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Famine-relief Works.—Reviewing the programme of—from the Collector of Chingleput for 1898-99.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

READ—the following letter from J. H. ROBERTSON, Esq., Acting Collector of the Chingleput District, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Saidapet, 16th May 1898, Ref. on No. 92-Pl. :—

I have the honour to submit in Forms I, II and III, the Famine Relief Programme for 1898-99.

2. The programme provides labour for 14.18 per cent. of the population. The provision made by the Public Works Department being only $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., the Executive Engineer is being addressed to make provision for some more works so as to make up the required percentage.

3. Estimates are ready for Rs. 9,18,906, of which Rs. 3,84,786 relate to repairs to irrigation works and Rs. 1,56,400 to new works. This will provide labour for 6 per cent. of the population for three months.

4. Statement No. II will show that the repair of 447 out of 584 Minor Irrigation Works which are in bad order is proposed. As the provision made in the Ponnéri and Tiruvallūr Taluks under this head is very small, I am calling on the Divisional officer to prepare estimates for all the works in his division with a view to getting them sanctioned.

READ—also the following letter from M. YOUNG, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector in charge, Chingleput district, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Saidapet, 9th July 1898, Ref. on No. 92-Pl. :—

With reference to my remark in the Famine Programme C statement submitted to you with this office Ref. on No. 92-Pl., dated 16th May 1898, I have the honour to state that the number of miles to be entered in column 14 against item "small" in the Ponnéri Taluk is 59.

RESOLUTION—No. 354, dated 21st September 1898.

The abstract of the programme of famine-relief works for 1898-99 received from the Collector of Chingleput will be submitted for the information of Government.

2. The relief works in the programme are classified below under the main heads, and the amounts are shown in lakhs of rupees :—

Classes of works.	Large works.		Small works.	Total.
	Sanc-tioned.	Not sanc-tioned.		
Irrigation	0.43	0.93	0.21	1.57
New (21)	..	..	4.19	4.19
Repairs	..	..	0.54	1.52
Roads	0.68	0.30	1.79	2.61
New (183 miles)	..	..	0.70	1.21
Repairs	0.46	0.36	0.32	0.32
Drinking-water supply	..	..	1.35	1.35
Other miscellaneous works	..	..	..	..
Land Improvement Loan Works	..	..	..	..
Total	1.57	2.10	9.10	12.77

About one-third of the provision is for road works and 45 per cent. for irrigation works. Under the latter, however, is included the diversion of the Buckingham canal in the Chingleput Taluk, a sanctioned project to cost Rs. 42,500, which is not an irrigation work. The remainder includes a provision of 1.35 lakhs for Land Improvement works to be carried out with the aid of State loans. Amongst the miscellaneous works is the Conjeevaram Municipal water-works for which a sum of Rs 51,430 has been set down; but no estimate is forthcoming for this work, nor is it clear how much of the sum would be available for famine labour.

3. The provision for the repair of irrigation works under Public Works Department includes only about one-third of the works said to be out of order, and is very inadequate. The Collector states in paragraph 2 of his letter that the Executive Engineer is being addressed in the matter. The three large irrigation works noted on the margin are shown in the programme. None of these works have been brought on the sanctioned list, although estimates have been got ready for them. The estimate for work No. 3 is with the Superintending Engineer, and those for the other two have been approved by that officer, but seem to have been returned by the Chief Engineer without sanction, with the remark they should be recorded as being available for famine-relief. It will be pointed out to the Chief Engineer that, unless such works are technically sanctioned, and shown as such on the programme, the requirements of the Government of India will not be satisfied; *vide* rule embodied in the note to the table in section 11 of the Famine Code.

4. In paragraph 2 of his first letter, the Collector gives the percentage of the population that can be employed on relief works for three months. The provision is insufficient according to the Famine Code and the deficiency is especially marked for the Saidapet Taluk. It should be observed, however, that the programme does not contain some of the road works given in the previous year's programme, the estimates for which did not exclude the cost of cartage, and other items unsuitable for famine labour. It is understood that the President, District Board, has been asked to furnish revised estimates. The Collector should see that the programme for the ensuing year is complete and contains provision up to the required limit in every Taluk.

5. From the amount of the estimates mentioned in paragraph 3 of the Collector's letter as being ready, a deduction has to be made of Rs. 78,381 for portions of the works said to be not available for famine-relief. This leaves Rs. 8,40,525 which would be sufficient to employ 112,070 persons or 9.3 per cent. of the total population for three months. Probably, in the circumstances of the District, the estimates may be held to be sufficient for all practical purposes, as in case of emergency the doubling of the South Indian Railway Line from Madras to Chingleput might be undertaken as suggested in the latter portion of paragraph 8 of the report dealt with in G.O., No. 529, Revenue, dated 3rd July 1897.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Chingleput (D.Os.—Tahrs.) with a copy of
G.O., No. 529, Revenue, dated 3rd July 1897.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exl. P. Seetharam.

APPEN

ABSTRACT statement of programme of famine relief-works in the

Taluk.	Population by last census in thousands.	Maximum number of persons for whom relief may be required daily in the event of serious famine.	Persons provided for by relief works daily for three months.			Irrigation works.				Forest-fencing works.	
			Class of work.	Numbers provided for on.	Percentage of the total population.	New.		Repairs.		Number.	Amount.
						Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Ponnéri ..	122	24,400	Large—				Rs.		Rs.		
			Sanctioned ..	1,267							
			Not sanctioned ..	11,893		2	69,200				
			Small ..	9,563		1	5,290	23	8,950		
			Land Improvement.	2,031							
			Taluk total ..	24,754	20.19	3	74,490	23	8,950		
Tiruvallūr ..	237	47,400	Large—								
			Sanctioned ..								
			Not sanctioned ..	3,400							
			Small ..	21,665		7	821	110	66,274		
			Land Improvement.	2,666							
			Taluk total ..	27,731	11.70	7	821	110	66,274		
Saidapet ..	224	44,800	Large—								
			Sanctioned ..	3,000							
			Not sanctioned ..	3,160		1	23,700				
			Small ..	7,188				27	4,265		
			Land Improvement.	1,333							
			Taluk total ..	14,681	6.55	1	23,700	27	4,265		
Chingleput ..	137	27,400	Large—								
			Sanctioned ..	5,666		1	42,500				
			Not sanctioned ..								
			Small ..	19,047		1	1,268	157	93,894		
			Land Improvement.	2,666							
			Taluk total ..	27,379	19.98	2	43,768	157	93,894		
Conjeevaram.	218	43,600	Large—								
			Sanctioned ..	5,660							
			Not sanctioned ..	8,457							
			Small ..	16,190		3	8,790	99	50,514		
			Land Improvement.	5,333							
			Taluk total ..	35,640	16.35	3	8,790	99	50,514		
Maduāntakam.	263	52,600	Large—								
			Sanctioned ..	5,283							
			Not sanctioned ..	1,000							
			Small ..	29,856		5	5,038	160	1,95,330		
			Land Improvement.	4,000							
			Taluk total ..	40,139	15.26	5	5,038	160	1,95,330		
District Total.	1,201	240,200	Large—								
			Sanctioned ..	20,876		1	42,500				
			Not sanctioned ..	27,910		3	92,900				
			Small ..	103,509		17	21,207	576	4,19,227		
			Land Improvement.	18,029							
			Grand Total ..	170,324	14.18	21	1,56,607	576	4,19,227		

DIX.

Chingleput District for the year 1898-99.

Chingleput District for the year 1898-99.														
Road works.					Miscellaneous works.						Grand Total.		Works for which estimates are ready.	
New.			Repairs.		Drinking-water supply.		Others.		Total.		Number.	Approximate cost.	Number.	Cost.
Number.	Miles.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
..	..	Rs.	1	Rs.	..	Rs.	..	Rs.	..	Rs.	1	Rs.	1	Rs.
..	..	..	1	9,501	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	9,501	1	9,501
13	59	19,110	13	20,000	49	7,932	30	3,000	79	10,932	129	89,200	2	69,200
..	..	..	..	27,437	..	..	150	15,236	150	15,236	150	71,719	90	51,972
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15,236	..	..
13	59	19,110	15	56,938	49	7,932	180	18,236	229	26,168	283	1,85,656	93	1,30,673
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	10	10,000	2	15,500	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	25,500	..	..
4	27	20,000	19	48,390	112	20,000	128	7,000	249	27,000	380	1,62,485	129	93,390
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	150	20,000	150	20,000	150	20,000	..	..
5	37	..	21	63,890	112	20,000	278	27,000	390	47,000	533	2,07,985	129	93,390
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	2	22,500	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	22,500	2	22,500
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	23,700	1	23,700
..	..	..	14	34,891	60	8,750	55	6,000	115	14,750	156	53,906	156	53,906
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	100	10,000	100	10,000	100	10,000	..	..
..	..	..	16	57,391	60	8,750	155	16,000	215	24,750	259	1,10,106	159	1,00,106
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	42,500	1	42,500
3	26	15,300	8	16,390	49	9,745	38	6,255	87	16,000	256	1,42,852	245	1,36,402
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	200	20,000	200	20,000	200	20,000	..	..
3	26	15,300	8	16,390	49	9,745	234	26,255	287	36,000	457	2,05,352	246	1,78,802
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	20	28,250	1	14,200	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	42,450	2	42,450
1	5	12,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	63,430	1	12,000
..	..	..	12	40,873	68	13,250	29	8,000	97	21,250	211	1,21,427	183	1,06,584
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	400	40,000	400	40,000	400	40,000	..	..
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	615	2,67,307	186	1,61,034
2	25	40,250	13	55,073	69	64,680	429	48,000	498	1,12,680	615	2,67,307	186	1,61,034
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2	27	39,620	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	39,620	2	39,620
1	9	7,500	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	7,500	1	7,500
..	..	..	7	11,710	21	10,171	7	1,672	28	11,813	200	2,23,921	165	2,07,681
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	300	30,000	300	30,000	300	30,000	..	..
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	503	3,01,041	168	2,54,801
3	36	47,120	7	11,710	21	10,171	307	31,672	328	41,843	503	3,01,041	168	2,54,801
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3	47	67,870	4	46,201	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	1,56,571	8	1,56,571
3	24	29,501	3	35,500	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	2,09,330	5	1,12,400
20	112	54,410	73	1,79,691	359	69,848	287	31,927	616	1,01,775	1,332	7,76,310	968	6,49,935
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,300	1,35,236	1,300	1,35,236	1,300	1,35,236	..	..
26	183	1,51,780	80	2,61,392	360	1,21,278	1,587	1,67,163	1,947	2,88,441	2,650	12,77,447	981	9,18,965