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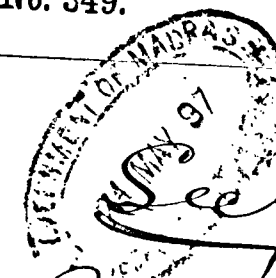
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To the Board (R.G.)
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Famine Relief Works.—Reviewing the programme of — for 1897-98 received from the Salem district.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

READ—the following letter from C. H. MOUNSEY, Esq., Acting Collector and District Magistrate of Salem, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated 30th March 1897, No. 1699:—

I have the honour to submit, herewith, the programme of famine relief works for 1897-98, prepared in the forms prescribed in the B.P., dated 7th June 1892, No. 411, as modified by the B.P., dated 16th July 1892 and 6th September 1894, Nos. 502 and 360, respectively.

2. Provision is made in the programme as follows:—

	RS.
1. Irrigation works	2,79,022
2. Forest fencing works	28,881
3. Road works—	
(a) Breaking and stacking metal and storing gravel along the sides of the existing roads	23,18,750
(b) New roads	6,75,750
4. Miscellaneous works—	
Improvement of water-supply, village-site, &c.	49,065
5. Works to be carried out by the aid of state loans	65,000
Total	34,16,469

In reference to paragraph 3 of the B.P., of the 6th May 1896, No. 88, which remarks about the maintenance of new roads, it must be confessed that the District Board will have no funds to keep up properly the new roads suggested, some of which are of very small importance, as the funds at their disposal are barely sufficient to maintain the present roads.

3. The works are calculated to afford employment for a period of three months to 455,529 persons, or 23 per cent. of the total population of the district according to the census of 1891. The proportion of the population for whom provision is made in each taluk for three months is more than 20 per cent.

4. It is necessary to have estimates ready to provide labour for 5 per cent. (98,100) for three months. This amounts, at the rate of Rs. 7-8-0 for three months per cooly, to Rs. 7,35,750. But estimates are ready for Rs. 21,09,422 in the several taluks of the district as noted below:—

Taluks.	Amount of estimates that ought to be ready in order to provide employment for 5 per cent. of the population for three months.	Amount of estimates ready.	Amount for which estimates have been got ready in excess of the requirements.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5
Salem	Rs. 1,55,375	Rs. 5,61,205	Rs. 4,04,830	85,760 (estimates not yet ready).
Atur	68,625	2,83,360	2,14,735	
Namakkal	1,12,500	3,19,202	2,06,702	
Tiruchengodu	93,375	7,616	..	
Hosur	68,500	1,50,525	92,025	
Dharmapuri	66,750	2,67,755	2,01,005	
Krishnagiri	67,000	1,75,439	1,18,439	
Tirupattūr	70,875	1,31,441	60,566	
Utangarai	51,750	2,12,880	1,61,130	
Total	7,35,750	21,09,422	14,59,432	

In regard to the simple irrigation works in the Salem and Dharmapuri taluks, no estimates have yet been prepared. These and other Tahsildars have been directed to have estimates prepared for as many of the irrigation works as possible, as well as for the drinking-water wells and other works mentioned in their programmes.

5. The irrigation works entered in the statement received from the Executive Engineer and the road works entered in the list received from the President District Board are shown in the statement A herewith submitted.

6. In this programme, ample provision is made for minor irrigation works in all the taluks. It is observed however that the number of irrigation works for the repair of which provision is made under the Revenue Department is less in some taluks than the number of works shown as out of repair. The attention of the Tahsildars concerned has been drawn to this. The forest fencing-works included in the programme have been sanctioned by the Conservator of Forests.

7. In the programme for the previous year, two irrigation projects, viz., the Krishnagiri reservoir Rs. 30,00,000 and the Gudumalai project Rs. 3,50,000, were included. But in this programme, these two projects have been omitted as the Executive Engineer now states that the Gudumalai project has been condemned and the Krishnagiri project is also under the B.P., dated 25th January 1897, Mis. No. 521, not now being proceeded with.

RESOLUTION—dated 8th May 1897, No. 349.

The abstract of the programme of famine relief works for 1897-98, received from the Collector of Salem, will be submitted for the information of Government.

2. The provision made in the programme under each main head is shown in paragraph 2 of the letter read above. It is adequate in every taluk.

3. In paragraph 3 of his letter, however, the Collector states that the District Board will not be able to afford to maintain the new roads suggested in the programme. Under these circumstances, the roads should not have found a place in the programme, and other works should have been proposed in their stead, so that the total of works provided might not fall below the required minimum. (Vide paragraph 5 (11) of B.P., No. 411, dated 7th June 1892).

4. Detailed estimates are stated to be ready for more than 60 per cent. of the total cost of the works provided in the programme. This is satisfactory.

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5. Of the two irrigation projects—Gudumalai and Krishnagiri reservoir—shown as additional works in the last programme and omitted from the present, the latter should still be retained, pending further investigation and the final orders of Government.

6. It is observed that the total numbers of irrigation works in and out of repair in the district exclusive of dasabandam and private sources are, according to irrigation statement No. 15 for fasli 1305, 2,635 and 253, respectively; while the corresponding entries in statement B, now submitted, are 1,607 and 912. This discrepancy should be explained.

7. The following mistakes are noticed in the programme:—

Statement A.—(a) In the Salem taluk, the detailed estimate of Rs. 3,32,000 against a new road is omitted in column 6, while it appears in the statement C of both the present and the last programme.

(b) In Atur, figures against “minor roads, about 13 miles” are entered under “large works” in columns 3 and 4, instead of under “small works” in columns 7 and 8, while these roads are shown in statement C as a single work against “small.”

(c) Similarly in Namakkal, the figure against “village minor roads, 10 miles” appears under “large works” in column 5 instead of under “small works” in column 7, while the work is shown in statement C as single against “small.”

Statement C.—(d) In Tirupattūr, the two items of new roads shown in statement A under “not sanctioned large works,” are clubbed together and entered in this statement against “sanctioned large works.” It is presumed that the second item—village roads, about 9 miles—relates to small works.

(e) In Atur, the entry 5,450 in column 27 against “small” is a mistake for 17,600.

The necessary corrections have been carried out in this office in the respective statements as well as the letter. The Collector will be requested to see that such mistakes do not occur in future programmes.

8. The numbers of minor “new roads” in Atur, Namakkal and Tirupattūr taluks are not given in statement A, nor are they shown as distinct works in statement C. This omission should be supplied.

9. It is desirable that taluks should be arranged in the statements of the programme, in the order followed in the statement showing the charges of Divisional Officers.

(True Copy and Extract.)

Andersen
Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Collector of Salem.

Ed. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

APPENDIX.
FORM C.—Abstract of programme of famine-relief works in the Salem district for 1897-98.

Taluk.	Population by census of 1891.	Maximum number of persons for whom relief may be required daily in the event of serious famine.	Persons provided for by relief works for three months.				Irrigation works.				Forest fencing works.		Road works.			
			Class of work.	Number provided for on.	Total percentage of population	6	New.	Repairs.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Miles.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
1. Salem ..	417	83.4	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	34,692 54,089 7,769 3,600 100,150	24	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Atur ..	183	36.6	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	35,435 1,833 3,627 533 41,428	23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Namakkal ..	300	60.0	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	41,933 16,067 4,793 533 63,326	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tiruchengodu ..	249	49.8	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	57 50,080 2,774 2,000 54,911	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Horūr ..	156	31.2	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Total ..	18,534 17,429 6,216 400 42,579	27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

• In thousands.

Form C.—Abstract of programme of famine-relief works in the Salem district for 1897-98—cont.

Taluk.	Road works—cont.						Miscellaneous works.						Grand total.			Works for which estimates are ready.		
	Repairs.			Drinking-water supply.			Others.			Total.			Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
	Number.	Amount.	Rs.	Number.	Amount.	Rs.	Number.	Amount.	Rs.	Number.	Amount.	Rs.						
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27						
1. Salem ..	15	2,55,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	2,60,190	..	20	2,14,080	..
..	7	70,600	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	4,05,870	..	12	3,32,000	..
..	23	12,400	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	172	52,265	..	172	16,115	..
Total ..	45	3,37,900	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	204	7,51,125	..	204	5,61,205	..
2. Atur ..	11	2,27,800	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	2,65,760	..	16	2,65,760	..
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	18,750	..	11	18,750	..
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	27,200	..	25	17,600	..
Total ..	11	2,27,800	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52	3,10,710	..	52	2,83,360	..
3. Namakkal ..	16	3,14,500	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	3,14,500	..	16	3,14,500	..
..	4	3,500	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1,20,500	..	3	1,20,500	..
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	136	35,945	..	136	4,702	..
Total ..	20	3,18,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	153	4,74,945	..	153	3,19,202	..
4. Tiruchengodu ..	16	3,16,600	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	430	..	2	430	..
..	5	1,06,250	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	3,75,600	..	21	7,185	..
..	8	1,27,700	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	48	20,803	..	48	15,000	..
Total ..	16	3,16,600	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	71	4,11,833	..	71	7,615	..
5. Hosur ..	5	1,06,250	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	64	1,39,005	..	64	1,39,005	..
..	8	1,27,700	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	1,30,720	..	10	46,620	..
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	177	46,620	..	177	11,520	..
Total ..	13	2,34,010	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	231	3,19,343	..	231	3,000	..
																		1,50,595

Form C.—Abstract of programme of famine-relief works in the Salem district for 1897-98—cont.

Taluk.	Population by census of 1891.	Maximum number of persons for whom relief may be required daily in the event of serious famine.	Persons provided for by relief works for three months.				Irrigation works.				Forest fencing works.				Road works.			
			Class of work.		Total per centage of population for on.		New.		Repairs.		Number.		Amount.		New.		Miles.	
			Large—Sanctioned	Not sanctioned	Small ..	Land improvements	Total	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Miles.	Amount.
6. Dharmapuri ..	178	35.6	Large—Sanctioned	..	..	..	..	35,701	..	3	455	..	..	..	..	1	18	61,550
..	..	..	Not sanctioned	..	..	..	..	747	..	6	5,600	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	Small ..	..	..	..	..	4,122	..	148	24,920	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	Land improvements	..	..	..	..	933	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	Total	..	..	..	..	41,502	..	157	30,975	..	..	..	..	1	18	61,550
7. Krishnagiri ..	152	30.4	Large—Sanctioned	..	..	..	..	24,399	..	23	10,090	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	Not sanctioned	..	..	..	..	9,040	..	2	13,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	Small ..	..	..	..	..	5,773	..	114	38,979	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	Land improvements	..	..	..	..	267	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	Total	..	..	..	..	39,479	..	139	62,069	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8. Tirupattur ..	189	37.3	Large—Sanctioned	..	..	..	..	22,380	..	5	2,355	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	Not sanctioned	..	..	..	..	16,033	..	10	2,950	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	Small ..	..	..	..	..	1,528	..	85	8,461	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	Land improvements	..	..	..	..	267	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	Total	..	..	..	..	40,208	..	100	12,866	..	..	..	..	2	15	39,500
9. Uttangurai ..	138	27.6	Large—Sanctioned	..	..	..	..	26,290	..	1	585	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	Not sanctioned	..	..	..	..	1,667	..	4	2,100	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	Small ..	..	..	..	..	3,855	..	27	4,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	Land improvements	..	..	..	..	133	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	Total	..	..	..	..	31,945	..	32	6,685	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
District total ..	1,962	392.4	Large—Sanctioned	..	..	..	..	239,421	..	101	64,820	..	..	..	..	..	30	96,550
..	..	..	Not sanctioned	..	..	..	..	166,985	..	42	45,330	..	..	..	..	..	71	5,35,000
..	..	..	Small ..	..	..	..	..	40,456	..	743	1,78,873	..	..	..	..	..	32	44,200
..	..	..	Land improvements	..	..	..	..	8,667	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	Total	..	..	..	..	458,529	..	886	2,79,023	..	..	..	..	15	133	6,75,750

• In thousands.

Form C.—Abstract of programme of famine-relief works in the Salem district for 1897-98 — cont.

Taluka.	Road works—cont.				Miscellaneous works.				Grand total.		Works for which estimates are ready.	
	Repairs.		Drinking-water supply.		Others.		Total.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.				
6. Dharmapuri	11	2,05,750	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	2,67,755	15	2,67,755
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	5,600	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	192	30,515	..	..
Total ..	11	2,05,750	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7,000	..	..
7. Krishnagiri	8	1,72,900	..	..	..	..	..	..	213	3,11,270	15	2,67,755
	6	54,800	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	1,82,490	31	1,82,490
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	67,800	..	..
Total ..	14	2,27,700	..	..	..	..	..	..	127	43,303	12	6,689
8. Tirupattur	6	1,26,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,000	..	..
	4	1,19,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	166	2,96,593	43	1,75,439
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	1,28,355	11	1,28,355
Total ..	10	2,44,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	1,46,250	..	..
9. Uttangrai	16	1,96,590	..	..	..	..	..	..	108	24,938	13	8,086
	1	10,400	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,000	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	134	3,01,563	24	1,31,441
Total ..	17	2,06,990	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	1,97,175	15	1,95,375
District total	88	16,04,780	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	12,500	..	..
	42	6,98,060	..	..	..	..	..	..	89	28,910	14	17,505
	27	15,900	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,000	..	..
Total ..	157	23,18,750	..	..	..	..	..	..	111	2,39,585	29	2,12,880
Grand total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	192	17,56,160	190	15,95,020
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	91	12,79,390	1	3,32,000
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,074	3,16,919	107	82,402
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	65,000	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,14,065	298	21,09,422

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