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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
22nd January 1864.*

No. 498. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue
Department :—

Communicating Proceedings of the Board of Revenue for-
warding letter from the Collector of Bellary reporting } (Here enter 9th January 1864, No. 39.)
further on the prospects of the season in the District.

No. 499. ORDER THEREON, 22nd January 1864, No. 246.

Recorded, with reference to G. O. No. 184, dated 18th January 1864.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department,
" Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th January 1864.*

No. 75. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th January 1864:—
Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Acting Collector of Bellary, to W.
HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Hurpunbully,
22nd December 1863, No. 183.

SIR,

1. In reply to the Board's Telegram dated 17th instant, requesting a report specially on the prospects of the season in this District, and subsequent fortnightly reports, as the Engineer Department report prospect of great distress from failure of rain, I have the honor to refer the Board to my special report on this very subject, dated 10th instant. I have nothing further to add to that report except to state that the Nizam's Government have a few days since taken off the prohibition of the exportation of grain from the territory, which will partly improve matters.

2. I do not anticipate great distress so much this year as next if a second bad season were to ensue, and on that consideration, wrote specially requesting that the early execution of the Toombudra Canal scheme, which I think was estimated at four lacs in the Madras Irrigation Company's list of projects, but which if it cost 20 or even 50 lacs would be amply remunerative, and really an economical measure, might be pressed on Government notice. I believe the scheme in question is not comprehended in the guaranteed list, and, originally, I am under the impression that navigation and irrigation were combined in the Estimate. However that may be, the navigation part may be left out as perfectly unnecessary and being problematical, and a canal cut to give Bellary District six months' overflow of the Toombuddra water, which will never be missed, and which will ensure Bellary one certain rice crop in the year, besides immensely improving its climate and probably affecting its rainfall. If in the meantime any special cases of suffering, in which remedial measures are practicable, come to my notice, I shall report them to the Board. There is no lack of money nor of employment, but high prices cause much outcry. They are not confined to Bellary District. I have recommended the irrigation scheme as an indispensable matter to be taken up at once, and its execution will obviate the recurrence of scarcity, or the adoption of palliative measures thereupon.

Submitted for the information of Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings dated 23rd December 1863.

No. 76. ORDER THEREON, 9th January 1864, No. 39.

Communicated to the Department Public Works in continuation of the Board's Proceedings dated 23rd December 1863, No. 8,167.

(True Extract.)

J. J. J.
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Department Public Works.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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of the Board of Revenue for
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the prospects of the Government
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