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[Despatch Abstract.]

Cyclonic Storm: Letter from the P. P. Office
~~copy~~ forwarding copy of a letter from the Supt. of
Manapad Lighthouse regarding the effects
of a small — during the forenoon of the
14th instant, recorded.

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Forwarding for information
copy of a letter from the
Superintendent, Midnapore
Lighthouse, regarding
the effects of the small
cyclonic storm which
passed over the place
during the forenoon
of the 14th Inst.

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Lighthouse, Manapad,
15th November, 1896.

To
The Port Officer,
Tuticorin.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that a Cyclone passed over Manapad yesterday the 14th Instant. It commenced to blow at 8 a.m. from the N.W., continued from that direction getting stronger every minute until 10-15 a. m., when a calm set in for about 10 or 15 minutes; suddenly the wind shifted to the S.W., and then for half an hour we had a bad time of it, with tiles, sand and rain blowing about; the wind continued gradually decreasing until 12 noon.

There were two Schooners anchored off to the North of the Lighthouse; one commenced to drift at 9 a.m., crossed the bar at 9-30 a.m., drifting seawards. The second commenced to drift at 9-30 a.m., crossed bar at 10-10 a. m. just before the wind changed to S.W. The first Schooner was seen off Trichendur at 1 p.m. I do not know what became of the second, could not see on account of the sand and rain. I expected every minute to see the wooden roof of Lighthouse blown away; the building shook with the vibration of it. I am glad to inform you that all is safe. The Lens cover (what was left of it) was blown to ribbons. Damage to buildings- Lighthouse cracks shew that they are getting worse, the water leaked through platform and upstairs room into store rooms; the water had to be removed in chatties. Superintendent's bungalow unroofed in two places and nearly all the remaining tiles have been shifted, all the rooms flooded with water leaked through roof. The walls are soaked for over two feet down from top. The least shower with slight wind, the buildings leak. Unless something is done soon to stop the leakage the walls will be severely damaged;

already

already there are cracks over doors and windows.

Superintendent's kitchen unroofed in one place and other tiles shifted.

Lightkeepers' quarters unroofed in three places and most of the other tiles shifted. Rooms flooded with water; 3rd lightkeeper unable to live in his house until repairs are done. Nearly the whole of the tiles on all buildings will have to be relaid; it will require 20 ridge tiles and 150 flat tiles to replace broken ones.

The R. C. Church and small house nearly ^{all} unroofed, great damages done, in the village, houses and trees blown down.

No Post yesterday; Telegraph wire broken between Kuleshekarapatnam and Trichendur.

From 8 a.m., until 12 noon, readings were taken; ^{every 15 minutes} they are as follows: -

Time.	Barometer.	Dir: of Wind.
8.0 a.m.	29.740	N.W.
8.15 ,,	29.730	,,
8.30 ,,	29.714	,,
8.45 ,,	29.692	,,
9.0 ,,	29.660	,,
9.15 ,,	29.626	,,
9.30 ,,	29.582	,,
9.45 ,,	29.540	,,
10.0 ,,	29.504	,,
10.15 ,,	29.500	S.W.
10.30 ,,	29.482	,,
10.45 ,,	29.532	,,
11.0 ,,	29.576	W.
11.15 ,,	29.624	,,
11.30 ,,	29.668	,,
11.45 ,,	29.706	S.W.
12 Noon.	29.716	,,

I have &c.,
(S/d) J. Simmons, Supdt.:

(True Copy).

H. A. Street
Commr: R.I.M.,
Presidency Port Officer.

No. 1573/3859

Presidency Port Office,
Madras, 20th November, 1896.

From

Commander H. A. Street, R.I.M.,
Presidency Port Officer,
Madras,

To

The Secretary to Government,
Marine Department,
Chepak.

Sir,

With reference to the copy of the telegram from the Meteorological Reporter, Bengal, sent to you by me on the 14th instant, I have the honor to forward a copy of an interesting letter from the Superintendent of Manapad Lighthouse regarding the effects of the small Cyclonic Storm which seems to have passed over the place during the forenoon of the 14th instant. The barometer, it will be noticed, did not fall below 29.482.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

H. A. Street
Commander, R.I.M.,
Presidency Port Officer.

Recd 12/26/96

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