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Famine-relief Works.—Reviewing the programme of — for 1898–99 submitted by the Collector of Tanjore.

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(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.)

Read—the following letter from W. B AYLING, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated Vallam, 2nd April 1898, Dis. No. 1427-Rev.:—

I have the honour to submit a programme of famine-relief works for 1898–99, as required in B.P., No. 411, dated 7th June 1892.

2. In view to the fact that the deltaic portion of the district is protected and not liable to scarcity or famine, the programme has been prepared only for the non-deltaic portion, covering—

(1) the portion of the Tanjore taluk lying to the south of the Trichinopoly-Tanjore Railway line; and

(2) the whole of the Pattukkóttai taluk—*vide* B.P., No. 691, Revenue Settlement, dated 21st October 1892. Such of the works in the last year's list, as lie in the delta out of the reach of the tracts they are designed to protect, have accordingly been excluded, and new and suitable works to the amount of Rs. 14,63,000 lying in the portions likely to be affected have been substituted. In the case of estimates for road works, the amounts provided for cartage have been separated and only the amounts available for expenditure on famine labour are shown in the programme as directed in paragraph of G.O., No. 604, Revenue, dated 21st July 1897. The programme provides for works in the Tanjore taluk to the amount of Rs. 11,02,713 sufficient to give employment to the whole of the population of the non deltaic part of the taluk concerned for three months at As. 1–4 per head per diem, and in the Pattukkóttai taluk for Rs. 6,86,100 sufficient to give employment to 33·7 per cent. of the population of that taluk for the same period.

3. Of the 132 irrigation works out of repair in the Tanjore taluk, provision is made for the repair of 116, the remaining 16 works having to be executed under kudimaramat. Of the 107 irrigation works out of repair in the Pattukkóttai taluk, provision is made for the repair of 96 works. No provision is made in regard to the remaining eleven works, as their investigation has not been completed by the Tank Restoration Scheme Party. No provision is made for well-sinking under the Loans Acts in the Pattukkóttai taluk for reasons given in paragraph 3 of this office letter, No. 681, dated 1st April 1895, disposed of in B.P., No. 115, dated 6th May 1895.

4. No forest fencing is proposed for reasons stated in paragraph 5 of this office letter, No. 203, dated 3rd April 1893, printed in B.P., No. 132, Revenue Settlement, dated 14th April 1893.

5. Seven of the road works marked with an asterisk and put down for sums aggregating Rs. 84,500 are really unsuited for famine-relief works inasmuch as the total approximate cost of the said works is Rs. 3,85,000, and the difference would be expended in such way as to afford no relief to famine coolies.

6. The details of the provision made in the programme are given below:—

Works.	Amount in lakhs of rupees.
Construction of 14 new irrigation works	14·76
Repairs to 212 old irrigation works	·52
Construction and metalling of roads (301 miles)	1·60
Repairs to old roads—5 works	·12
Construction of works for the improvement of drinking water-supply—44 works	·15
Construction of other miscellaneous works including sinking of wells with the aid of State loans—8 works	·74
Total ...	17 89

Date.

ent. of the total population
his connection that in times
of the cooly classes in the
for the period of three months. It has to be observed in provisions in the programme
of absence of demand for their labour, a large num' months.
upland portions of the district migrate themselves to 1,11,700 or 6 per cent. of the total
in quest of employment, and in this circumstance, states that, as his division staff was
may be held sufficient for a longer period than the late in December last, their time has

7. Estimates are reported to be ready for Rs grants, but that they have been in-
provision. The Executive Engineer, Negapatam immediately. With reference to the
deputed on famine duty and did not return till tlement, dated 6th May 1895, I have
been fully taken up in working out the year's and Local Fund Engineering officers
structed to take up the famine-relief works as possible on the sanctioned scale at an
instructions in B.P., No. 115, Revenue Se
requested the Public Works Department
concerned to bring as many more works
early date.

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famine-relief works for 1898–99 received from

Resolution—No. 213, dated 18th June tted for the information of Government.

The abstract of the programme of on-deltaic portion of the district—the only part
the Collector of Tanjore will be subm n in paragraph 6 of the Collector's letter. The

2. The programme is for the 13 and it is calculated to afford employment for
considered liable to famine. Detail the population.
amounts provided for them are give be ready for only 6 per cent. of the total provision.
total provision made is Rs. 17,88, ted to the deputation of the Negapatam Executive
three months to 57·9 per cent. of mine duties till late in December. Now that the staff

3. Estimates are stated to duties, it may be hoped that the deficiency will be made
This low percentage is tribamme.
Engineer's Division staff to f the Board's remarks in paragraph 3 of its Proceedings,
has returned to its ordinary ay 1897, it would seem that not a single work has been added
up in the next year's pro in the present programme.

4. Notwithstandin
No. 392, dated 22nd
to the sanctioned list

Description of work.	Total allotment.	Amount available for famine relief.
	Rs.	Rs.
Tanjore taluk.		
6 road No. 8 from Tanjore anad, 16 miles	30,000	9,000
Pattukkóttai taluk.		
1. Gravelling lling road from Pattukkóttai to to Orat irampatnam and to Mannár-gudi, 29 miles	1,75,000	15,000
2. Mets Gravelling road No. 8 from Pattukkóttai to Oratanad, 14 miles ..	45,000	7,000
Ag Gravelling road No. 75 from Arantangi to Nagaram, 12 miles ..	48,000	16,000
3. C 5. Metalling road from Kattumavadi to Arantangi, 11 miles	50,000	19,000
4. 6. Gravelling road from Arantangi to Avadaiyarkoil, 9 miles	20,000	8,500
Total ..	3,63,000	74,500

5. Of the seven road works referred to in paragraph 5 of the Collector's letter, in only one case (metalling road from Arantangi to Aiyangudi on road No. 19) in the Pattukkóttai taluk does the work provide much employment for famine relief; in the other cases by far the greatest portion of the allotment made for them is not, as is shown in the margin, available for the purpose of relief. The scarcity of stone and gravel, no doubt, makes it very hard to devise any useful road-work suitable for the employment of famine labour.

6. The following mistakes and omissions are noticed in the programme:—

Statement A.—(*a*) In the Tanjore taluk, item 1 under new roads in the last year's programmme, referred to in paragraph 1 of the Collector's letter disposed of in B.P., Mis. No. 8668, dated 23rd October 1897, is omitted, without remark, in the present programme.

(*b*) In the Pattukkóttai taluk, the new road in item 2 is described as road from *Pattukkóttai to Oratanad*, whereas, in paragraph 3 of the Collector's letter last referred to, it is described as road No. 8 (Tanjore to Pattukkóttai) *from Tanjore to Oratanad.*

(*c*) In the last-mentic
as 9 miles but as 19 miles in t

Statement B.—(*d*) The t
taluk is, according to this stateme
No. 15, 258.

(*e*) The amounts in columns
their total alone being given in colu

Statement C.—(*f*) In the Tan
24 against "small" is 160 and not 14

(*g*) The totals in columns 2 and

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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Tanjore.
" Superintending Engineer, V Circle.

Exd. P. Seetharam.

APPENDIX.

Form C.—Abstract statement of programme of famine-relief works in the Tanjore district for the year 1898-99.

Taluks.	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. Class of work.	Number provided for.	Total per cent. of population.	Irrigation works. New. Number.	Irrigation works. New. Amount.	Irrigation works. Repairs. Number.	Irrigation works. Repairs. Amount.	Forest-fencing works. Number.	Forest-fencing works. Amount.	Road works. New. Miles.	Road works. New. Amount.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15
							Rs.		Rs.				Rs.
Tanjore ..	141	28,200	Large—Sanctioned ..	9,693		.. 5	9,40,000	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Not sanctioned ..	126,533		..	..	..	43,463	..	..	16	9,000
			Small	10,736		..	..	116	..	..	..	41	18,020
			Land Improvement	67		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Total ..	147,028	104·3	5	9,40,000	116	43,463	8	..	67	27,020
Pattukkóttai ..	271	54,200	Large—Sanctioned ..	..		.. 7	5,24,000	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Not sanctioned ..	81,000		2	12,000	96	9,000	..	..	6	83,500
			Small	10,480		..	..	..	..	..	..	19	49,300
			Total ..	91,480	33·8	9	5,36,000	96	9,000	..	..	25	1,32,800
Total ..	412	82,400	Large—Sanctioned ..	9,693		.. 12	14,64,000	..	..	..	..	.. 7	92,500
			Not sanctioned ..	207,633		2	12,000	212	52,463	..	..	26	67,320
			Small	21,216		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Land Improvement	67		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			Grand Total ..	238,508	57·9	14	14,76,000	212	52,463	..	..	301	59,820

Secretary.

APPENDIX.

Form C.—Abstract statement of programme of famine-relief works in the Tanjore district for the year 1898-99—*cont.*

Taluks.	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.	Approximate Cost.	Number.	Approximate Cost.
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Tanjore	..	..	..	..	2	72,700	2	72,700	2	72,700	2	72,700
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	9,49,000	..	..
	3	10,000	33	8,030	1	1,000	34	9,030	160	80,513	33	16,000
	..	..	..	..	5	500	5	500	5	500	..	..
Total ..	3	10,000	33	8,030	8	74,200	41	82,230	173	11,02,713	35	88,700
Pattukkóttai	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	6,07,500	1	16,000
	2	1,500	11	6,800	..	..	11	6,800	130	78,600	94	7,000
Total ..	2	1,500	11	6,800	..	..	11	6,800	143	6,86,100	95	23,000
Total ..	..	..	..	..	2	72,700	2	72,700	2	72,700	2	72,700
	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	15,66,500	1	16,000
	5	11,500	44	14,830	1	1,000	45	15,830	290	1,59,113	127	23,000
	..	..	..	..	5	500	5	500	5	500	..	..
Grand Total ..	5	11,500	44	14,830	8	74,200	52	89,030	316	17,88,813	130	1,11,700

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