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Recording B.P. coming. to Collrs. orders of Govt. approving the proposal to take up the improvement of tank-bunds for furnishing labour for famine relief.

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Famine Relief.—Communicating to all Collectors, orders of Government approving the proposal to take up the improvement of tank-bunds for furnishing labour for—

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

READ—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (R.S., L.R. and Agr.), Mis. No. 6208, dated 20th October 1898:—

Read—the following letter from J. C. LARMINIE, Esq., Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated Ootacamund, 8th October 1898, No. 325-M.:—

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 347, dated 14th September 1898, I have the honour to inform you that owing to the difficulty of providing large famine-relief works in the portion of the South Arcot district outside the portion irrigated from the Coleroon where famine is very improbable, it was suggested to Government that in an irrigated district like South Arcot covered with tanks, the best employment for famine labour would be to improve the bunds of the tanks. The bunds repaired under the Tank Restoration Scheme are made up to a very little more than safe section and require constant repair which cannot be arranged for and they rapidly deteriorate. Tanks connected with projects and those not yet taken up under the Tank Restoration Scheme are generally in very bad order. If all the tanks were improved by making the bunds stronger, it would be an excellent thing in many ways and save much subsequent expenditure. Where there are large bodies of famine labourers to be provided for, the tanks could be taken up in groups. With smaller gangs they could be taken up singly and the gang moved from one to another. There are altogether in the South Arcot district 375 "Imperial" irrigation works, irrigating 212,000 acres, and 2,684 "Minor" works supplying 146,000 acres. The great majority of these works are in bad order and few have bunds of really substantial section.

2. Government having approved the above views, ordered the preparation of a scheme on these lines with an estimate thereof. The Superintending Engineer, V Circle, has accordingly been instructed by me to consult with the Collector and select groups of tanks, where famine relief could best be given, and have estimates prepared for raising the bunds. He will now be asked to report the progress made in the preparation of the scheme referred to and to expedite the submission for sanction of the estimates reported to be ready for certain irrigation works referred to in paragraph 3 of the Board's Proceedings.

3. My report on paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 530, Revenue, dated 3rd July 1897, was submitted to Government in the Revenue Department with Endorsement No. 4266-C., dated 11th October 1897, of the Public Works Department.

Resolution—Mis. No. 6208, dated 20th October 1898.

Communicated to the Collector of South Arcot.

2. The Chief Engineer will be requested to favour the Board with a copy of the orders of Government alluded to by him in paragraph 1, and the first sentence of paragraph 2 of his letter.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAR,
Secretary.

To the Collector of South Arcot.
„ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

READ—also the following letter from W. HUGHES, Esq., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated Madras, 8th November 1898, No. 356-M.:—

With reference to Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Mis. No. 6208, dated 20th October 1898, I have the honour to forward, herewith, a copy of G.O., No. 8601., dated 3rd November 1898, approving the proposals referred to in my letter, No. 325-M., dated 8th October 1898.

ENCLOSURE.

G.O., No. 860 I., dated 3rd November 1898.

Read—the following papers:—

From the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, dated 5th April 1898, No. 137 E.I.

No. 280 I.

Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

In the above letter, the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, brings to notice the difficulty of providing large famine-relief works in the portion of the South Arcot district outside the portion irrigated by the Cauvery where famine is improbable.

2. In this district which has an area of 5,211 square miles, there are 375 "Imperial" irrigation works irrigating 212,000 acres and 2,684 "minor" irrigation works supplying 146,000 acres. The bunds of tanks repaired under the Tank Restoration Scheme are made up to a very little more than safe section and require constant repair, which cannot be arranged for, and they of course rapidly deteriorate. The tanks connected with systems and those not yet taken up under the Tank Restoration Scheme are generally in very bad order. When it is considered that the great majority of these works are in very bad order and that very few have bunds of really substantial section, the undersigned thinks it would be an excellent thing, whenever famine relief is required, to take them up in groups and improve them by increasing the section of the bunds as far as practicable with earth taken from the beds. This would save much subsequent expense. When there are large bodies of famine labourers to be provided for, the tanks could be taken up in groups. With smaller gangs they could be taken up singly and the gang moved from one tank to another.

(Signed) W. HUGHES,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
2nd November 1898.

Order—No. 860 I., dated 3rd November 1898.

The Government concurs in the view expressed in the foregoing note. Some scheme and estimate thereof should be prepared beforehand, so that when the time comes, the work may be taken in hand without delay, and in the most economical and advantageous manner. The Chief Engineer for Irrigation will arrange accordingly.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUGHES,
Joint Secretary to Government,
Irrigation Branch.

RESOLUTION—No. 430, dated 28th November 1898.

The note of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation read in G.O., No. 860 I., dated 3rd November 1898, will be communicated to all Collectors for information and guidance. The course proposed therein is one which the Board has suggested repeatedly to Collectors; namely that, though irrigation works may nominally not be in need of "repair," there are few on which famine-relief labour could not be usefully employed.

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2. The attention of Collectors will be drawn to the provision of section 9 (4) of the Famine Code under which the circumstances of every irrigation work in each taluk should be considered, and by the term "thorough repair" used in the section, Collectors should understand the bringing up of the bunds to a really substantial section.

(True Copies and Extract.)

R. V. Srinivasan
Secretary.

To all Collectors. (Divisional officers and Tahsildars) except *those of*
Madras, Nilgiris, Malabar and South Canara.
,, the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Md. Md. Pahlavan.

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