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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
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READ—again Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (R. S., L. R. and Agri.), Mis. No. 4578, dated 25th June 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting the Collector of Chingleput to revise and re-submit the statements of famine relief programme for 1897-98 at an early date.

READ—also the following letter from D. D. MURDOCH, Esq., Acting Collector of Chingleput, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, Ref. on No. 105-Pl., dated Saidapet, 10th July 1897:—

In reply to B.P., Mis. No. 4578 (R.S.), dated the 25th ultimo, I have the honour to enclose a revised famine relief programme for the year 1897-98 in Forms I and III. Form II will follow when the revised form is received from the Executive Engineer.

2. The programme provides for the construction of 37 new irrigation works and for repairs to existing works, to cost 1.19 lakhs and 4.19 lakhs, respectively; for the construction of 200 miles of new roads and for repairing the existing ones, to cost 2.92 and 9.65 lakhs, respectively; for works intended to improve the supply of drinking water costing 1.50 lakhs, and other miscellaneous works costing 1.16 lakhs. The last item includes advances under the Land Improvement Loans Act amounting to Rs. 88,000. The total provision comes to 20.63 lakhs, and the works are sufficient to provide employment for a period of three months to 22.68 per cent. of the population of the district.

3. Estimates are ready for 15.99 lakhs, or about 80 per cent. of the total provision exclusive of the land improvements. The proportion of the large works sanctioned to those unsanctioned is as 1.04 to 1.10.

4. The Madras water works distributaries, against which a sum of Rs. 10,418 was entered in the original programme, has now been omitted, as the Executive Engineer explains that the work is not to be carried out under any circumstances. He further states that in statement I, as first submitted by him, certain small works in the Madurantakam and Chingleput taluks were included, the estimates for which had been prepared in a rough and ready way to meet the urgent demand for labours, which the failure of the north-east monsoon last year would have created. These estimates can, he remarks, always be brought forward, if urgent need arises, but prepared in the way they have been they should not, he considers, find a place in the famine programme. They have, therefore, been omitted from the present programme.

5. A useful famine relief work in the Madurantakam taluk would be the widening and improving of the Uttiramérur channel. This is under investigation.

RESOLUTION—No. 624, dated 16th September 1897.

The revised abstract of the programme of famine relief works, received from the Collector of Chingleput, will be submitted, as amended by the Board, for the information of Government.

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

		Cost.
		LAKHS.
Irrigation works	{ New	1.20
	{ Repairs	4.19
Roads	{ New (200 miles)	2.92
	{ Repairs	9.65
Miscellaneous works	{ Drinking-water supply	1.50
	{ Land improvements	0.88
	{ Others	0.28
Total	...	20.63

The total provision amounts to Rs. 20,62,907, and is calculated to provide employment for 24.19 per cent. of the population. Of this amount, however, Rupees 68,482 is stated to be not available for unskilled labour; the percentage is, in consequence, reduced to 23.39. It is nevertheless generally adequate. In the Saidapet taluk alone, it falls short of the prescribed limit, being sufficient for only 14.67 per cent. of the population. This deficiency could probably be met by providing for the repair of all the irrigation works under the Public Works Department shown in statement B as out of repair. It is noted that the Collector has been able to find sufficient work in Chingleput and Conjeeveram taluks without proposing the construction of new roads.

3. Estimates are stated to be ready for works to cost Rs. 15,99,392 or nearly 80 per cent. of the total provision, exclusive of land improvement works for which no estimates are required. Estimates have been sanctioned for 49 per cent. of the cost of large works.

4. The following mistakes and omissions are noted in the revised programme:—

Statement A—

(1) In the Saidapet taluk, the length of the three new roads, to cost approximately Rs. 14,280, is not mentioned.

(2) In the Tiruvallūr taluk, the total cost of repairing four unsanctioned road works is given, both in this statement and the statement C, as Rs. 62,675 instead of Rs. 62,475.

(3) In the last page, the total against Saidapet, in column 5, should be Rs. 9,600 and not Rs. 96,000.

(4) The work of widening and improving the Uttiramérur channel, in the Madurantakam taluk, referred to in paragraph 5 of the last letter read above, should have been shown as an additional work at the end of this statement (*vide* clause 3 of draft rule No. 9 embodied in B.P., No. 411, dated 7th June 1892).

Statement B—

(5) The number of works under the Revenue Department, for which provision is made in column 10, exceeds the number stated to be out of repair in column 5, in the taluks of Saidapet, Chingleput, Conjeeveram and Madurantakam. This should be explained.

(6) The tank restoration works, included in column 8 against Tiruvallūr, should also be included in columns 3 and 7.

Statement C—

(7) The population by the last census in the Tiruvallūr taluk is entered in column 2 as 248 thousand, whereas it is 171.

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(8) The entry 340 in column 26 against Madurantakam taluk, small works, is evidently incorrect. The correct figures should be reported.

The necessary corrections have been made as far as possible in this office and the Collector will be requested to see that they are carried out in his office copy.

5. It is observed that, as noted below, the greater part of the amounts set down against certain works, is not available for famine relief:—

Taluk.	Works.	Total approximate cost.	Cost available for famine relief.
Ponnéri ..	Extension of Mirjur branch channel ..	Rs. 5,290	Rs. 2,142
Tiruvallūr ..	Kalinganadi minor basin—small works, 20 ..	12,050	5,542
Do. ..	Arbi river minor basin—small works, 39 ..	23,315	11,155
Chingleput ..	Major irrigation works, 7 ..	22,160	10,900
Madurantakam ..	Repair of Kinar tank ..	7,080	2,805
Do. ..	Repair of Munnakolam tank ..	5,000	1,620

6. The Collector is requested to see that more care is bestowed on the preparation and punctual submission of future programmes.

(True Copy and Extract.)

Famine Secretary.

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

APPENDIX.

STATEMENT C.—Abstract of programme of famine relief works in the Chingleput district for the year 1897-98.

Taluka.	Population by last census in thousands.	Maximum number of persons for whom relief may be required daily 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.	Numbers provided for on.	Total per cent of population.	New.		Repairs.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Miles.	Amount.
						Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Saidapet ..	225	45,000	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Taluk Total ..	16,145 1,280 14,250 1,333 33,011	14.67	.. 9 9	.. 2,945 2,945	.. 33 33	Rs. .. 5,210 .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	Rs.	.. 1 10	.. 12 56 .. 68	Rs. 9,000 51,850 .. 61,480
Ponnéri ..	122	24,400	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Taluk Total ..	14,027 37,955 5,313 1,333 58,628	48.00	.. 2 1 .. 3	69,200 5,280 .. 74,480	.. 17 .. 17	.. 10,071 .. 10,071	.. .. .. ..	.. .. .. ..	.. 4 .. 4	.. 28 .. 28	1,10,005 .. 1,10,005
Tiruvallūr ..	171	34,200	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Taluk Total ..	12,547 16,197 12,183 1,333 42,260	24.71	.. 7 .. 7	.. 902 .. 902	.. 82 .. 82	.. 49,344 .. 49,344	.. .. .. ..	.. .. .. ..	.. 5 3 .. 8	.. 59 13 .. 75	59,000 16,000 .. 75,000
Chingleput ..	157	27,400	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Taluk Total ..	10,400 6,893 16,189 2,267 35,759	26.12	.. .. .. .. ..	.. .. .. .. ..	.. 152 .. 152	.. 1,03,416 .. 1,03,416	.. .. .. ..	.. .. .. ..	.. .. .. ..	.. .. .. ..	.. .. .. ..
Cojicaram ..	219	43,800	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land improvements .. Taluk Total ..	25,358 11,698 10,197 4,000 51,253	23.41	.. 1 3 .. 4	22,770 3,780 .. 31,550	.. 81 .. 81	.. 40,242 .. 40,242	.. .. .. ..	.. .. .. ..	.. .. .. ..	.. .. .. ..	.. .. .. ..

Statement C.—Abstract of programme of famine relief works in the Chingteput district for the year 1897-98.—*cont.*

Taluka.	Road works—cont.				Miscellaneous works.								Grand Total		Works for which estimates are ready.	
	Repairs.		Drinking-water supply.		Othera.		Total.									
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Approximate cost.	Number.	Cost.		
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27				
Saidapet	5	Rs. 1,21,110	..	Rs. ..	..	Rs. ..	..	Rs. ..	6	Rs. 1,21,110	5	Rs. 1,21,110	5	Rs. 1,21,110		
	.. 8	32,050	.. 60	8,750	.. 55	6,000	.. 115	14,750	175	9,600	.. 50	40,243	.. 50	40,243		
	..	..	..	..	100	10,000	100	10,000	100	10,000	..	..	..	..		
	13	1,53,100	60	8,750	155	16,000	215	24,750	281	2,47,581	53	2,47,581	53	2,47,581		
Ponnéri	4	1,05,200	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1,05,200	4	1,05,200	4	1,05,200		
	3	1,05,400	.. 49	7,945	.. 9	1,090	.. 58	8,535	9	2,84,665	5	1,74,600	5	1,74,600		
	5	15,150	..	..	100	10,000	100	10,000	81	39,546	81	38,538	81	38,538		
	..	..	..	..	100	10,000	100	10,000	100	10,000	..	..	..	..		
Total	12	2,26,750	49	7,945	109	11,090	158	18,335	154	4,39,711	90	4,39,711	90	4,39,711		
Tiruvallūr	2	94,105	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	94,105	2	94,105	2	94,105		
	4	62,476	.. 6	355	.. 2	2,951	.. 7	3,346	9	1,21,475	9	1,21,475	9	1,21,475		
	7	21,720	..	..	100	10,000	100	10,000	106	91,372	106	91,372	106	91,372		
	..	..	..	..	100	10,000	100	10,000	100	10,000	..	..	..	..		
Total	13	1,78,300	5	355	102	12,951	107	13,346	217	3,16,932	105	3,16,932	105	3,16,932		
Chingleput	2	78,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	78,000	2	78,000	2	78,000		
	3	52,000	.. 79	12,000	.. 47	6,600	.. 120	18,000	3	52,000	3	52,000	3	52,000		
	..	..	..	..	170	17,000	170	17,000	272	1,21,416	234	1,21,416	234	1,21,416		
	..	..	..	..	170	17,000	170	17,000	170	17,000	..	..	..	..		
Total	5	1,30,000	73	12,000	317	23,040	290	35,000	447	2,68,416	239	2,68,416	239	2,68,416		
Conjeveram	2	22,893	1	97,870	..	..	1	97,870	5	1,90,263	3	1,90,263	3	1,90,263		
	5	64,966	.. 68	12,150	.. 28	6,000	.. 95	13,150	6	87,736	6	87,736	6	87,736		
	3	9,296	..	..	300	30,000	300	30,000	183	76,478	182	76,478	182	76,478		
	..	..	..	..	300	30,000	300	30,000	300	30,000	..	..	..	..		
Total	10	1,67,155	69	1,00,020	338	39,000	297	1,43,220	492	3,84,477	191	3,84,477	191	3,84,477		

* Estimated for Rs. 1,048 still due from the Talandar in respect of the same works.

Statement C.—Abstract of programme of famine relief works in the Chingleput district for the year 1897-98—*cont.*

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Statement C.—Abstract of programme of famine relief works in the Chingleput district for the year 1897-98—cont.

Taluka.	Miscellaneous works.										Grand Total.		Works for which estimates are ready.	
	Road works—cont.		Drinking-water supply.				Others.		Total.		Number.	Approximate cost.	Number.	Cost.
	Repairs.													
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.						
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27		
Madurakutakam	1	37,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	57,000	1	57,000	1	37,000
	4	68,400	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	1,06,900	5	1,06,900	5	1,06,900
	1	5,000	87	12,200	63	6,000	155	18,200	340	2,56,870	340	2,56,870	340	1,46,504
	..	..	..	..	110	11,000	110	11,000	110	11,000	..	..	..	..
Total ..	6	1,10,400	87	12,200	178	17,000	265	29,200	456	4,95,770	346	4,95,770	346	2,00,404
District Total	16	5,28,308	1	97,370	..	..	1	97,370	17	6,25,678	17	6,25,678	17	6,25,678
	19	3,53,241	..	..	..	..	..	..	33	6,62,376	33	6,62,376	33	4,83,711
	24	51,246	342	52,700	209	28,081	551	86,781	1,157	6,86,853	986	6,86,853	986	4,90,003
	..	..	..	..	880	88,000	880	88,000	880	88,000	..	..	..	..
Total ..	59	9,65,795	343	1,50,070	1,089	1,16,081	1,432	2,66,151	2,097	20,62,907	1,026	20,62,907	1,026	15,39,392

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