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No. 204. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th August 1861, No. 4,282:—

Read the following letter from A. PURVIS, Esq., Collector of the Godavery District, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated Cocanada, 31st July 1861, No. 89.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to report, for the information of the Board, the occurrence of a very high fresh in the Godavery, through which considerable damage has been done to the public works, and I fear much private property destroyed.

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July 17th....	18	2	19	6
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27th....	27	1	26	0
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3. The western Delta has suffered most, the water burst the embankments on that side of the river above the Anicut, between Palavarum and Vijashwaram, and thus placed the greater part of the track mentioned under water. The central Delta, forming the Rali and Amlápúr Táluqs, has also I fear, suffered considerably. The eastern Delta has escaped without serious damage.

4. The loss in cattle has been considerable, especially on the islands in the river and in the villages on its bank. A good deal of tobacco and other produce has been destroyed, and in a few instances the houses of whole villages have been swept away. I have not, I am happy to say, yet heard of any serious loss of life. The Ponasa crop has of course suffered.

5. The Anicut itself and the Aqueduct across the branch of the river at Gunnavaram, by which the Nuggarum Táluq is supplied with water, are, I believe uninjured, and I have not heard of any serious damage to masonry works, but the earthen embankments along the line of the different branches of the river and the canals, have been seriously injured. Every exertion is being made on the part of the Officers of the Public Works Department, to repair damages with the least possible delay.

6. This report would have been submitted on an earlier date, but the inundation put a stop to all communication between the different parts of the District for some days.

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1. Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government, and that copy be also furnished to the Chief Engineer.

2. Mr. Purvis will please to report further when he is in a position to estimate the actual amount of injury done to life and property.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 205. ORDER THEREON, 12th August 1861, No. 1,528.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

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