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Famine-relief works.—Reviewing the programme of — for 1897-98 from the Collector of North Arcot.

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

READ—the following letter from S. H. WYNNE, Esq., Collector and District Magistrate, North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Camp, Palmanér, 12th May 1897, Dis. No. 990-Eng.:—

I have the honour to submit herewith the programme of famine relief works for the year 1897-98 in statements A, B and C.

2. The programme provides labour for 22 per cent. of the total population of the district for three months. The provision made in all taluks and divisions except Arcot is generally sufficient to afford employment to nearly 20 per cent. of the population. No provision has been made in Palmanér taluk under land improvement as the Tahsildar does not anticipate any applications being received for loans.

3. The additional projects have been entered at the end of statement A as ordered in B.P., dated 1st July 1896, No. 153. The other works entered in it cover an expenditure of Rs. 36,18,285, of which nearly 8 lakhs represent outlay to be incurred on irrigation works, 18 lakhs on road works and 10 lakhs on miscellaneous works. Five forest fencing works at a cost of Rs. 15,100 have also been provided for in the list.

4. In reviewing the programme for last year the Board remarked that the provision under road works is excessive and that none of the projected new roads have been sanctioned and called for a report as to whether the Local Fund Board is prepared to maintain in an efficient state the new roads if they are constructed by means of famine labour. I beg to report that the Local Fund Board with the limited funds at its disposal cannot maintain all the roads that may be constructed by means of famine labour. But practically no works except roads can be devised in proprietary estates which form nearly half of the district.

RESOLUTION—dated 12th June 1897, No. 432.

The abstract of the programme of famine relief works for 1897-98 received from the Collector of North Arcot will be submitted, as revised by the Board, for the information of Government.

2. The programme contains provision for different classes of works, as noted below:—

		Cost.
		RS.
Irrigation works	{ New	1.45 lakhs.
	{ Repairs	6.34 "
Forest fencing works	{	0.15 "
Roads	{ New (1,515 miles)	12.93 "
	{ Repairs	5.33 "
Miscellaneous	{ Drinking water-supply	5.70 "
	{ Removing prickly-pear, &c.	1.48 "
	{ State loans for land improvement... ..	2.76 "

The total cost of the works proposed amounts to Rs. 36,15,485 and is calculated to provide employment for a period of three months to about 23 per cent. of the

population of the district. The provision, though on the whole adequate, falls short of the prescribed minimum and is also generally less than that made in the last year's programme in the taluks and divisions noted in the margin. The deficiency is particularly marked in the Arcot taluk.

	1896-97.	1897-98.
	PER CENT.	PER CENT.
Vellore taluk ...	19.38	18.93
Arcot " ...	16.81	16.32
Wandiwash taluk ...	16.81	18.92
Palmanér " ...	19.79	18.03
Puttár division ...	19.94	19.47
Punganúru division ...	22.75	19.04

The Collector suggested last year that want of work in this taluk, as well as in Wandiwash, could be met by the excess provision made in the adjacent taluks of Walaja and Polúr. Such a remedy, however, should be resorted to only when local resources are either exhausted or unavailable. In the present case, it is observed that no provision has been made for seventeen of the works stated to be out of repair under Revenue Department in Arcot, nor for one under Public Works Department in Wandiwash. Besides the two small projects, Mukkur tank and Mahadevamangalam, shown in the last programme against the latter taluk, appear to be omitted from the present. The Collector will be requested to see whether the provision may not be amplified in each of the tracts mentioned above.

3. With reference to the provision made for many road works which the Local Boards will admittedly be unable to maintain, the Collector explains that he is at a loss to devise any other sort of relief work in the proprietary estates which form nearly half of the district. The difficulty is a real one, and the Board is at present unable to see any way out of it.

4. Of the thirteen irrigation works mentioned at the end of paragraph 3 of B.P., dated 1st July 1896, No. 153, and which were required to be brought under sanction, only three are large and the rest small works in accordance with the definition of "large" and "small" laid down by the Government of India and referred to in paragraph 4 of B.P., dated 1st May 1896, No. 84. Of the three, two remain still un-

	RS.
Gudigáttam taluk—	
(1) Murthona project	3,00,000
Chittoor taluk—	
(2) Berab tank of Iral	30,000
Palmanér taluk—	
(3) Thotakaanniah Putlamma-cheruvu	10,000
Chendragiri taluk—	
(4) Small anikst project	3,500
	3,43,500

sanctioned and one in the Palmanér taluk is shown, in the present programme, as an additional work, along with three others, at the end of statement A. The approximate cost of these four works amounts to Rs. 3,43,500 as detailed in the margin. Nos. (1) and (2) have thus stood on the list for the last few years. The Chief Engineer for Irrigation will be requested to inform the Board at what stage each of them is at present, and whether any of them will be fit for inclusion in the body of the statement of the next year's programme. Similar information is also required with regard to the rest.

5. Detailed estimates are stated to be ready for Rs. 16,34,265 or 49 per cent. of the total provision, exclusive of land improvement works and 37 per cent. of the amount provided for large works is brought under sanction. This is satisfactory especially when compared with the last year's programme.

6. (a) In Walajah taluk, the total approximate cost of new small roads is Rupees 40,200 and not Rs. 43,000.

(b) In Palmanér, the taluk total in column 8 of statement A is 30,766 and not 30,776.

(c) In Punganúru division, the work of restoring the late famine road from Sadam to Nanjampet is shown under new roads in both the statements A and C, whereas it should be shown under repairs.

(d) The total number of works shown in statement B. as in and out of repair is 3,565 while it is given, in the irrigation statement No. 15 for fasli 1305, as 3,514. This discrepancy should be explained.

(e) In Tiruttani division, the number of new roads against "small" is shown as 19 in statement C while it appears from statement A to be 9.

(f) In Punganuru division, the number of wells is omitted in column 20 of statement C, while it is shown as 90 in statement A.

The necessary corrections have been carried out in this office in the statements concerned. The Collector will be requested to carry them out also in his office copy.

7. In the Arni jaghire a causeway across the Kamandala river on the Arni-Arcot road to cost approximately Rs. 15,000, is added to the list of new roads. It appears to involve masonry and skilled labour and to be therefore ill-adapted for purposes of famine relief.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of North Arcot.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exd. A. F. Eccleston.

[Appendix.]

APPENDIX.
FORM III.—Abstract statement of programme of relief works in the North Arcot district for the year 1897-98.

Taluk or division.	Population by last census in thousands.	Maximum number of persons for whom relief may be required in the event of serious famine.	Persons provided for by relief works daily for three months.			Irrigation works.			Forest-fencing works.			Road works.		
			Class of work.	Number provided for.	Total percentage of population.	Number.	Amount.	Repairs.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
						7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
							Rs.		Rs.		Rs.			Rs.
1	2	3	4	5	6									
Wallajah ..	239	47,800	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvement .. Total ..	10,924 19,983 23,294 6,666 66,867	27.97	8	9,005	110	71,600	1	2,800	25	144½	2,00,270
Chendragiri ..	114	22,800	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvement .. Total ..	7,419 8,087 25,790 1,333 42,629	37.39	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	18	28,240
Vellore ..	193	38,600	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvement .. Total ..	6,716 1,080 23,422 5,333 36,551	18.93	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	13	13,000
Gudiyattam ..	177	35,400	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvement .. Total ..	6,310 84,580 1,600 42,490	24	3	24,400	118	78,130	1	850	27	96½	82,900

Form III.—Abstract statement of programme of relief works in the North Arcot district for the year 1897-98— <i>cont.</i>	
Road works— <i>cont.</i>	Miscellaneous works.

Arcoot district for the year 1897-98—cont.																				
Miscellaneous works.																				
Taluk or division.		Road works—cont.		Drinking-water supply.				Others.		Total.		Grand total.		Works for which estimates are ready.						
		Repairs.		Number.		Amount.		Number.		Amount.		Number.		Amount.		Number.		Amount.		
		16	17	18	19	20	21	22		23		24		25		26		27		
		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	
Wallajah	7	71,730	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	73	47,140	..	95	88,160	..	28	10,800	..	123	48,960	..	8	81,930	..	12	1,49,870	..	3	34,720
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	80	1,18,870	95	88,160	28	60,800	123	98,960	347	5,01,506	237	2,66,895	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chendragiri	2	27,401	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	3	47,650	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	22	39,810	..	47	35,500	..	97	23,840	..	144	69,380	..	4	55,641	..	4	60,650	..	1	9,900
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vellore	27	1,14,861	47	35,500	97	33,880	144	69,380	287	3,19,721	166	2,02,231	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1	10,220	2	40,150	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	23	66,055	43	77,762	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Gudiyalam	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	24	76,275	46	1,26,012	2	44,500	48	1,70,602	106	2,74,133	94	1,98,643	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	75	20,215	73	66,200	141	8,125	214	92,065	434	2,59,350	139	96,045	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	75	20,215	73	66,200	142	46,980	215	1,12,180	439	3,18,875	159	96,015	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Form III.—Abstract statement of programme of relief works in the North Aroost district for the year 1937-38—*cont.*

Taluk or division.	Population by last census in thousands.	Maximum number of persons for whom relief may be required in the event of serious famine.	Persons provided for by relief works daily for three months.				Irrigation works.				Forest-fencing works.		Road works.		
			Class of works.	Number provided for.	Total per-centage of population.	New.		Repairs.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Miles.	Amount.	
						Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.						
															7	8	9	10
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Aroot ..	176	35,200	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvement .. Total ..	2,311 25,627 800 28,738	16-32	.. 2 2	.. 2,300 2,310	.. 145 145	.. 86,666 86,666	 1 .. 1	 450 .. 450	2 25 .. 27	23 112½ .. 135½	17,334 86,920 .. 1,03,364	
Wandiwash ..	178	35,600	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvement .. Total ..	1,267 27,085 5,333 33,686	18-32	.. 1 8 .. 9	9,500 35,500 .. 45,000	.. 174 .. 174	.. 1,38,581 .. 1,38,581	.. .. .. ..	.. .. .. ..	7 7 .. 7	.. 31½ .. 31½	22,952 22,952	
Polur ..	140	28,000	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvement .. Total ..	2,195 5,572 23,064 6,333 36,164	25-83	.. 2 4 .. 6	21,790 12,855 .. 34,645	.. 106 .. 106	.. 87,330 .. 87,330	.. .. .. ..	.. .. .. ..	1 12 62½ .. 72½	9 12 62½ .. 72½	7,960 12,000 46,200 .. 66,160	
Chittoor ..	300	40,000	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvement .. Total ..	1,066 6,507 31,194 1,333 40,102	20-04	.. 2 2	30,000 30,000	.. 118 .. 118	.. 65,200 .. 65,200	1 1 .. 2	8,800 2,200 .. 11,000	36 .. 38	7 107½ .. 114½	8,000 10,000 86,100 1,04,100	
Palmaner ..	48	9,600	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvement .. Total ..	 8,659 .. 8,659	18-03	.. .. .. ..	.. .. .. ..	.. 129 .. 129	.. 30,561 .. 30,561	.. .. .. ..	.. .. .. ..	12 12 .. 12	62 62 .. 62	21,050 21,050 21,050	

Form III. — Abstract statement of programme of relief works in the North Arcot district for the year 1897-98 — *cont.*

Taluk or division.		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.	Amount.	Amount.		
		16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27				
Puttūr division	1	Rs. 8,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	Rs. 8,000	1	Rs. 8,000	..	..
	1	8,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	53,573	3	35,573	..	..
	3	15,000	77	83,450	14	8,700	91	87,150	106	1,66,337	43	66,887	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	6	31,000	77	83,450	14	3,700	91	87,150	112	2,37,910	47	1,10,460	..	..	..	..	..
Tiruttani do.	..	9,600	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	29,300	3	29,300	..	..
	1	2,903	195	90,000	232	15,780	427	1,03,780	437	1,51,200	93	68,682	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	2	12,500	195	90,000	232	15,780	427	1,03,780	418	2,02,100	102	1,06,562	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kālabasti do.	..	17,200	39	43,500	63	28,050	104	71,550	127	1,43,200	110	1,19,050	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	4	17,200	39	43,500	63	28,050	104	71,550	129	1,40,200	112	1,35,050	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kanguadi do.	..	10,250	6	1,000	20	2,210	25	3,210	43	67,800	3	6,160	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	6	10,250	6	1,000	20	2,210	25	3,210	45	82,800	3	6,160	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arni jaghire	..	19,930	64	36,100	36	15,200	60	61,300	2	21,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	23	19,930	64	36,100	36	15,200	60	61,300	155	50,000	9	10,400	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	26	19,930	64	36,100	36	65,200	90	1,01,500	157	2,32,830	9	10,400	..	..	..	..	..

Form VII.—Abstract statement of programme of relief works in the North Arcot district for the year 1897-98.—*cont.*

Taluk or division.	Population by last census in thousands.	Persons provided for by relief works daily for three months.					Irrigation works.				Forest-fencing works.		Road works.	
		Maximum number of persons for whom relief may be required in the event of serious famine.	Class of works.	Number provided for.	Total percentage of population.	New.		Repairs.		Forest-fencing works.		New.		
						Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Miles.	Amount.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Punganuru division.	92	{ Large— Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small Land improvement Total	{	{ 10,648 4,475 2,400 17,523	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	R.A. 72,160 29,060 1,01,220
District Total ..	2,103	{ Large— Sanctioned Not sanctioned Small Land improvement Grand Total	{	{ 45,000 76,199 324,048 36,797 482,044										R.A. 1,63,860 3,86,777 7,40,719 12,93,365

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Form III.—Abstract statement of programme of relief works in the North Arcot district for the year 1897-98—cont.

Taluk or division.	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.	Rs.	Number.	Amount.	Rs.	Number.	Amount.	Rs.	Number.	Amount.	Rs.					
													16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Panganfru division	1	7,700	Rs.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	79,860	7	79,860
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1	4,500	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	33,660	6	33,660
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	90	18,000	90	18,000
Total ..	2	12,200	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	103	1,31,420	13	1,13,420
District Total	13	1,33,551	Rs.	2	40,150	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	3,37,561	30	3,37,561
	6	73,250	..	1	8,100	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	61	6,71,642	13	1,36,483
	275	3,26,077	..	806	5,21,962	..	688	1,39,690	..	1,494	6,61,952	..	3,069	24,30,382	1,234	11,60,221	
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	90	2,76,000	..	..
Grand Total ..	294	5,32,878	..	809	5,70,212	..	779	4,24,115	..	1,688	9,94,327	..	3,240	36,15,465	1,277	16,34,265	

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