies has risen to 5,000 men a day, and applying for 10,000 Rs. for January and 10,000 Rs. for February.
	Repairing the Kapu Kanama (a ghaut) from the Pillapally station.	...	...	18,000	5,000	

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Kanigiri.—(Contd.)	Repairs of the Kanigiri pond	Rs. ...	Rs. 700	Rs. ...	Rs. ...	
	Deepening and clearing of wells and tanks.	...	...	...	...	
	Miscellaneous Works	...	540	...	...	
	Total ...	6,000	8,234	12,000	5,000	
	Poor-house ...	...	234	...	...	
	Total ...	...	8,468	...	...	
Ongole.	For works under the supervision of Sub-Collector.	10,000	...	...	...	
	Poor-house	600	...	...	...	
	Total ...	10,600	...	...	...	
Addanki Division.	Clearing prickly-pear in the town of Addanki.	750	500	30,000	...	As per Abstract Estimate of the Sub-Collector.
	Improving branch road from Addanki to Darsi.	3,000	1,307			
	Repairing Irrigation tank at Addanki.	500	310			
	Making branch road from the Great Northern road round the Travellers' Bungalow at Addanki.	500	...			
	Poor-house	25	54			
	Repairing a well...	400	...			
	Total ...	5,175	2,171	30,000	...	
Darsi Division.	Road from Darsi to Podila, (12 miles.)	5,000	2,606	10,000	...	Do. do.
	Road from Darsi to Addanki	...	...			
	Poor-house	100	3			
	Total ...	5,100	2,609	10,000	...	
Podila Division.	Improvement of country roads from— 1. Podila to Darsi ... ... 2. Podila to Murrypad ... ... 3. Podila to Kanakonda	500	418	10,000	...	Do. do.
	Sinking ponds in tank beds—					
	Poor-houses	200	181	...	...	
		700	599	10,000	...	
	Zemindari Tracts.					
	Making road from Naidupett to Venkatagiri.	16,000	10,174	10,000	...	
	Road from Naidupett to Sugarazpatam.	...	5,833			
	Vinnamala road	...	152			
	Branch road from Agraharapett to Trunk Road.	...	22			
	Improvement of ponds	...	822			
	Total ...	16,000	17,003	10,000		
	Poor-house ...	...	521			
	Total ...	...	17,524			
	Grand Total ...	1,84,252	2,20,187	...	...	
	Lungurkhanas, &c. ...	...	2,905	...	...	
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Purchase of grain at the Huzur ...	1,00,000
	4,37,000
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* Purchased by Government up to this date.

(Signed) A. NARRAIN ROW,
Deputy Collector.

NELLORE,
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No. 611-B. ORDER THEREON, 19th February 1877, No. 742-A.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government await the report called for from the Collector in paragraph 3 of the Board's Proceedings.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Financial Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Total			5,07,000

I need not enter into details in explanation

explanation of the necessity for the vast expenditure. With no prospect to cultivation no employment for coolies & the cattle stocks of the smaller ryots getting exhausted it is a natural sequence, that large numbers of persons apparently needing relief should apply for the same. The only prospect of lessening the numbers on General Relief works is that caused by Government having recently removed its restriction against the employment of local labor on the East Coast Canal. The District Engineer is very properly using every effort to induce laborers to go to the Canal works. Unfortunately our local "famine coolies" have a dread of the Canal works partly from fear of cholera, partly from fear that they cannot earn sufficient to maintain themselves by piece work under Contractors which has been the system hitherto in vogue generally on the Canal. But I consider that Government has every right in providing relief to dictate to those relieved,

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the form and locality of their labour, and I propose when the District Engineer can give me confidence that ordinary famine works will be opened on the Canal immediately & worked at any rate at first departmentally at task work, to draft people from our general relief works on the following plan. The officers in charge of the latter will from time to time select at least half the able bodied labourers likely to succeed at task work and warn them that after one week they will be given no more work locally and must resort to the Canal for employment if they want any relief from Government. At the end of the week they will be given batta for the number of days' journey between them and the Canal and sent away from the works generally in charge of an official subordinate and in large parties with a note to the nearest Canal officer. When once the Canal works have acquired

acquired the confidence of the people, doubtless they will flock to them of their own accord preferring to earn 5 and 6 annas a day on the Canal to what they can, rather than 2 annas; and gradually it may be nearly all our general relief work Coolies in good physical Condition will be absorbed on the Canal works. But this must be done gradually in order that the working parties at the Canal & other arrangements in connection with large masses of people may be systematically and carefully organized. So our general relief works must not be suddenly stopped; and they may be useful to fall back upon in case of cholera breaking out on the Canal works. Some of the works too are necessary not merely to give food for the time to the poor but by improving the water to guard against future famine,

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and these I would not postpone under any circumstances. The Board may possibly remark on the continued absence of individual works in proposals for this District. I have asked the District Engineer for a statement of his requirements in this way but have not yet received the information desired. I am not yet able to submit for Board's sanction Estimates for all works exceeding 2000 Rs. The information is being collected and I hope to send in details at an early date; but in the meanwhile as the works cannot be stopped I submit the present statement for sanction with the data available. There are altogether 34 works estimated to cost above 2000 Rs each.

6. In the Principal division, Gudur and Attanakur Taluqs have the largest works to meet the increasing wants of the people. In Rapur the works are heavy. The Venkatagiri and Naidupetty Road and the roads from Podalakur to the North seem to be sufficient for the present to meet the requirements in that Taluq. In the Head Assistant Collector's Division the necessity for providing work is very great particularly in Udayagiri. Mr. Underwood calculates a large increase of numbers on the Several works and makes his indent for funds to the extent of Rs 60,000. The Sub-Collector made abstract proposals for funds for his Division. Further details will be requested from him.

7. I must mention in Submitting these

these Estimates that the relief works have been

I have the expiress my regret at the delay in submitting this application. To guard against it in some measure I had a telegram as per margin despatched on the 26th instant - I do not think that any one is to be blamed for the delay which has arisen from extreme press of work & the difficulty of securing information from various officers in charge of relief works at early dates.

Vellore Collrs Office
Camp Pallabalii
29th January 1877

I have &c
Sd A. Narain Row
Deputy Collector
for
Acting Collector

Venkatagiri Rajah's stopped. In Conclusion

Request Sanction for expenditure on general relief works in February:

Principal Division Rs. 3,85,000
Sub Division - - - - Rs. 122000

These Estimates are framed partly on Taluq wise Estimates submitted by subordinates partly on this months expenditure with twenty per cent increase on account of expected increased distress. Money will not be spent unless absolutely necessary. Regret that through mistake this has not been submitted earlier."

Statement here

In this letter the Collector of Nellore requests sanction for reliefgrants to the extent of 5,79,000 to meet estimated outlay by the end of February Rs 3,19,000: Sum of Rs 1,80,000 expended in the purchase of grain, & Rs 70,000 by which the expenditure on relief up to 20th Jany had exceeded the grants made.

2. The Board in their Proceedings 27th Jany 1877. No 335 allotted a sum of Rs 3,00,000, for the first and the last items estimating weekly demands at half a lakh, and judging from the weekly rate of Expenditure shown by the returns up to the 27th (which give Rs 29,000 only) this grant is more than ample.

3. There remains the item purchase of grain, and as to this Mr Shaw is requested to furnish some further explanation. He states that the sum includes purchases already made at

at the Huzur + in the Sub-division; but it does not appear that the whole sum is due; and as under recent orders grain wages are not to be paid under fixed is absolutely not procurable. the Board do not understand why further purchases are wanted. Grain wages have not been called for except in one or two talugs by the prices which have hitherto prevailed, and in these they have not been in force. Moreover the cost of the grain expended should appear according to the orders issued, under the outlay on relief works + gratuitous relief already entered in the relief reports. The acting Collector is requested to report how much grain he has bought, for what purpose at what price, + how much has been actually expended.

4. The list of relief Works furnished by the Collector will be submitted for the information of Government. The Board trust that no time will be lost in obtaining the arrears of Estimates due, in view to the regular Sanction being obtained for the works. The Collector refers to the absence of irrigation works in the list + states that he is awaiting information from the District Engineer. He should consult the list* furnished with his letter 5th Nov. 1875 No. 2918, which shows 152 works requiring repairs estimated to cost Rs 74,940.

5. The Board think that it is highly desirable to draft Coolies from the distress works to the East Coast Canal.

/True copy + Extract/

N Rustom

Actg Secretary

To The Additional Secretary to Government Revenue Department. with copy of list

* vide G.O. of 20th Jan: 76 No. 110.

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Taluq	Name of works	Amount sanctioned up to date	Total expenditure up to January 20	Further sum required for February	No. of coolies to be maintained each day	Remarks
		3	4	5	6	7
Gudur	1 Making road from Duganarpatam to Naidupeta portion in the Gudur Taluq	16,100	7571	10,000		As per Abstract Estimate of the Sub Collector.
	2 Strengthening the bund of Gudur large tank	4,500	3105	10,000		Abstract.
	3. Completing road from Gudur to Tekkavuram	2,000	"	10,000		Total of Sub Division
	4. Repairing Chittamur Tank	1000	342			Kandukur — 36,000
	5. For the repair of the Gudur Tank bund	2,000	154	10,000		Kanigiri — 18,000
	6. For the clearance of the supply channel of Gudur Tank.	2,000	"			Angole and Darsi — 30,000
	7. For relief works in progress in the Taluq	4,000	"			Addanki — 10,000
	Improvement of ponds in the village of Gudur Venkatswarla gunta and Tammad	900	835			Podila — 10,000
				31,9000		104000
						Purchased by Govt from purchased 18,000 up to this date.
						122,000
						Principal Division
						Gudur — 26000
						Kavur — 12700
						Nellore — 6500
						Atmakur — 57,500
						Kavali — 42,300
						Udayagiri — 60000
						Nandupeta — 10,000
						215,000
						Grand Total 337,000
						Purchase of grain at the Mayur — 100,000
						437,000
						Add difference between actual expenditure and Board's sanction — 70,000
						507,000

(Signed) A. Narrain Row
Dy. Collector

(True Copy)

Gudur
Office Secretary

6000	1200	This includes a lump grant of 10,000 Rs made for works generally in that Taluq as per Collector's docket dated 4th January 1877 No 69.
1,000	250	Out of 1700 yards the length of the bund about 1100 yards have been completely repaired. Earthwork has been done for a length of 300 yards.
5000	1500	Work not commenced, but urgently required to give employment to the poor.
1000	250	
2000	500	Partly in progress.
3000	800	Do.
		Completed
18,000	5,100	

Gudur	Brought over	32,400	12,007
	Repairing a pond at Nelatur	650	200
	Gravelling the road from the Taluq Cutcherry at Gudur to the High Road	750	667
	Repairing the gunta in the peria chamlet (Malagunta)	230	173
	Repairing the gunta in the Chuckler's hamlet (Madiga gunta)	100	98
	Improvement of the pond at Dugarazupatam adjoining the Salt Road	200	
	For the improvement of the spring in Gudur Tank	200	
	Improving Vantera gunta Spring		
	Do. Yellasiri gunta		
	Total Gudur	4,530	13,145
	Charity houses		

30000	As per Abstract Estimate of the Sub Collector.
30,000	
10,000	Do.
10,000	

This Item is allowed as per Estimate as not work

Podila Division	Improvement of country roads from					
	1. Podila to Darsi			19,000	5,100	
	2. Podila to Murrypad	500	418	300	60	
	3. Podila to Konakonamitta					Earth work has been done for 250 yards and about 250 yards of length spread over with gravel.
	Lifting ponds in the tank beds			1,000	200	
	Poor house	200	181			
		700	599			
	Zemindary tracts.					
	Making road from Naidupatt to Venkatgiri	16,000	10176	"	"	Completed
	Road from Naidupatt to Dugarazupatam	"	5833			
	Vinukonda Road	"	152	"	"	Completed
	Branch road from Agrahara patt to Trunk road	"	22			
	Improvement of ponds	"	822			
		16000	17003			
	Poor house		521			
			17524			
	Grand total	184252	220187	200	"	In this Taluq the works exceeding 2000 Rupees are 4 and the others comprise works below 2000 Rs and minor works.
	Sanguntham's total		2905			
	Grand Total	184252	223092	200	"	
				100	"	
				200	"	
				20000	5360	
				6000		
				26000		

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Rapur	1 Making road from Rapur to Podalakur	11,000	4158	7000	1400	The earth of 6 miles has been nearly completed. 1421/96
	2. Making road from Rapur to Sangam	1500	5578	3000	1000	
	3 Construction of road running north from Dassoor to Rapur and improvement of the adjacent village roads		213	700	200	Work sanctioned, but no amount allotted. The work has been commenced
	Miscellaneous					
	A. Deepening ponds and wells	"	89	"	"	
	B. Repairing a large well west of Someswaram Road	40		"	"	
	4 Podagopavaram road	1000	379	1000	500	In progress.
	Construction of a poor house shed	"	19	"	"	
	C. Digging side channels in Podalakoor	"	110	"	"	
	For establishing a grain Depot at Rapur	2000		500	150	Miscellaneous.
		15540	10546	12200	3250	
	Relief of poor	"	185	500	"	
		15540	10731	12700	"	

Nellore	Construction of the Harbour road in the vicinity of Nellore.	2000	1169	"	"	Completed.	
	" Nellore Town Minor works in charge of Mr. Plunkett	2000	2741	2000	700		
	D° in charge of Nuisance Inspector	370	444	"	"		
	Improving fresh water pond the "Majaliguta" in the Allur Division in one of the hamlets of Togulapalli	200	100	Miscellaneous works.			
	Clearing and improving Bittayaguntu at Konurguntu	200		"	"		
	Clearing out the pond and finishing the well at Iska palli	200		"	"		
	For silting out 2 ponds at Alagavipad, Allur Division	400		"	"		
		5370	4454	2000	700		

	Broughtaver	5370	4954	2000	700
Nellore	For repairing Cavoor well	125	120	"	
	For repairing a pond near the village of Bunadipatam	100		"	
	Road from Marcpur to Mulumude	500	354	1500	
	For improving ponds	992		"	
		7087	4928	3500	700
	For houses in Allur	"		500	
	In Nellore	"		2500	
				6500	

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Attukur	1 Repairs to the supplying channel of Attukur Tank	8000	10721	completed	
	2. Repairing the Attukur Tank bund	3000	2030	Do.	
	3. Repairs to the Yedavalli Tank	1200	1016	Do.	
	4 Straightening the Batlepad river channel embankment	6000	24131	24000	7000
	Miscellaneous.				
	A. Improvement of roads and lanes in Attukur Town	500	1369		
	5 Restoring the old supplying channel of the Attukkir Tank in disuse	3000			
	6. Making road from Vellarpalli to Vinjamur	"	8	3000	800
		22,700	39.275	27,000	7.800

	Brought over —	22700	39275	27000	7800
Attmakur	7 Raising strong embankment to the present supply Channel of Attmakur Tank where the adjoining ground is low.				
	8 Road from Nandavaram to Ravoor				
	9 Road from Ravoor to Vedaraparti			16000	4000
	10 For making road between Chegerla and Chegerla to connect with the main road	"	454		
	11 For laying out the village roads from Amanchanu nella to the surrounding villages			3500	
	Miscellaneous				
	b- Deepening 3 wells at Navoor	45			
		22745	39729	46500	11800
	Poor houses	"	2388	11000	
	13		42117	57500	

Kavali	Road from Kaligiri to Kanigiri via Kudumula-dinnapad	24000	23926		
	Road from Veligondla to Chintaladini.	2000	2379		
	Improving bandy track between the villages of Gadowaloor, Ramballa, Surpupalem and Saye-pett	1500	2419	36000	6000
	Gudladona Road	"	1727		
	Repairs of Timmasamudram Tank	400	277		
	Clearing prickly pear at Nekunumpatt	50	50		
	Sanitary improvements in and near Kavali	1300	1721		
	For digging a large reservoir in the bed of the pond	500	"		
	Starting poor house	"	520	3000	"
	Repairing ponds at Chennya-palem	300	"	3300	"
		28250	33019	42300	6000

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For the purchase of rice for poor house.

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Udaya=giri	1 Making road from Seeta=ramapuram to Udaya=giri 17 miles.	6000	41094	12000	4000
	2 Road from Duttaluru to Bhatia	6000		15,000	4,000
	3 Road from Yerriabali to Basireddipalli	6000		For 2-3-4 18000	5000
	4 Repairs of the Nanda=varam Tank			4500	For Yerrabailli 1200
	5 Road from Kurapali to Udayagiri			5000	1300
		18000	41094	54500	15500
	Poor houses			5500	
				60000	
		3	4	4	4

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Kondukur	Making road from Kondukur to Madhavaram	13000	"		
	Improving the road from Tattoo to Gudlur 5 miles	1500	15783		
	Road from Kondukur to Gudlur	"	19637		
	Road from Kondukur to Chundi, via Pokoor about 16 miles	"	7984		
	Making road from Pokur to Lingatamandrum about 9 miles	"	"	3000	"
	Deepening and banking North supply Channel of Pokoor Tank (10 miles from Chundi)				
	Filling up a pond at Villa:- palem, hamlet of Pakala	25	25		
	Minor works	"	76		
		14525	43505	3000	
	Poor house		277		
			43782		

The estimate is sent in Abstract by the Sub Collector

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Kanigiri	Making road from Kanigiri to Mogalluru about 7½ miles	5000	913		
	Making road from Mogalluru to Pamur, about 17 miles	1000	6081		
	Repairing the Rapur Hanumanna (a ghaut) from the Pillapally Station	"		18000	5000
	Repairs of the Kanigiri pond		700		
	Deepening and clearing of wells and Tanks				
	Miscellaneous works	"	540		
		6000	8234	18000	5000
	Poor house	"	234	"	"
			8468		

The Sub Collector has sent in a letter saying that the number of Coolies has risen to 5000 now a day; and applying for 10000 Rs. for January and 30000 Rs. for February

	For works under the supervision of Sub. Collector	10000	
Angole	Poor house	600	
		10,600	
Addanki Division	Clearing prickly pear in the town of Addanki	750	500
	Improving branch road from Addanki to Darsi	3000	1307
	Repairing Irrigation Tank at Adanki	500	310
	Making branch road from the Great Northern road round the Travellers Bungalow at Addanki	500	
	Poor house	25	54
	Repairing a well	400	
		5175	2171
Darsi Division	Road from Darsi to Podila (12 miles)	5000	2606
	Road from Darsi to Addanki	"	"
	Poor house	100	3
		5100	2609

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To Mr Adolf Sperr Esq.

As Govt's Rec. Dept. &c.

dated 10 Feb. 1875

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