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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 9th April 1869.

Read the following papers:—

No. 223. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th March 1869, No. 1,438.

Read the following letter from the Collector of North Arcot, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kanginellore, 15th January 1869, No. 7.

ADVERTING to the Proceedings of the Board, dated 12th September last, No. 6,722, I have the honor to submit a statement in the form therewith received, (to which have been added a few fresh columns for easy reference and comparison,) showing the several roads now in progress, the expenditure incurred on each from all funds up to 30th November 1868, and the probable amount required to complete them, or to place them in such a position that operations may be discontinued without loss.

2. This statement has been compiled, for the most part, from information obtained through the Superintending Engineer from the Officers of the Public Works Department entrusted with the execution of the works.

3. In many respects the information thus obtained is less complete than I could have wished; but the references already made have so greatly delayed the preparation of this statement, that I have thought it better to send it on as it is.

4. The Board will gather from the statement that a large sum of money is *immediately* required, if operations in the northern and southern Ranges are to be prosecuted on their present scale.

5. I am exercising, with the utmost caution, the discretionary authority conveyed in Government Order, dated 26th August 1868, No. 2,264, Revenue Department, but trust that the statement which I now submit may relieve me of some portion of this responsibility by enabling the Board to advise Government which particular works should be prosecuted, and to what limit in expenditure from Special Funds.

6. From the Progress Report received from the northern and southern Ranges, I find that the weekly number of laborers employed on the works in each averages 387 men and 316 women and children, and 7,108 men and 10,868 women and children, respectively.

7. The north-eastern monsoon has again failed, and large numbers of the agricultural classes are thus once more thrown on the public purse for employment and the means of subsistence. Local Funds* are now so far exhausted that until the new Budget becomes available, they will not, even if they then do, afford sufficient employment to the laboring poor in the interval. It thus becomes a very grave question whether any of these works can be discontinued or reduced in their proportions without serious hardship to the industrious poor. The Board have before them my last Season Report showing the agricultural position of each talook in the district at this time.

* Balance on the 31st December 1868 was Rupees 9,351-9-9 on original and repair works.

8. The only conclusion which I can draw from the state of matters therein described is, that operations in the southern and western Ranges cannot be discontinued either wholly or partially for the next three months to come, without serious hardship to the laboring poor in those parts.

G.O., dated 10th Dec. 1867, No 2,945, Rev. Dept.
Do., ,, 17th Jan. 1868, ,, 3,005, ,,
Do., ,, 22nd ,, ,, ,, 178, ,,
Do., ,, 3rd March ,, ,, 743, ,,
Do., ,, 6th June ,, ,, 1,577, ,,
Do., ,, 26th Aug. ,, ,, 2,264, ,,

9. As desired in the Board's official memorandum, No. 1,062, dated 7th October last, I beg to specify, in the margin the orders and dates in which Famine grants were sanctioned on account of relief works in this district.

Enclosure No. 1.—Statement of relief works.

With this letter the Collector of North Arcot submits a statement of the kind required by Government in Government Order, 12th September last, No. 2,372, showing the progress and present condition of the roads undertaken in that district during the scarcity of 1867 and 1868.

2. These roads have been constructed partly from Famine grants and partly from the Road Fund, and the financial condition of the latter has been materially affected by the extent to which its funds have been thus applied.

3. The Road Fund Budget of 1866-67 showed a balance at the commencement of the year of Rupees 5,456, and the receipts of the year were estimated at Rupees 56,800, the total being Rupees 62,256. The *actual* income of the year (balance included) was Rupees 73,511, and the actual expenditure was Rupees 66,211.

4. The Original Budget of 1867-68 gave the estimated income as Rupees 73,200. A revised Budget was subsequently submitted which showed an estimated income of Rupees 1,29,184. The actual receipts of the year were only Rupees 72,854, while the expenditure was Rupees 98,632, the fund being thus in debt to the extent of Rupees 25,778.

	Balance.	Income.	Total.
Original Budget.	.....	73,200	73,200
Revised do.	27 815	1,01,369	1,29,184
Actual	7,300	65,554	72,854

5. In December 1867 the necessity of affording employment for the laboring classes became apparent, and Government authorised the Collector "to order, on his own responsibility, the immediate commencement of any works, the necessity of which may be established to his satisfaction," and stated that they "would be prepared to sanction the provision of the necessary fund."

Government Order, 10th December 1867, R. D., No. 2,945.

6. In their Proceedings of the 14th idem, No. 8,072, (paragraphs 8 and 9,) the Board strongly recommended a special grant of Rupees 50,000, for the rapid completion of those roads by which grain would be imported into the district from Madras, Mysore, and the adjacent districts. The Government approved of the proposal, and sanctioned the grant, enforcing at the same time the importance of using a portion of the money for sinking wells along the roads in those localities where scarcity of drinking water is experienced.

Government Order, 17th December 1867, R. D., No. 3,005, paragraph 1.

7. The Road Fund of 1868-69 was estimated at Rupees 1,23,340.* In September last the Acting Collector reported† that owing to the large recoveries of arrears, the estimate might be raised to Rupees 1,30,000: deducting from this sum the debt abovementioned, the available income of the year may be taken in round numbers at Rupees 1,05,000, while the sanctioned expenditure is Rupees 1,22,850; so that as matters stand, the fund has every prospect of closing this year with a debt of at least Rupees 20,000. The probability indeed is that the debt will be larger, as the Collector reports that on the 31st December last, the Road Fund balance was only Rupees 9,331.

	Rs.
* Balance	4,760
Income	1,18,580
Total ...	1,23,340

† Dated 21st September 1868, No. 317, recorded in Board's Proceedings, 7th December 1868, No. 8,587.

Rupees ...	1,30,000
,, ...	25,000
,, ...	1,05,000

8. As already stated, the Government, in December 1867, granted Rupees 50,000 for grain roads. Some misapprehension occurred regarding the grant, but it was corrected in Government Order, 6th June 1868, Revenue Department, No. 1,577, when Government renewed the sanction, and allotted a further sum of Rupees 50,000 on the Board's recommendation for the continued improvement of the grain roads. The Board had originally indicated these in a general way, but now particularise those in the margin, and to these it must be held that the grant of Rupees 1,00,000 applied.

1. Road from Tripatty Station, viâ Kalastry, to the Nellore frontier towards Naidupett.
2. Road from Coopum to Palmanair and thence by Punganoor to the Cuddapah frontier.
3. Road from Conjeveram by Wandiwash to Tellar.
4. Road from Wandiwash, viâ Chetput, to Poloor with branches from Chetput and Poloor to Arnee.

9. The Board will show what has been done in regard to these particular lines, before taking up the numerous other works in progress.

10. The first in the list is the road from Tripatty Station, viâ Kalastry, to the Nellore frontier towards Naidupet, formerly regarded as a Trunk line. The estimate for this road is Rupees 69,040. The total expenditure on it has been Rupees 56,573 up to November 1868, and Rupees 14,860 seem to be required for its completion, though the Superintending Engineer speaks also of a supplemental estimate. The expenditure has been—

Rupees 9,000 from "Famine" Grants,
Rupees 31,573 from the Road Fund,
Rupees 16,000 from the Imperial Funds.

11. The second road is the one from Coopum to Palmanair, and thence by Poonganoor to the Cuddapah frontier.

12. The estimate for this line as far as Poonganoor is Rupees 97,400. For the portion from Poonganoor to the Cuddapah frontier no estimate has yet been furnished, and the whole portion from Palmanair to the frontier of Cuddapah is now an Imperial line. On the first section, Cooppum to Palmanair, Rupees 9,639 have been expended from "Famine" grants, and Rupees 2,844 from the Road Fund, the aggregate being Rupees 12,483 out of the estimate (for this section) of Rupees 86,000. The sum reported to be *still* required is Rupees 52,836.

13. On the thirteen miles from Cuddapah to Poonganoor Rupees 5,276* have been spent, from "Famine" and Road Funds, and Rupees 7,238 are still required.

	Rs.
* Famine Fund...	2,500
Road ,, ...	2,776
	5,276

14. For the remaining nine miles from Poonganoor to the frontier, the estimate is being prepared, the columns for expenditure are all blank, but the road is said to be open for traffic.

15. The third road is from Conjeveram by Wandiwash to Tellar. No estimate has yet been submitted. The expenditure has been Rupees 3,500 from Famine Funds and Rupees 65 from the Road Fund. The "formation" of the road is said to be completed, but no further particulars are given. As the road is thirty-eight miles in length, it is not likely that much more than a trace can have been made. The road was specially selected by the Board as enabling grain to reach this part of the district by the Madras Railway and the Tramway to Conjeveram.

16. The fourth road is the line from Wandiwash, viâ Chetput, to Poloor with branches from Chetput and Poloor to Arnee.

17. The estimate for the first section, Wandiwash to Poloor, is Rupees 26,000.

18. The expenditure has been Rupees 40,952, namely, Rupees 28,115 from the "Famine," and Rupees 12,537 from the Road Fund. To complete the road Rupees 20,983 are required on account of masonry works. The first estimate, it must be presumed, provided only partially for the road.

19. For the first branch, Chetput to Arnee, no estimate has yet been submitted. The expenditure has been (including a tank bund) Rupees 36,274, namely, Rupees 19,022 from Famine and Rupees 17,252 from Road Fund grants, and Rupees 10,130 are needed for the completion of the road, which is seventeen miles in length.

20. The other branch was from Arnee to Poloor, but the Collector's statement shows only the portion from Arnee to Yettivedu junction, a distance of twelve miles. No estimate has yet been furnished. The total expenditure has been Rupees 23,640, namely, Rupees 23,018 from Famine and Rupees 622 from Road Fund grants, and Rupees 3,570 are required to complete it.

21. Thus it will be seen that on the roads particularised by the Board and approved by Government, the total expenditure to November last was Rs. 1,78,763, and that Rupees 1,09,617 are still required to complete those in progress. A considerable portion of this last sum has doubtless since been spent.

	Rs.
Famine grants...	95,094
Road Fund grants	67,669
Imperial grants...	16,000
Total ..	1,78,763

22. The special grants against this expenditure may be held to be the Imperial or Public Works allotment of Rupees 16,000, a contribution of Rupees 1,600 made by the Zemindar of Calastry, the two grants of Rupees 50,000 each made by Government on the Board's recommendation, and the Collector's assignment of Rupees 67,669 from the Road Fund. The aggregate of these sums is Rupees 1,85,269; but it must be remarked that the grant from the Road Fund is excessive. The Board

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have already shown that the fund has been involved in debt to the extent of certainly Rupees 20,000, and as the Government have in every instance responded to the applications of the Board and Collector with the utmost liberality, there was no excuse for thus overdrawing on the fund. The assignments, according to the Board's books, for the roads above specified, aggregate only Rupees 27,100.

Assigned from Road Fund	Rs.	
No. 1...	5,000 ...	31,573
,, 2...	8,500 ...	5,620
,, 3...	3,100 ...	65
,, 4...	10,500 ...	30,411
	27,100	67,669

23. The Board now recommend that the expenditure already incurred on these roads, Rupees 1,78,763, be sanctioned, subject to the usual audit; that roads 1, 2 between Coopum and Palmanair, and 4 (with its branches) be prosecuted to completion, for which a special grant of Rupees 1,05,000 is necessary; and that the Road Fund be reimbursed two-thirds of the expenditure on No. 1, or in round numbers Rupees 20,000.

24. The roads are all of great importance as the lines by which grain will come into the country. The failure of the north-east monsoon renders Nos. 2 and 4 especially valuable, as it is in the western and southern talooks that the losses of the Ryots have been heaviest; No. 4 has very probably been already completed. As to the proposed reimbursement to the Road Fund, the Board have only to remark that if it had not been for the scarcity and the consequent necessity of affording employment to the laboring classes, so large an expenditure would not have been incurred; and that had the Collector only represented the inability of the fund to bear this expenditure, a special grant for relief would certainly have been made.

25. The heavy charge for maintenance in the North Arcot District leaves only Rupees 15,410 available for new works in 1869-70, and re-payment of the debt abovementioned is practically impossible, either in the current or the ensuing year. In future the Collector must bear in mind that the Road Fund is not a Charity Fund, but must be expended with careful regard for the purposes for which it is raised. The Government have throughout declared and proved themselves willing to grant whatever funds may be needed for eleemosynary purposes. It is not the Board's intention hereby to cast any reflection on the district Officers, who, in the period under review, had a great difficulty to cope with.

26. The Board will now take up the other roads undertaken during these years.

27. They are altogether twenty-six in number, as particularised in the enclosed list.

28. The total expenditure on these up to November last was Rupees 1,55,493, derived as follows:—

	Rs.
Famine Fund	99,999
Road ,, ...	48,494
Imperial ,, ...	7,000

Eight have been completed and two others may be stopped. The sum required to complete the remainder is Rupees 1,00,270.

29. The Board recommend that the amount already expended be sanctioned, and that a further grant of Rupees 1,00,000 be now made for the completion of the

roads still in progress. The Board consider the continuance of the works essential in the present condition of the district; and, in fact, they are being pushed on by the Collector under the discretionary authority vested in him by Government in Government Order, 26th August 1868, No. 2,264.

		Rs.
For roads 1 to 4—		
Expended	... ...	95,094
Required	... ...	1,09,617
Re-payment	... ...	20,000
For roads in memorandum—		
Expended	... ...	99,999
Required	... ...	1,00,270
		4,24,980

* Rupees 96,163, after deducting the re-payment.
† Rupees 23,000.

30. The Board's recommendations thus involve a special grant of Rupees 4,24,980; adding to this the further expenditure from the Road Fund* and Imperial† grants, Rupees 1,19,163, the total expenditure will amount to Rupees 5,44,143.

31. The sum is large undoubtedly, but it has been the means, in conjunction with the other measures adopted by Government, of saving the people from the horrors of famine and permanently improving the district; and by enabling food to be imported and distributed with ease must tend to alleviate future scarcities. The liberal policy has without doubt saved many lives, and numbers have been rescued from crime by the employment afforded.

No. 224. From the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Submitting statement of average bazaar prices of grain, etc., in the District of North Arcot, for the month of February 1869. } (Here enter 13th March 1869.)

No. 225. ORDER THEREON, 9th April 1869, No. 977.

Miscellaneous.

THE Right Honorable the Governor in Council does not consider that he would be justified in sanctioning the special expenditure recommended by the Board under the present circumstances of the North Arcot District, as depicted by the Collector in his letter recorded in the Board's Proceedings, and in his Season Report for the month of February, recorded above.

2. At the same time it is clearly inexpedient to leave the works, which have been undertaken, in a position in which they are likely seriously to deteriorate, and so to lose a large portion of the benefit of the expenditure which has been already incurred. It is also evident that the outlay from the Road Fund on the road from Tripatty station to the Nellore frontier has been excessive, and altogether beyond the requirements of the case, when the wants of other portions of the district are taken into consideration.

3. His Lordship in Council accordingly sanctions the proposal made by the Board, that of the Rupees 31,573 which have been expended on the last mentioned road from the District Road Fund, Rupees 20,000, shall be refunded, that amount of expenditure being added to the existing outlay from Famine grants, which will then stand at Rupees 29,000 instead of Rupees 9,000, up to the end of November. He also resolves to direct that Mr. Assistant Collector Gibson be at once deputed to

inspect the four grain roads alluded to by the Board, and the sixteen roads mentioned in paragraph 28 of their Proceedings, the construction of which it is proposed to continue, and to report full particulars of the work already performed, the outlay incurred up to date, and the probable expenditure necessary, in order to place the works in such a position that further outlay on them may be discontinued without loss. Mr. Gibson's report should be submitted by the 15th of May, and should reach Government by the end of that month. The Collector's delay in the submission of his report has been excessive.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

List showing the particulars of Roads other than grain roads in the North Arcot District, with their expenditure from Famine, etc., Funds, and the amount required for their completion.

No. in the Local Fund Map.	Name of Road.	Amount of Estimate.	Famine Funds.	District Road Fund.	Imperial Fund.	Total.	To complete.	To admit of discontinuing without loss.	Remarks.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
27	Branch from No. 26 Yarpet to Venkatagherry.	26,080	1,500	10,552	7,000	19,052	702	...	
19½	Do. from Pennari to Nendragunta..... ...	5,360	1,084	3,959	...	5,043	629	...	
25	Constructing road from Chendragherry to Rangampet	3,450	1,450	1,525	...	2,975	1,450	...	
20	Repairing section of road between Cotarlapalli and Pallipat	1,400	1,118	...	...	1,118	282	...	
61	Road from Pallikonda to Vepancooppam	842	358	...	...	358	2,000	...	
4	Improving the branch road from Pallikonda to Kaniembady	1,158	1,158	...	...	1,158	1,500	...	
10	Road from Gudiathem to Catpady	23,770	8,276	...	...	8,276	13,500	...	May be discontinued.
7	Do. from do. to Batnapalli	...	980	...	...	980	576	...	Do.
55	Do. from Railway station to Viringipuram ...	2,000	731	...	...	731	1,269	81,200	
9	Do. from Satghur to Amboor.....	13,000	4,248	1,200	...	5,448	6,505	...	
13½	Extension (by western bank of Poiney river) of Road No. 1 from Aricooppum to Melpady ...	4,500	204	...	...	204	4,300	2,000	
15	Road from Chittoor to Aroogooda	6,000	1,980	1,555	...	3,535	2,464	4,000	
7	Gravelling with small bridge approach from Satghur into Gudiathem	240	228	...	...	228	...	...	
43	Road from Cannamangalam to Poloor and on to South Arcot frontier	32,000	24,957	27,993	...	52,950	15,440	...	
61	Do. from Arnee to Santavasal, and on Padavedu Jungle.....	3,000	2,908	..	...	2,908	11,480	...	
47	Southern section of road from Trivattoor to Wandewash.....	...	7,177	858	...	8,035	6,000	...	
62	Road from Arnee to Wandewash	...	26,465	...	...	26,465	25,720	...	
63	Do. from Vussur to Natchathracovil	1,700	1,571	...	...	1,571	5,550	...	
16	Branch from Mudigolum on Trunk Road No. XVII. to Iral	400	400	...	...	400	...	...	

List showing the particulars of Roads other than grain roads, etc.—(Concluded.)

No. in the Local Fund Map.	Name of Road.	Amount of Estimate.	Famine Funds.	District Road Fund.	Imperial Fund.	Total.	To complete.	To admit of discontinuing without loss.	Remarks.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
6	Section of Road No. 6 between Kygal river and Venkataghirikota	...	4,387	852	...	5,239	...	...	
6½	Branch from do. to Theertham	...	520	...	...	520	...	...	
6½	Road from Byreddipalli to Kadapanatham	...	100	...	...	100	...	...	
	Branch road from Palamanair High Road No. 3 to Arunoodaya village	150	150	...	...	150	...	...	
63	Road from Punganoor to Trunk Road No. XVII. *viâ* Saddam	...	6,751	...	...	6,751	15,000	5,000	
51	Road from Byreddipalli *viâ* Nakkapalli to Trunk Road No. 10 at Pattikonda	...	460	...	...	460	...	...	
5½	Do. from the twenty-sixth mile-stone on Punganoor road to Yedur *viâ* Arasanapalli and Kalakattoor	...	838	...	...	838	...	...	
	Total...	...	99,999	48,494	7,000	1,55,493	1,14,347	92,200	

Remarks on the State of Season.—(*Continued.*)

Miscellaneous No. 1018

From the Collector of North Arcot

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue Department Secretariat Madras.

Dated 8th March 1869.
Received 10th

In Consultation.

Average Bazar Prices of Grain, with Rain Report, Statement of Cotton and Indigo cultivation, and Remarks on the state of Season in the District of North Arcot for the month of February 1869.
Fasli 1278.

any sickly during the month—

Chittoor Taluk—There has been no fresh cultivation except under wells and river Channels—The Cholum and Kaggy put down under wells even has in many places not come to maturity—owing to the failure of the springs—

Chendragherry Taluk—The standing crops are still in tolerable condition and where there are wells to depend on Kaggy and other Punja crops have been cultivated during the month—

Pulmanair Taluk—Sugar cane and betel have been cultivated—

Pudutthaon Taluk—Kaggy, Indigo and Cholum in dry crop and Samba and Navara paddy in wet are still looking tolerably vigorous in land under wells but in the drier parts of the Taluk there has already been heavy loss in growing crop, wet and dry—

Vellore Taluk—Indigo has lamentably failed but Samba paddy in the Christian lands is still looking well—Some Kaggy and Cholum has been put down in dry land under wells—

Polur Taluk—Kaggy and Cumboo have been cultivated in dry land under well irrigation and some Cars paddy in wet—Both generally throughout the taluq the loss in growing crop is being daily added to—

Wandawash Taluk—Except under wells the standing crops both wet and dry are drooping and sickly and the Sub Collector who is visiting the Taluq gives a gloomy account of late present state and prospects—

Arcot Taluk—In many villages the standing Punja and Kunja crops are parched and beyond recovery—In the neighbourhood of river Channel there has been some fresh cultivation and the crops wet and dry are tolerably promising—

Cauveripauk Taluk—Kaggy, Indigo and Cholum have been put down in dry land under wells and Mar and Navara Kutty paddy in Punja during the month but the standing wet and dry crop generally is suffering from drought and much of it will not come to maturity—

Chittoor Taluk—Sugar cane has been cut. The outturn varies between ½ & ¾ of the average yield—

Average Bazaar Prices of Grain and Salt per Garce and Cultivation in the District of North Arcot in the month of February 1869, Fasli 1278.

Species.	Prices. Fasli 1276.	Fasli 1277.	Fasli 1278.
1	2	3	4
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Paddy, 1st sort.	175	177	187
Do. 2nd do.	167	179	169
Cholum or Javery	320	297	218
Cumboo or Bujru	285	253	194
Raggy	316	261	196
Horse-gram	271	237	179
Rice, 1st sort	460	433	424
Do. 2nd do.	406	405	387
Tergoo	-	-	-
Kulondoo	500	452	399
Wheat	772	575	415
Sea Salt	242	240	241

Cultivation from April 1868 up to the month of February 1869 or Fasli 1278.

	Dry. Extent.	Dry. Assessment.	Wet. Extent.	Wet. Assessment.	Total. Extent.	Total. Assessment.
	Acres.	Rupees.	Acres.	Rupees.	Acres.	Rupees.
Up to last Month	384074	556052	108990	257987	493064	814039
In this Month	6625	10326	3168	7035	9793	17361
Total	390699	566378	112158	265022	502857	831400
Cultivation up to the month 1867-68.	387346	563306	115697	257327	503043	820633
Increase	3353	3072	-	7695	-	10767
Decrease	-	-	3539	-	186	-

Remarks on the state of Season.

Rains - There has been no rain in the District except a slight drizzle in a few villages in the Polur Taluq - None of the tanks possess water.

(To be continued in the next page.)

Rain Report of the North Arcot for the month of February 1869, Fasli 1278.

Sections.	Number of Stations in each Section.	Aggregate fall at all the Stations in each Section. Inches.	Tenths.	Average of each Section. Inches.	Tenths.	Remarks. Greatest continuous fall during the month. Date.	Inches.	Tenths.
Northern	2	-	-	-	-			
Southern	3	-	-	-	-			
Eastern	2	-	-	-	-			
Western	2	-	-	-	-			
Total	9	-	-	-	-			
Average of the District				-	-			

Statement of Cotton and Indigo Cultivation for the month of February 1869, Fasli 1278.

Corps.		Official year 1867-68. or Fasli 1277. Extent.	Official year 1867-68. or Fasli 1277. Assessment.	Official year 1868-69. or Fasli 1278. Extent.	Official year 1868-69. or Fasli 1278. Assessment.	Remarks.
		Acres.	Rupees.	Acres.	Rupees.	
Government land	Cotton	1071	1858	1199	1960	Price of cleaned Cotton per Candy of 500 lbs. Rs. 120
	Indigo	7851	13214	7173	12980	
Zamindary and Inam lands	Cotton	581	2076	481	1755	Price of Indigo per Maund of 25 lbs. Rs. 54.
	Indigo	3527	10438	1451	5459	
Total	Cotton	1672	3934	1680	3715	
	Indigo	11378	23652	9624	18439	

North Arcot
Collectors Cutcherry
the 8th March 1869

(Signed) J. A. Harjeeveen Pillay
Deputy Collector.

is reported to be about [illegible] of an average Yield -

Palmanair Taluq - In dry land some pulses and Cumbu have been cut - Not ripe -

Gudiatham - Some pulses and castor oil crops have been cut in dry land and Cumbu ripe, in wet - The outturn between ½ and ¾ of an average Yield -

Vellore - The grains cut here are the same with like results -

Polur - The dry grains harvested were horsegram castor oil and pulse and some Kisanum ripe - The yield in all was poor -

Wandawash - In this and the next Taluqs the returns of Varagu and Cholam and of wet crops is reported to be poor in quantity and quality -

Wallaja - The yield in dry grains horsegram Cholam and ground nuts and in wet Cumbu ripe is not down at some what less than ½ of an average crop -

Chittoor - Prices keep pretty steady -

Chendragherry Prices in this Taluq remain as last recorded -

Palmanair - In this Taluq dry grains are cheaper while ripe is slightly on the rise -

Gudiatham - Here rice has somewhat fallen in price while other grains remain stationary -

Vellore - Rice in this Taluq is stationary other grains some what dearer -

Polur - Cumbu ripe and raggy are getting dearer while the prices of other grains are stationary -

Wandawash - Price is rising in this and the next Taluqs -

Wallaja - The Wallaja market remains stationary

Health - Is generally good throughout the District - The cases of Cholera reported during the month -

Of Cattle - In the Taluqs of Palmanair, Gudiatham, Wallaja, and Arcot the farm stock is reported to be healthy - In the other 5 Taluqs there have been partial outbreaks of Murrain of the more ordinary kinds -

Weather - Fine weather is becoming very general throughout the District and unless there be some showers there will be great dearth of food and water for Cattle -

General Remarks

Government have called for a special report from the [illegible] District in which shall be shortly [illegible] relief measures are yet called for and prices are moderate and steady - But under there is some [illegible] improvement

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From C. P. Layard Esq. Officiating Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George.

To the Board of Revenue.

Dated 4th March 1869.

Received 12th March 1869.

No. 1,438.

Grain and other roads—in North Arcot District.—Recommendation to Government that the expenditure incurred on, be sanctioned; and that a grant of Rupees 2,05,000 be made for the completion of some of them; and that the Famine Fund be re-imbursed two-thirds of expenditure on Road from Tripatty station, viâ Kaligiri to Nellore frontier.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor in Council to request that you will submit your opinion on the accompanying letter from the Collector of North Arcot, dated 25th February 1869, No. 1,162, with its enclosures, regarding the completion of certain roads in that District.

I have, &c.

(Signed) C. P. Layard
Officiating Secretary to Government.

Fort St. George, 4th March 1869.

BOARD OF REVENUE, MADRAS.

1869.

PROCEEDINGS, 4TH MARCH 1869, No. 1,438.

Encl. [illegible]
Received 12-3-69

Vera Cruz 2d Regiment

Memo for Orders in Rec.d No 798

Having the pressure
of the high prices of the early
part of last year & the apprehension
of still greater
pressure, the Government
sanctioned two special
grants of Dollars 5000 for
compleating certain roads
over which it was expected
that grain would come into
N.Orl.s but subsequent orders
order authorized the Collector
to expend such money as
might be absolutely necessary
to employ the labouring poor.
It seems that nearly the
whole of the first two grants
was spent before the end
of November last and that

a large sum from Imperial and Local funds was also spent on the same roads, but that a further sum of Rupees 1,00,000 is required to complete them. — Under the discretion given in the order of 11th December 1867, the Collector has also expended nearly a lac of Rupees from special funds on other roads to give employment to the poor, and a further sum of a lac will be required to complete those, the construction of which cannot be conveniently discontinued. The Board also ask that a sum of Rupees 20000 may be reimbursed to the Road Fund out of the amount spent from that fund on the grain roads.

2nd If the Board's recommendations are accepted, a grant of £ 2,20,000 will have been specially made for the grain roads, and £ 20,000 for the other roads. How it seems to the undersigned that there is nothing in the Collector's letter or in his season report for February, now circulated which shows that the state of the North Arcot District is such as to authorize any further expenditure from Special or Famine Funds in any direction, and that the Government would not under these circumstances be justified in complying with the Board's recommendation, though doubtless

× dated 15 Jany 69

× dated 1st March

× Same opinion

We might undoubt to be done. WDK

doubtless, if adopted, there would confer a lasting benefit on the District. Perhaps the Collector might be directed to discontinue all expenditure from Famine Funds after the 1st April, unless the state of the population in any part of the District was such as to justify this exceptional measure, in which case a full report should be made to Government. The progress of the roads would then be stopped, but probably they might be gradually completed hereafter from Local Funds. The Government in their order classifying the roads as Imperial and Local have already pointed out the inexpediency of constructing a large number of roads which the funds available are insufficient to keep in repair, and it is much to be feared that an example of this will be found in the Northern Circle District ere long.

I would suggest as most desirable that further expenditure in progress in such cases should be discontinued, and that all existing roads be handed over to the Local Boards.

I would state respectfully my opinion that the sanction to the expenditure on account of distress should not be withheld, as the work already done is a complete whole, so that it may be maintained for current income. No road must be left unfinished.

No. 977 A.D. 11

Pro. of the M. Government
under date the 7th April 19

No 795

& No 823 also printed in abstract

The Mt Hon'ble the
Gov in Council does
not consider that he
would be justified in
sanctioning the special
expenditure recommended
by the Board under the
present circumstances
of the North West District
as depicted by the Collr
in his letter recorded on
the Bd's Proc^s and his
recent report for the
month of February recorded
above.

At the same time it
is clearly inexpedient
to leave the works which

Minute.

Govt to consider
the question of economy
Revision of Establishment
Dist.

have been undertaken in a portion in which they are likely to deteriorate, and so to lose all the benefit of the expenditure which has been already incurred. It is also evident that the military from the Road Fund and the Road from Tezpore Station to the hilly portion has been freeing and altogether beyond the requirement of the case, when the wants of other portions of the District are taken into consideration

His Lordship in Council accordingly sanctions the proposal made by the Board

that if the Rs 31,580 which have been expended on the last mentioned road from the District Road Fund Rs 10,000 shall be refunded, that amount of expenditure being added to the existing outlay from Peumia grants, which will then stand at Rs 29,000 instead of Rs 9000, up to the end of November. He also resolves to direct that the Asst Collector from he at once deputed to inspect the four grain roads alluded to by the Board, and the 16 roads mentioned in para 18 of their Prop. the construction of which it is proposed to sanction, and to report full particulars of the work already performed, the outlay incurred up to date, and the probable expenditure necessary in order to place the works on such a position that of may be discontinued

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report should be submitted
by the ~~end of April~~ 15th and
should consist first of the
~~15th of May~~ the delay in the
submission of the ~~Table~~ report has been examine.

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