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Dated 30th March 1898.

No. 2202 Miscellaneous

READ the following letter from the collector of Chingleput, Reference on Current No 190/B&G of 1898 dated 28th March 1898:—

In continuation of my letter dated 15th instant, Reference on No 190/B&G of 1898 disposed of in the Board's Proceedings dated 18th instant, No 129 Press, I have now the honor to reply to para 7 of the Board's Proceedings dated 14th February 1898 No 76 (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture) — I have deferred replying until now in order that I might be better satisfied as to whether relief is likely to become necessary in any tract—

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the Varadayyapalayam firka and a small Zemin tank near Nagalapuram, and

(2) in the Ponneri Taluk, the Seganiyam tagil in the north, the Vayalur firka in the East and part of the Nayar tagil in the South.

3. In the Varadayyapalayam firka a large number of Tank Restoration Scheme works are to be executed in the next official year and I have already arranged with the Executive Engineer to have them put in hand early in April. These will provide the necessary labour and no relief works are likely to be required unless the next South-west monsoon rains should also fail. In that event ample and useful work can be provided at the Local Fund quarries and on the roads in that part.

I have also arranged with the Executive Engineer to have the repairs that are to be executed next year to the Nagalapuram Tank commenced early in April next. The amount to be spent on earthwork is nearly Rupees 1400 and this will assist the labourers in the small Zemin tank near Nagalapuram. The collection of materials (for ordinary repairs to Local Fund Roads) will also be going on at the Nagalapuram quarries in April, May and June, and this will provide additional work. If relief should be found necessary later, it can usefully be provided at these quarries; but the tank in question is a small one, and the ordinary works mentioned above will probably be found to suffice.

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4 coming to the Ponneri Taluk, there are many villages in which the season has been nearly as bad as it could be, but I hardly think there will be any demand for labour on relief works unless the next season also begins badly. I am at present doing the Jamabandy of that taluk and have already settled most of the villages in which the season has been worst, but I have received no requests to open relief works proper, and the labouring classes are not found to be starving themselves. As already reported an unusual amount of labour has recently been provided in that taluk in connection with the formation of the embankment for the Madras-Bezwada Railway line and the repair of tanks under the Tank Restoration Scheme and much of it has been in the parts most affected. The Tank Restoration Scheme works have been very nearly exhausted now, but there still remains a work of some size in Kerapakkam village which is in the centre of the worst part of the Seganiyam tagil; the value of the earthwork to be done is Rupees 1865. It is a kussa tank, irrigating lands in a Zemin village as well as in two Government villages and the work has been delayed pending payment of the Zamindar's contribution. It has been found impossible to collect the contribution and I have recommended that the work be put in hand at once in the interests of the ryots holding lands under the tank.

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tank in the two Government villages. If this is sanctioned it will provide work where it will be badly needed.

For the labourers in the Degani[illegible] taqil there is also a good deal of work in excavating shells in the island of Kurivithitto and in the Nellore Side of the backwater and some labourers from the villages of that taqil are at present employed on the Railway Works that are still going on at the bridge across the backwater

4. Ordinary works in the Vayalur[illegible] Estimates for two suitable tank repair works of some size (at Kaniyambakkam and Nalur) are being got ready by the Executive Engineer in lieu of the Manjur Channel work which is likely to be given up. Plate laying also on the Madras-Bezwada railway is likely to be commenced soon and this will provide some additional work.

In the Nayar tract the repairs to the Nayar tank will provide the necessary work and will be started early in April. The value of the earthwork is nearly Rupees 3000. An Estimate is being prepared for another tank repair work in Pennagaram which can also be put in hand if necessary

5. Estimates for the improvement (widening and raising) of the roads from Ponneri to Pulicat and to Tiruvottiyur have been got ready; the amount provided for earthwork and for "sectioning, forming and levelling the embankments" is Rupees 2050 in the case of the Pulicat road and Rupees 2720 in the case of the Tiruvottiyur road. These will be useful test works in the event of relief becoming imperative later on. Further work can be provided, if necessary, at the local fund quarry in Periya-oblapuram for the northern tract at the large quarry at Srinivalipet for the central tract and at the Padiyanallur quarry for the southern tract. If greater concentration is necessary the Srinivalipet quarry is the most suitable; but hutting on the works would be required as being situated about 5 miles West of the Trunk road (near the road from Kavaripet to Sathyavedu) it is at a considerable distance from the parts that are likely to be first affected. The materials can be usefully utilized in metalling the roads from Ponneri (1) towards Pulicat and (2) towards Tiruvottiyur. At present the metalled portions of these roads extend only for about 3 miles from Ponneri towards Pulicat and for a very short distance towards Tiruvottiyur. The road from Attur to Periyapalaiyam is another one that might usefully be metalled.

6. The only large irrigation work available in the Taluk is what is known as the Vayalur Project, but its utility is doubtful and it may be reserved for a period of much greater distress than need be apprehended at present. The work of improving the supply channel from the Vallur anicut to the Sholavaram tank may also be kept in reserve; the Channel is mostly in the Tiruvallur Taluk.

7. I have discussed with the District Board Engineer the question of what rates should be allowed for the Ponneri-Pulicat and Ponneri-Tiruvottiyur road works have to be undertaken as test works on the intermediate system, but as I do not anticipate

now that there will be any necessity to undertake them unless the rains of the next South West monsoon also fail, I presume that this question may be allowed to stand over for the present.

Resolution

Submitted to Government, with reference to para 7 of Board's Proceedings No 76 rated 14th February 1898

2. The Collector considers that no relief works will have to be started in the District unless the next South-West monsoon rains also fail. He has made necessary arrangements for an expansion of the ordinary works in April.

3. As regards the repair of the hissa tank in Keerapakkam Village referred to in para 4 of the collector's letter, the Chief Engineer for Irrigation has been addressed.

(True copy and Extract)

R. V. Srinivasan
Secretary.

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

Government (1898) of Madras.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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2. As already reported, the tracts in which the failure of crops has been most extensive are—

(1) in the *Tiruvallúr taluk*, the Varadayyapalaiyam firka and a small zamin tract near Nagalapuram, and

(2) in the *Ponnéri taluk*, the Seganiyam tagil in the north, the Vayalur firka in the east, and part of the Nayar tagil in the south.

3. In the Varadayyapalaiyam firka, a large number of tank restoration scheme works are to be executed in the next official year and I have already arranged with the Executive Engineer to have them put in hand early in April. These will provide the necessary labour and no relief works are likely to be required unless the next south-west monsoon rains should also fail. In that event ample and useful work can be provided at the Local Fund quarries and on the roads in that part.

I have also arranged with the Executive Engineer to have the repairs that are to be executed next year to the Nagalapuram tank commenced early in April next. The amount to be spent on earthwork is nearly Rs. 1,400 and this will assist the labourers in the small zamin tract near Nagalapuram. The collection of materials (for ordinary repairs to Local Fund roads) will also be going on at the Nagalapuram quarries in April, May and June, and this will provide additional work. If relief should be found necessary later, it can usefully be provided at these quarries; but the tract in question is a small one, and the ordinary works mentioned above will probably be found to suffice.

4. Coming to the Ponnéri taluk, there are many villages in which the season has been nearly as bad as it could be, but I hardly think there will be any demand for labour on *relief* works unless the next season also begins badly. I am at present doing the jamabandy of that taluk and have already settled most of the villages in which the season has been worst, but I have received no requests to open relief works proper; and the labouring classes are not found to be stinting themselves. As already reported an unusual amount of labour has recently been provided in that taluk in connection with the formation of the embankment for the Madras-Bezwada Railway line and the repair of tanks under the tank restoration scheme, and much of it has

been in the parts most affected. The tank restoration scheme works have been very nearly exhausted now, but there still remains a work of some size in Keerapakkam village which is in the centre of the worst part of the Seganiyam tagil; the value of the earthwork to be done is Rs. 1,865. It is a *hissa* tank, irrigating lands in a zamin village as well as in two Government villages and the work has been delayed pending payment of the zamindar's contribution. It has been found impossible to collect the contribution, and I have recommended that the work be put in hand at once in the interests of the ryots holding lands under the tank in the two Government villages. If this is sanctioned, it will provide work where it will be badly needed.

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(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAR,
Secretary.

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

Order—No. 210, Revenue, dated 18th April 1898.

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(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

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