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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
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READ—also the following letter from A. W. B. HIGGENS, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Sivagiri, 1st June 1897, Ref. C. on Cur. No. 495-G.B.Gl.:—

In continuation of my letter, dated 25th May 1897, Ref. on Cur. No. 495-G.B.Gl., I have the honour to submit the following report regarding the arrangements made for starting relief operations in the four northern taluks in the event of failure of the south-west monsoon.

2. *Relief works*—I enclose a list of relief works selected in the four taluks. The estimates for some of them are not ready and I am issuing instructions for the work of preparation of estimates being undertaken at once. I have not heard from the Superintending Engineer regarding the establishment and tools likely to be required in the event of its being necessary to open relief works. On receipt of his reply, I shall satisfy myself as to the adequacy of the arrangements. Besides the works included in the list submitted, I expect to be able to undertake the execution of irrigation works in the Ettiyapuram estate under the management of the Court of Wards for about a lakh of rupees. The list of works for fasli 1307 is now due from the Manager, and he has been requested to expedite it. An estimate for Rs. 25,000 for the conversion of the Taruvai swamp into a tank is under the consideration of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation—*vide* Proceedings of the Court of Wards, No. 274, dated 25th February 1896. An estimate for Rs. 9,000 for another work has just been sanctioned by the Court of Wards. A sum of Rs. 10,000 is proposed to be spent on irrigation works in the Sivagiri zamindari in fasli 1307, but there is scope for a considerably larger expenditure, as the irrigation works are generally in a bad state of repair. The preparation of estimates for works will be taken in hand at an early date.

3. *Gratis relief*.—For purpose of village relief I have divided the four taluks, with the exception of the Ettiyapuram zamindari, into village-relief circles. The circles have been formed as far as possible with reference to the instructions in section 75 of the Famine Code. The average area and population in a circle in each taluk is as follows:—

Taluk.	Number of circles.	Average area of a circle.	Average population of a circle.
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4. In regard to kitchens and poorhouses, I shall be in a position to select the localities where they are most wanted on the completion of inquiries under section 75. For the present, I propose the head-quarter stations of Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars in the four taluks as stations for poorhouses. On the completion of inquiries I shall revise the list if necessary. I have prepared a list of men to fill the posts of paymasters and kitchen and poorhouse superintendents. A list of circle inspectors will be prepared on the completion of inquiries under section 75.

RESOLUTION—dated 18th June 1897, No. 447.

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Archer
Famine Secretary.

To the Collector of Tinnevely.
Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd A. F. Eccleston.

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L. E. BUCKLEY,
Famine Secretary.

To the Collector of Tinnevely.
Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

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(Signed)

G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement,
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