

Revenue (1898) Department.

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G.O., No. 44

Dated 26th January

[Despatch Abstract.]

Approving the proposals for
open relief works on the gang & piece work
system in the Atmakur fuka in the Nellore
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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture),

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State of Season—Submitting to Government, with remarks, report from the Collector of Nellore on the — in the Atmakúr taluk.

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

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(True Copy and Extract.)

Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with sketch. *In copy sent.*
,, Collector of Nellore.

Exd. P. Seetharam.

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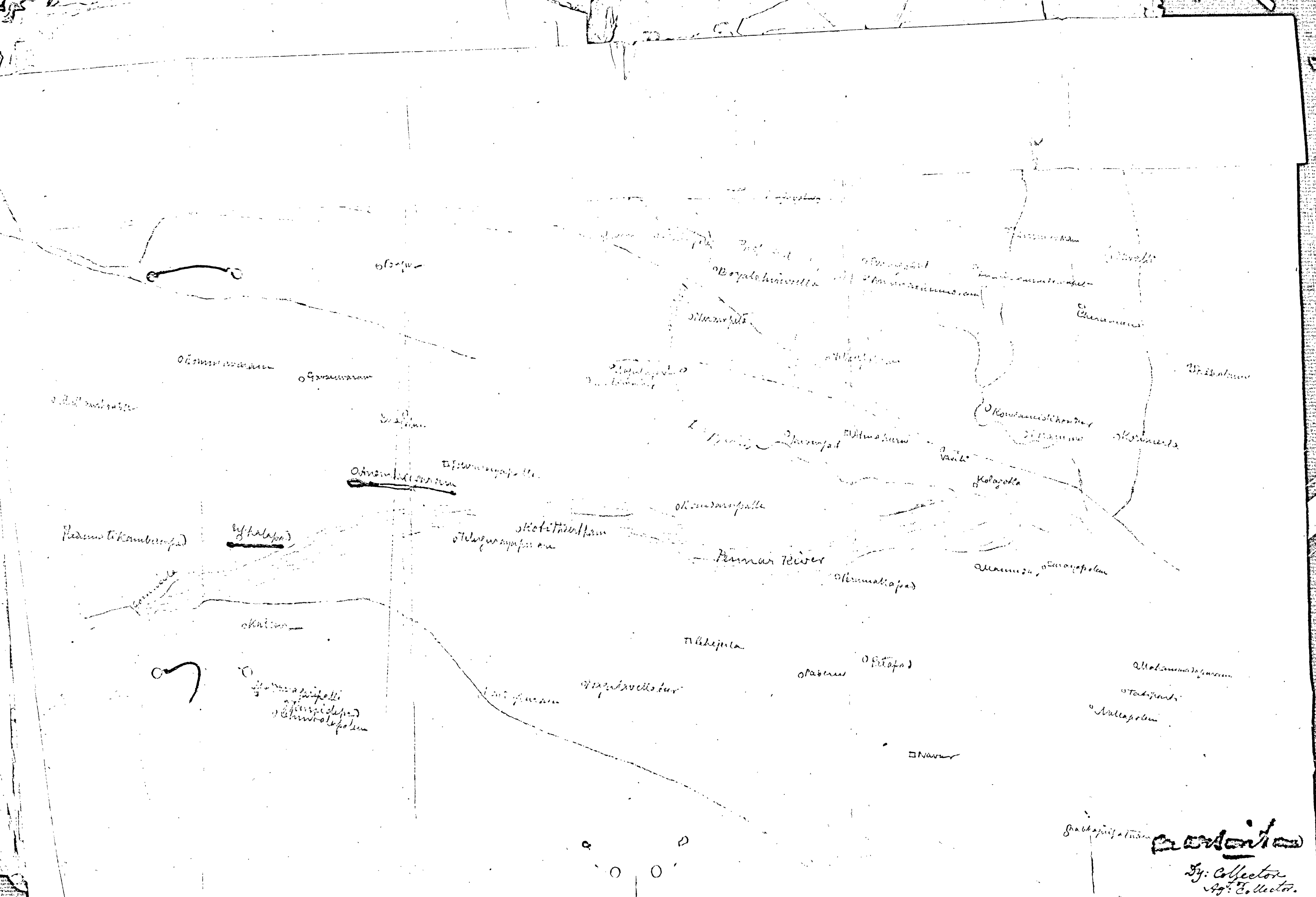
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read C. No 336.

Has D.P.W. any remarks
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The proposed works will be
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received in this office

W.H.

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12. The list of works for the proposed
works for the proposed works

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Please see proposed draft
for approval. The D.P.W. has
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The Collector's proposals are
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Total ...	3,106

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11. The Deputy Collector, Atmakúr, reports that applications for loans for sinking wells have been received. He has been requested to push the applications through as rapidly as possible.

Resolution—No. 13, dated 11th January 1898.

The Collector's report on the condition of the Atmakúr taluk will be submitted to Government, in continuation of Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 10177, dated 28th December 1897.

2. The rainfall of December was slight and partial, and nearly 1,500 acres of wet crops and over 7,000 acres of dry crops are reported to have already perished. The prices of the staple dry food-grains have risen above the scarcity rate and that of rice has nearly touched it. The condition of the people is stated to be good except in the Atmakúr firka, where the labouring classes are reported to be in want of work.

3. The Collector considers that State relief to any large extent will not be necessary, but that in the Atmakúr firka employment for the labouring classes should be provided by starting some works on the gang and piece-work system without the intervention of contractors. The works recommended are the excavation, by the Public Works Department, of the Biraperu-Anamasamudram channel, for which an estimate for Rs. 12,500 is under preparation, and the repairs of nine minor irrigation works, estimated to cost Rs. 3,106. The Board approves of the Collector's proposals, and recommends that orders be issued in the Public Works Department to begin the channel work on the gang and piece-work system as early as possible.

4. The Collector's action in authorising the execution of the minor irrigation repairs in anticipation of sanction is approved.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with sketch.
„ Collector of Nellore.

ORDER—No. 44, Revenue, dated 26th January 1898.

Miscellaneous.

The Collector's proposals are approved.

2. Orders will issue in the Public Works Department for expediting the preparation of estimates for the Anamasamudram-Biraperu channel and for the execution of the work without the intervention of contractors. It appears from a previous report of the Collector that the estimate for the Anantasagaram tank main channel has already been sent up for sanction; preparations in connection with this channel should be pushed forward so as to enable the local officers to start the work at short notice.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement,
Land Records and Agriculture).
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Accountant-General.
„ the Local and Municipal Department.

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