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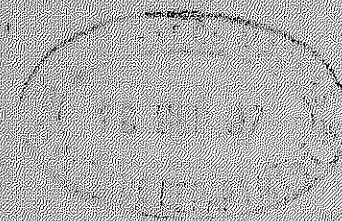
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Famine relief works.—Reviewing the programme of — for 1897-98 submitted by the Collector of Gadavari.

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

READ—the following letter from V. A. BRODIE, Esq., Collector of Gódvári District, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, Ref. on Per. No. 153-Ver., dated Cocanada, 29th May 1897 :—

I have the honour to submit herewith statements of famine relief works for 1897-98 in forms A, B and C prepared in accordance with the instructions on the subject.

2. The works proposed are likely to cost Rs. 37,21,973 in all and sufficient to give employment for three months to 496,262 persons or 48·8 per cent. of the total population.

3. The provision made in the case of the Rajahmundry taluk consists merely of the repair of several petty works, and is totally inadequate. I regret to say that the Sub-Collector appears to have merely submitted the return of the Rajahmundry Tahsildar, without seeing that sufficient provision was made to afford work to 20 per cent. of the population for three months in the event of serious distress. He has been asked to submit additional proposals.

4. The provision made in all the other taluks is, in my opinion, generally sufficient. The excess of work in Ellore, Yernagudem and Peddapuram taluks and in Tuni division is due to the inclusion in the programme of a large number of unsanctioned irrigation and road works. No information is furnished regarding the ability of the Taluk Boards concerned to maintain the latter in good order after completion.

5. As usual, detailed estimates are available for only a few of the works included in the programme. I am impressing on the Divisional officers the desirability of getting estimates prepared for as many large works as possible, and bringing them under sanction at a very early date.

6. The provision under the Loans Act is *nil*, as there are very few admissible applications on hand.

7. I regret the great delay in the submission of the return, which is due to the late receipt of their returns from the Divisional officers, particularly that of the Headquarters Deputy Collector, which reached my office on 14th May 1897, in a confused and incomplete form. The length of proposed roads has not been furnished. The works have been wrongly classified, and masonry works have been included. (The Sitapalli vagu bridge work, proposed by the Special Assistant Agent, has been omitted by me, as it is not likely to be suitable for famine relief). The total number of irrigation works "in repair" and "out of repair" is, I surmise, incorrectly given. I am receiving the returns of the Divisional officers separately, and shall report further on receipt of information from all of them.

RESOLUTION—No. 620, dated 14th September 1897.

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

2. The programme, as usual, relates to the non-deltaic portion of the district—the delta being regarded as beyond the reach of famine. It provides for different classes of works as detailed below :—

	Cost in lakhs.
1. Irrigation—Repairs	1·82
2. Forest fencing	0·03
3. Roads ... { New	13·58
Repairs	5·07
4. Miscellaneous... { Drinking-water supply	3·54
Others	0·50
Total	24·54

The works are calculated to provide employment for 32 per cent. of the population of the tracts concerned for a period of three months. The six works noted in the margin are shown as additional works.

For the second work, a detailed estimate appears to have been prepared, and if this is the case, it should have been shown in the body of the list. The Collector has failed to note the latest correspondence connected with each project.

The Chief Engineer for Irrigation will be requested to inform the Board at what stage of preparation the estimate of each of these works is at present, and whether any of the estimates is likely to be ready in time to allow of its inclusion in the body of the next year's programme.

3. The provision is adequate on the whole, but it falls short of the prescribed minimum in the Rajahmundry and Yernagudem taluks, and the Cocanada division, where the listed works are sufficient only for about 4, 11 and 15 per cent. of the population, respectively. In paragraph 3 of his letter read above, the Collector notices the great inadequacy of the provision made in the first mentioned taluk, and states that the Sub-Collector has been asked to submit additional proposals. In the Yernagudem taluk, the inclusion of the Anumula lanka project referred to above has swollen the percentage of population provided for, and the Collector accordingly speaks of "excess of work" in this taluk. But the project, not being in a forward state of preparation, should have found no place in the statement C, and has been accordingly struck off. In the Cocanada division, no attempt appears to have been made to meet the deficiency. The excess provision made in the adjacent taluks should not be depended upon, and the Collector will be requested to see whether the provision made in these tracts cannot be amplified.

4. In the Tuni division, it is observed that 104 per cent. of the population has been provided for. But the bulk of the provision consists in the construction of new roads. This is also the case in other taluks to a considerable extent. The Collector will be requested to ascertain and report whether the Taluk Boards concerned are in a position to maintain the proposed roads after completion.

5. The detailed estimates which have been prepared amount only to Rupees 5,31,001, or about 22 per cent. of the total provision made in the programme. Of the amount set down for large works, the proportion of "sanctioned" to "unsanctioned" is only as 1 to 22. This is not satisfactory, notwithstanding the great improvement made on the last year's programme. Further steps should be taken to bring more of the "large works" under sanction, so that relief works may be started forthwith in case of emergency.

6. It is observed that, in the Ellore taluk, the fencing of two forest reserves to cost approximately Rs. 3,080 is included in the programme. But it is not clear whether the Conservator's approval has been obtained, as required in paragraph 5 (10) of B.P., No. 411, dated 7th June 1892.

Statement A—

(2) In the Ellore taluk, nineteen works for the supply of drinking water, to cost approximately Rs. 2,85,250, are clubbed together and shown under "small works." But the majority, if not all, of them would seem to be "large works", and they should have therefore been entered and described separately.

(3) In the Bhadrāchalam taluk, the work of metalling the road from Waddigudem to Gurrapa Zahari, and constructing tunnels and bridges is stated to cost Rs. 25,000. But what part of this sum will be available for unskilled labour is not clear.

(4) In the Polavaram division, the work of "metalling and gravelling a number of roads" is shown under "new roads," whereas it should have been shown under repairs to existing roads.

Statement B—

(5) The total number of irrigation works stated to be in and out of repair in this statement is 1,056, while the corresponding number in the jamabandi statement No. 15 is 2,361. This discrepancy should be explained.

(6) As has been remarked by the Collector, no provision has been made for the repair of twenty-five irrigation works in Polavaram and thirty-eight in Yellavaram. The explanation called for by the Collector should be submitted for the information of the Board when received.

(7) In the Ellor taluk, provision is made for the repair of 87 minor irrigation works, in statement A. They are presumably under the Revenue Department. But in statement B, only 83 works are provided for under the Revenue Department. This discrepancy needs explanation.

Statement C—

(8) The length of new roads and the number of works grouped together are, in most cases, omitted.

(9) Column 3 is not filled up against the Tuni, Polavaram, and Yellavaram and Chodavaram Divisions, nor against the "district total."

(10) As has been noticed above, works for which plans and estimates are not in a forward state of preparation, though shown as additional works in statement A, should not be included in this statement.

The necessary corrections have been made in this office. The Collector is requested to carry them out in his office copy.

8. The Collector's explanation for such a long delay in submitting this programme is far from satisfactory. He will be requested to be more punctual in future. The Board has delayed its review of the programme in the hope of receiving the revised statement B promised, but this has not yet been submitted. The Collector should submit it without further delay.

(True Copy and Extract.)

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
 „ Collector of Gódvári.
 „ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Ed. P. Seetharam

Famine Secretary.

Appendix.

APPENDIX.

STAFFORD C.—Abstract of programme of Famine relief works in the Gódlavari district for 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.	Number provided for.	Total per cent. of population.	New.		Repairs.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Miles.	Amount.
						Numbers.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Bajhmundry taluk.	145	29,000	Large—	..	3·6	..	Rs.	..	23.	..	Rs.	..	..	Rs.
			Sanctioned	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
			Not sanctioned	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
			Small ..	5,132		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Ellora taluk	172	34,400	Large—	..	38·4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Sanctioned	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Not sanctioned	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Small ..	63,157		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Yerragaddam taluk.	185	27,300	Large—	..	10·7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Sanctioned	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Not sanctioned	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Small ..	10,000		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Peddapuram taluk.	162	32,400	Large—	..	41·9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Sanctioned	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Not sanctioned	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Small ..	60,139		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Land Improvement Loans ..	..	41·9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Total ..	67,802		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Statement C.—Abstract of programme of Famine relief works in the Godavari 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.	Approximate cost.	Number.	Cost.		
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27				
Bejambundry taluk ..	..	Rs. ..	..	Rs. ..	..	Rs. ..	..	Rs. ..	..	Rs. ..	..	Rs. ..	..	Rs. ..		
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
	..	..	..	..	2	1,232	2	1,232	84	38,869	18	26,337	..	..		
	Total ..	..	..	..	2	1,232	2	1,232	84	38,869	18	26,337	..	..		
Ellore taluk ..	10	1,13,500	19	2,85,250	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
	4	23,000	..	..	5	6,226	5	6,226	109	3,98,750	9	2,413	..	..		
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	96,866	34	15,330	..	..		
	Total ..	14	1,36,500	19	2,85,250	5	6,226	24	2,91,476	138	4,95,616	43	18,743	..	..	
Yarasgudem taluk ..	1	20,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
	..	..	10	3,100	..	..	..	..	..	75,009	..	..	..	..		
	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	3,100	32	33,710	16	3,610	..	..		
	Total ..	1	20,000	10	3,100	..	..	10	3,100	37	1,08,710	16	3,610	..	..	
Paddapuram taluk ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
	..	..	31	25,020	32	10,650	63	35,670	13	2,70,000	..	..	..	..		
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	102	1,32,520	26	47,250	..	..		
	Total ..	..	..	31	25,020	32	10,650	63	35,670	116	5,08,520	26	47,250	..	..	

Statement C.—Abstract of programme of Famine relief works in the Gódavari district for 1897-98—*cont.*

Taluka.		Population by last census in thousands.	Maximum number of persons for whom relief may be required daily in the event of 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 per cent. of population.	New.		Repairs.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Miles.	Amount.			
							4	5	6	7								8	9	10
1	2	3																		
Cocanada division.	121	24,200	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land Improvement Loans .. Total ..	10,348																
				2,824																
				4,973																
				..																
				18,155	15.0														Rs.	
fur division..	84	16,800	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land Improvement Loans .. Total ..	18,600																
				7,852																
				..																
				25,852	30.8															
				..																
ivision ..	68	11,600	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land Improvement Loans .. Total ..	1,040																
				58,253																
				1,171																
				..																
				60,566	104.4															
adachalam taluk	42	8,400	Large— Sanctioned .. Not sanctioned .. Small .. Land Improvement Loans .. Total ..	16,133																
				919																
				..																
				17,052	40.6															
				..																

Statement C.—Abstract of programme of Famine relief works in the Gólavari district for 1897-98—*cont.*

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Statement C.—Abstract of programme of Famine relief works in the Godávári district for 1897-98—*cont.*

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.	Number provided for.	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	
Polararam division.	50	10,000	Large—	..	..	..	Rs.	..	Rs.	..	Rs.	..	..	Rs.	
			Sanctioned	..	35,106	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Not sanctioned	..	4,317	..	7	20,000	..	..	..	..	..	1	22
			Small	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	21½
			Land Improvement Loans	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
			Total	..	70.0	..	..	7	20,000	..	..	6	43½	26,449	
Yellaram and Chodavaram divisions.	45	9,000	Large—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
			Sanctioned	..	9,653	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
			Not sanctioned	..	2,804	..	11	8,700	..	..	..	..	..	4	..
			Small	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Land Improvement Loans	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
			Total	..	27.7	..	..	11	8,700	..	..	6	..	83,700	
District Total	1,015	203,000	Large—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
			Sanctioned	..	11,388	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	8
			Not sanctioned	..	253,471	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	174
			Small	..	62,297	..	238	182,101	..	..	..	..	68	474	
			Land Improvement Loans	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
			Grand Total	..	32.2	..	..	238	182,101	2	3,080	104	294	13,57,691	

Statement C.—Abstract of programme of Famine relief works in the Gódvári district for 1897-98—cont.

Tanks.	Road works—cont.			Miscellaneous works.						Grand Total.		Works for which estimates are ready.	
	Repairs.		Number.	Drinking-water supply.		Others.		Total.		Number.	Approximate cost.	Number.	Cost.
	Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.				
	16	17		18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Polavaram division	..	Rs.	..	..	Rs.	..	Rs.	..	Rs.	..	Rs.	..	Rs.
	6	2,50,572	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,63,872	..	2,63,872
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32,375	..	32,375
Total ..	6	2,50,572	..	..	..	2	325	2	325	21	2,96,347	14	2,96,347
Yellararam and Chodavaram divisions.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	72,400	..	72,400
	..	..	..	..	..	1	1,028	1	1,028	16	21,028	2	53,308
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1,028	1	1,028	18	93,428	2	53,308
District Total	19	4,84,072	..	1	39,612	..	..	1	39,612	3	85,412	3	85,412
	4	23,000	..	19	2,85,250	..	..	19	2,85,250	72	19,01,034	19	2,41,663
	..	..	..	43	28,910	90	49,957	133	78,567	445	4,67,227	104	1,43,895
Grand Total ..	23	5,07,072	..	63	3,53,772	90	49,957	153	4,03,729	540	24,63,673	125	5,31,001

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