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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,*
*2nd March* 1877.

**Famine Relief.**

No. 102A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th February 1877, No. 733 :—

Read the following letter from W. McQUHAE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Melur, 10th February No. —

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 21st December 1876, No. 3,244, I have the honor to submit reports from the Special Assistant in charge of Ramnad estate and the General Charge Deputy Collector in charge of Tirumangalam and Madura taluqs, on the progress of relief works in their divisions up to the end of January.

2. In these divisions it is hoped at present that extensive road-work may not be necessary for famine relief, but that the repair of Ramnad estate tanks and channels and Government tanks in other divisions may prove nearly sufficient. In work of this kind there is under fair management no waste of money. Task-work has been introduced everywhere, and the tank repairs now in progress are those for which estimates have already been prepared and sanctioned in the ordinary course of business. The Camudy and Sayelgudi road will soon be finished, and the Board's orders regarding funds for irrigation works in Ramnad are awaited.

Enclosures Nos. 1 to 6.—Report of Special Assistant with its Enclosures.

Enclosure No. 7.—Report of General Deputy Collector.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The report as to the conduct of the works is satisfactory and matters appear to have been got into order. Task-work which seems by no means light has been introduced; but Mr. Arbuthnott's suggestion that petty contracts should be adopted is negatived by recent orders in course of communication to Collectors. Mr. Arbuthnott appears to be working well and zealously.

3. A special allowance for the children of those laboring on the works is provided for in the orders just referred to.

4. The Court of Wards have sanctioned Rupees 66,000 for irrigation works in the Ramnad Estate.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 102B. Order thereon, 2nd March 1877, No. 909A.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded. The Government are glad to receive a satisfactory report of the manner in which relief-works have been carried out in the Ramnad Estate and the Tirumangalam and Madura Taluqs.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Financial Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

Govt. of {1877} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 2nd.

Read.

G.O., 2nd March 1877, No. 909A.

MARCH:
Nos. 1024-1028.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 632A.

*Progress of Relief Works in the Ramnad Estate and the Tirumangalam and Madura Taluks of Madura District.*—Recording Board's Proceedings on the Collector's letter regarding the — to the end of January 1877; and observing that the Government are glad to receive a satisfactory report of the manner in which the relief-work have been carried out.

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 20th February 1877.

No. 733:-

Read the following

No. 76.

From W. McDuhae Esquire,
Collector of Madura.

To H. E. Stokes Esquire,
Acting Secretary to the Board of
Revenue, Madras.

Sir, With reference to the Board's Proceedings dated 21st December 1876, No. 3244, I have the honor to submit reports from the Special Assistant in charge of Ramnad Estate and the General charge Deputy Collector in charge of Tirumangalam and Madura Talooks on the progress of relief works in their Divisions up to the end of January.

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2. In these Divisions it is hoped at present that extensive road work may not be necessary for famine relief but that the repair of Ramnad Estate tanks and channels and Govern= =ment tanks in the other Divisions may prove nearly sufficient. In work of this kind there is under fair management no waste of money. Task work has been introduced every where, and the tank repairs now in progress are those for which Estimates have already been prepared and sanctioned in the ordinary course of business. The Cannady and Sayal= =gudi road will soon be finished and the Board's orders regarding funds for Irrigation works in

Ramnad are awaited.

I have &c—

(Signed) W. McDuhar
Collector

Collector's Office
Camp Melur 10th
February 1877

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Submitted for the information of Government.

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3. A special allowance for the children of those labouring on the works is provided for in the orders just referred to.

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tioned Rupees 66000 for irrigation
works in the Ramnad Estate.

(True Copy and Extract)

S Lewis

Additional Secretary

To The Additional Secretary to
Government Revenue Department
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Dated 20th February
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Submitting to Govt.
with Bd's remarks
letter from the Collr
of Madura submitting
reports from the Spcl
Assistant and General
charge deputed by Collector
on the progress of
relief works in their
Divisions.

With Order

Dept
Read Govt. letter dated 20th Feb. 1877 No 909 forwarding reports from the Special Assistant and General charge deputed by Collector on the progress of relief works in their Divisions.

Ordered that the Board's remarks be submitted to Govt. and that the Collector be requested to furnish the Board with a statement showing the number of persons employed on relief works in the Madura District, the number of deaths from starvation and the number of persons relieved by Private Charity from the commencement of the famine to the present time.

Ordered that the Board's proceedings be submitted to Govt. with the Collector's letter and reports.

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Read 25/2/77

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