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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 31st January 1862.

No. 201. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 28th January 1862, No. 127:—

Transferring for consideration Revenue Board's Proceedings, recommending an extension of Public Works operations in the District of Madura. } (Vide Revenue Proceedings, 28th January 1862, Nos. 248-249.)

No. 202. ORDER THEREON, 31st January 1862, No. 102.

1. Communicated to the Chief Engineer and Deputy Chief Engineer Southern Circle, for information.

2. The Chief Engineer will consider on the receipt of the District Engineer's re-allotment of funds, whether an additional grant could be profitably expended in Madura during the current year, and if so, how he would propose to obtain the amount.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Chief Engr. and Secy. to Govt., D.P.W.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd January 1862, No. 552 :—

Read the following letter from V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated Tirumungalum, 17th January 1862, No. 7.

SIR,

1. In reply to your letter of the 6th January I have the honor to inform you that the dry grain crops are reported to have yielded only half their average quantity.

2. The whole of the crops, wet and dry, in the Meilur Táluq and the Tripatur Division of the Shevagungah Zamíndári are reported to have perished, but the poor and laboring classes have emigrated to Ceylon in numbers, and others are obtaining work on No. 4 High road and in more favored parts of the District.

3. The wet crops in the Táluqs of Madura and Dindigul Divisions, which are dependent on the falling rains or only fed by jungle streams, will suffer to a considerable extent, probably one-half will be lost, but those irrigated from large rivers and they from the great bulk of the crops will yield abundantly, and will be commenced to be cut in February.

4. Rain fell almost all over the District on the night of the 4th and 5th, which saved the grain and pulse crops and brought freshes in the large rivers just in time to save the crops dependent on the river-fed channels and tanks.

5. Prices are high and were rising, but the rain which fell brought them down at once, and I have no doubt that as soon as the wet crops begin to be cut they will fall again, it is admitted by all that there is a large quantity of grain in the country, and that the holders keep it back watching the season, a sign of rain makes them open their stores at once and reduce prices.

6. I do not think there will be an actual scarcity, though prices will rate high. A greater breadth of land than last was sown this year, this coupled with the great emigration which has taken place, and the quantity of grain in the District will prevent any very great distress, but it would be decidedly advantageous to Government and the laboring classes if the operations of the Public Works Department were executed on the construction and repair of the Salt roads leading into the interior, especially the great northern one by Anumantangoody, Tripatur and Nuttum to Dindigal, and the southern one, by Sayelgoodi and Kamoody; also by an increased expenditure than that sanctioned on the Cotton road from Palani by the Panyan Pass to Tirumungalum.

7. The Cotton crops are looking well.

Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government, with the Board's recommendation that such additional provision be made as circumstances will allow, for the extension of the operation of the Department Public Works in the District, for the relief of the expected pressure on the laboring classes.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

ORDER THEREON, 28th January 1862, No. 127.

Transferred to the Department of Public Works for consideration as to whether additional funds can be allotted to the Madura District.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Department of Public Works.
„ Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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