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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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Provincial Services.

No. 172. Read the following letter from G. VANSAGNEW, Esq., Collector and President of the Municipal Commissions, Nellore, to the Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Nellore, 13th September 1875, No. 2468:—

I have the honor to address the Government on the subject of the flood damages to public property in the Nellore Municipality.

2. I closed my letter, printed with G.O., Revenue Department, dated the 4th November 1874, No. 1396, with the words, "I trust that the Municipality may also look to Government for a substantial grant to aid them in repairing damages," and the Government observed thereupon, "the wants of the Municipality will be considered in the Financial Department when more is known of the damages which has been done in the town and the probable outlay which may be necessary."

3. This promise was repeated in G.O., Revenue Department, dated the 6th November 1874, No. 1406.

4. The last paragraph of my letter, submitting the Budget Estimates of the Municipality for the current year, printed with G.O., Financial Department, dated 19th February last, No. 366, was as follows: "I hope soon to be able to submit a complete list of the damages done by the flood. The District Engineer has been unable to furnish some of the necessary estimates, but he expects very shortly to have an officer available to make them. In the mean while, as Collector, I have advanced the funds necessary, not only to restore the communications, but to employ the numerous poor people who suffered by the flood. The restoration of the roads is almost completed."

5. I have now to report that, in accordance with the above intimation, I have advanced the sum of Rupees 9,726-15-0, and expended it on the restoration of the works entered in the accompanying statement. I beg the special sanction of Government to this expenditure, and that I may be enabled to adjust the advance. The estimated balance of Rupees 8,000 out of the special grant of Rupees 50,000, sanctioned in G.O., Revenue Department, dated 24th November 1874, No. 1449, will be available for this purpose. I have ready detailed bills and vouchers for the above expenditure, and I may say that good value for the money has been obtained in the work done.

6. In addition to the above sum actually spent, I have to request the Government to aid the Municipality by a grant of Rupees 17,450 for the following works:—

		Rs.
1.	Restoring Dykes' Skew Bridge	5,450
2.	Reconstructing the Slaughter-house	2,580
3.	Rebuilding the Dresser's House...	1,380
4.	Value of portions of Water Project Works destroyed...	4,000
5.	,, ,, Lamp-posts lost...	140
6.	Raising above flood-level the road from the Hospital to the Skew Bridge	3,900
	Total ...	17,450

7. Estimates furnished by the Officiating Superintending Engineer for the first three works, in which their condition is fully described, are submitted herewith.

8. The sum of Rupees 4,000 is a very moderate valuation of the portions of the Water Project Works destroyed. The Commissioners had spent Rupees 8,913 on this work.

9. The last work, for which I submit an estimate kindly furnished to me by the Officiating Superintending Engineer, is designed to protect from similar floods certain low-lying and thickly-populated parts of the fort portion of the town. Formerly this part of the town was amply protected by the ramparts. Writing on the 17th October 1804, just after what, from his account of it, would seem to have been a higher flood even than the last one, the then Collector, Mr. J. B. Travers, said, "The fort was happily preserved by the walls, without which the whole town would have been swept away, nor do I imagine less than 10,000 souls would have been lost on this occasion."

10. Mr. Dykes however insisted on partially levelling the ramparts on the western side of the fort, and although the townspeople protested as strongly as they could and even petitioned Government against this measure, Mr. Dykes succeeded in carrying it into effect. The flood consequently had free access into the town and played the very havoc which the people had foreboded, but which Mr. Dykes had denied the possibility of.

11. I beg to enclose a very rough sketch, but which will I think be sufficient to explain to the Government how the matter stands.

12. The road from the Civil Hospital to the skew bridge is already a tolerably high embankment. All the water that got into the fort passed over it, but without cutting or injuring it except in one place near the skew bridge. If it were raised, as contemplated in the estimate, to $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet above the late flood line, the fort would, at a moderate cost, be again practically as well protected as it was in Mr. Travers' days, and before Mr. Dykes destroyed the ramparts.

13. It is quite true that, with the money and care which the Government are going to bestow on the river embankment from the Narsimhudu hill down to the anicut, the town of Nellore ought never to be flooded in future, but money had been spent before and care taken, and still the embankment, which was considered sufficient, breached. The townspeople will never have confidence in a river embankment alone. Nothing will restore this to them but the reerection of the ramparts, or the execution of the work I now propose.

14. On sanitary grounds, it is very desirable that the fort ditch should be filled up, and the whole of the remaining ramparts levelled, but of course the people will never consent to this step, nor could it be recommended until such a line of defence has been substituted as will thoroughly restore the confidence of the townspeople.

15. I therefore earnestly trust that the Government will sanction the work, and furnish the funds for its execution.

16. I regret having been unable to submit this report earlier, but the last estimate was only received in July, and the accounts of expenditure had to be arranged and put into the form of bills. The severe visitation of cholera we have had has also greatly obstructed business during the past two months.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
22nd November 1875.

No. 173. ORDER THEREON, 22nd November 1875, No. 2267.

Sanction is accorded to the expenditure within Nellore municipal limits of the balance remaining from the Rupees 50,000 placed at the disposal of the Collector for relief purposes in connection with last year's floods. A renewed application for additional funds to satisfy the requirements of Nellore, Tinnevelly, and Chittoor, will be made to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commissions, Nellore District.
,, Public Works Department.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Board of Revenue.
,, Accountant-General.
,, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of [1875] Madr

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To

The PRESIDENT of the
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION
Nellore Distr

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Dated November, 22nd.

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G. O., 22nd November 1875, N., 2267.

NOVEMBER.
Nos. 172–174.

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Nellore, Tinnevelly, and Chittoor.

Provincial Services.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 2268.

FROM

THE HON. D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Officiating Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

In your letter, dated 25th August 1875, No. 2791, conveying sanction for a grant of one lac of Rupees out of the sum of 1½ lac sought by this Government for relief purposes, it is stated that the calculation as to the requirements of this Government being only a "rough estimate" no more than a reduced amount can be granted, but it is conceded "that the relief expenditure is too heavy a charge to impose either on Local or on Provincial Revenues." I am now directed to make a renewed application for a further grant of half a lac from Imperial funds for relief measures in Nellore, Tinnevelly, and North Arcot.

2. This Government estimated that they would require a sum of Rs. 50,000 for the relief measures in Nellore, and Rupees 1,10,000 for those in Tinnevelly and North Arcot; in all Rupees 1,60,000.

3. The Collector of Nellore has received Rupees 50,000, but as will be seen from the Proceedings of Government marginally noted, he has already expended Rupees 51,727, and urgently needs a further sum of Rupees 17,450 to aid in repairing the extensive damages caused by the floods. From the Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 9th September 1875, also herewith forwarded, it will be seen that the Tinnevelly and North Arcot Boards have already received grants aggregating Rupees 63,305, but that Rupees 16,250 are still due to complete the moiety contribution promised by Government towards the cost of restoring the great bridge over the Palar which connects Vellore and the southern districts with Vellore Railway Station, the estimated cost of the repairs being Rs. 1,01,000, *plus* 25 per cent. for Public Works Supervision. Thus altogether Rupees 1,15,032 have been spent and Rupees 33,700 promised more or less expressly, for relief purposes, making a total of Rupees 1,48,732 against the grant of Rupees 1,00,000 made from Imperial revenues. The loss and distress from these very disastrous floods are as exceptional as that of suffering from famine, and I am accordingly directed to renew the request of this Government for a grant of Rupees 1,50,000 in all, to place them in a position to complete the moderate measures of State relief which they contemplated and have led the communities interested, to expect.

Dated 10th September 1875, No. 1351, Revenue Department.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
22*nd November* 1875.

Officiating Chief Secretary.

Ex1. J. Wright.

1875.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

From

The Offg. Chief Secretary to Govt.,
Fort St. George,

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Financial Department.

Dated 22nd November 1875.

Issued

No. 2268.

Enclosure.

Provincial Services.—Renewed application for a further grant from Imperial Funds for relief measures in Nellore, Tinnevelly, and Chittoor.

No. 2460.
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Nellore,
Collector's Office,
13th September 1875.

From, G. Vans Agnew Esqre.,
Collector and President,
Municipal Commission,
Nellore.

To, The Honble D. F. Carmichael,
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obstructed business during the past two months.-

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

Collector and President

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Financial Department.

No. 2143

From The Collector of Nellore,

Dated 13th September 1875. No. 2468.

FOR ORDERS.

The Collector of Nellore has spent on repairing damages caused by the late floods a sum of Rs 9,726-15-0. He has in hand, however, a sum of about Rs 8,000 (exact amount not yet known; see para: 2 of G.O. Revenue Department, No. 1351, dated 10th September 1875) out of the Rs 50,000 advanced by Govt

Govt sanction the expenditure in excess of the limits of the Estimate from the P. 50,000 Govt. Grant from the P.W.D. Grant from the P. 50,000 Grant & make as a free transfer necessary assistance

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Hindu Circle (1875) Petitions & Memorials Copies

The Collector of Nellore

Rec'd 15 Sept 1875

Forwarding Petition of Chief Inhabitants of Gudur praying for the establishment of a Municipality at that place

No. 2267 2268

Petn 13.9.75

Rec'd 20.9.75 No. 2443

17 Petitioners

Submits Petitions of Chief Inhabitants of Gudur praying for the establishment of a Municipality at that place

G.O. Home (Jud.) 4.166, 3.11.75.
" Rev. 2.1867, 25.11.75.
" 26.1.76, 25.4.1876.
" Jud. 2.1002, 25.11.76.

Government" for relief of sufferers". The Collector asks to have the balance adjusted; it is submitted that this can be done (when the exact amount is reported) from Provincial Funds - Miscellaneous.

The Collector asks for a further sum of Rs 17,450 for certain extended repairs - see his para: 6. It is submitted that the state of the Provincial Funds for the present year will not admit of any grant; there

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hundred tanks in Chittoor town. In excess of the sanction of Rs. 50,000 to that amount &c. with the Govt. for much

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there is already a deficit. Should it be decided to make the grant for next year, it can be provided for under head of "Miscellaneous - Contributions to municipalities."

The Govt. endeavoured to obtain funds from the Govt. of India to cover the expenses of these floods and others in Tinnevelly and Chittoor Districts, whereas Rs 1,60,000 were asked for, however, only Rs 100,000 have been granted - see G.O. Financial, No. 1902, 27 dated 9th Septr. 1875. Against this Rs 100,000 Nellore has had Rs 50,000; Tinnevelly and Chittoor have had Rs 63,305 and are owed

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owed Rs 16,250: so that there is a deficit here of Rs 29,555 yet to be adjusted in the Provincial accounts.

Damage done at Vellore by floods

FOR ORDERS.

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We can go up again for more - the sanction when given up room to do so

Fin. Department. 68 21

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commissioners, Vellore Dt. 9th to 13th September 1875 - No 2468.

Order thereon G.O. 22 Nov. 75 No 2267.

Sanction is accorded to the expenditure within the Municipal limits of the balance remaining from the Rs. 50,000 placed at the disposal of the Collr. for the Relief of distress in connection with the late heavy floods, on receipt of detailed application from the Collr. stating the funds required for the several purposes.

To

The Presidt. Municipal Commrs. Vellore Dt. 6
P.W. Dept. 11
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Audr. Genl. 6
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Govt. of India } Commerce.

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The Secy. to the Govt. of India
Financial Dept.

Sir,

~~I am directed to~~
I am ~~instructed~~ to say in reply to your letter of 25th August 1875, No. 2791, ~~dated~~ that it is stated that the calculations as to the requirements of this Government being only a "rough estimate" no more than a reduced amount can be granted, ~~if~~ but it is presumed that the Secretary of State will not object to the Government levying charges to cover the expenses either on Local or on Provincial Revenues" I am ~~now~~ directed to make a renewed application for a grant of half a lac from Imperial funds

I covering sanction for a grant of 1/2 lac of Rs. under the Head of 1/2 lac together this Sr. for Rs. 1 lac for purposes

for relief measures in
Kellore Tinnevelly &
North Arcot. The
Government estimated that
they would require a sum
of Rs. 50,000 for the
relief measures in Kellore,
& Rs. 1,10,000 for those
in Tinnevelly & North
Arcot; in all Rs. 160,000.

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The Collr of
Kellore
has received Rs.
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seen from his letter of
13th September no 2268,
herewith forwarded, a
further sum of Rs. 17,450
is urgently required from

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Collr has already
Expended Rs. 57,727.
and urgently needs
a further sum of
Rs. 17,450 with the
Sanction Municipality
in Repairing the
Extensive damages
caused by the floods.

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115032 + 33700 = 148732.

These altogether
Rs. 115,032 have
been spent. + Rs. 33700
promised hereafter
Expenses, for relief purposes
making a total of Rs. 148732
against the Grant of Rs. 100000
made from Imperial
Revenues. The Casualty

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the Proceedings of the Madras
Government of 9th September
1875, also herewith
forwarded, it will be seen
that the Tinnevelly &
North Arcot Boards have
already received Rs. 63,305,
grants aggregating

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Rs. 16,250 [illegible]
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permission to [illegible] restoring
the [illegible]
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2 [illegible] Kellore to
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Kellore Railway Station.
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the estimated cost of the
repairs being Rs. 1,07,000 of
which 25 p. c. Rs. 1,00,000.
plus 25 p. c. for P.W. supervision

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a deficit of about Rs. 1,726.
I am directed to request
that steps be taken for
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may arise against the same
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as that Rob[t] Stirling
from January & I
am according[ly] directed
to renew the request
of this Govt. for a grant
of Rs. 15,000 in all.
I have the
honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Servant.

Fort Saint George
23rd December 25

Govt. of Madras. 1875

To The Secretary to
the Govt. of India
Ful Dept-

22 Nov ; 1875 No. 2268.

Nos. 172-74.

Provincial Services

Renewed applications for a further grant from Imperial funds for relief measures in Salem, Tinnevelly & Chittoor—

Govt. of 1875 Madras.

Jul.

G.O., 22 Nov., 1875. No. 2267/8.

Nos. 172-74

Provincial Service.
Municipal grants-in-aid.

The balance remaining from the sum of Rs 50,000 which was placed at the disposal of the Collector of Nellore for relief purposes in connection with last year's floods, sanctioned for expenditure on the Nellore Municipal limits.

A renewed application made to the Govt of India for additional funds for Nellore, Tinnevelly & Chittoor.

6-11-75