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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th December 1864.*

No. 127. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public
Department:—

Approving of the arrangements made for the
relief of the sufferers by the recent Cyclone } (Here enter 28th November 1864, No. 1,348.)
in the Kistnah District, and for obtaining a
good supply of fresh water:

No. 128. ORDER THEREON, 8th December 1864, No. 3,495.
Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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28th November 1864.

No. 157. Read the following letter from G. THORNHILL, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Masulipatam, 18th November 1864, No. 24.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your telegrams of the 8th and 14th instant. On receipt of the former, I called a meeting of some of the officers and principal natives for the purpose of forming a Relief Committee. One thousand Rupees was subscribed on the spot, and the paper is still in circulation.

2. We at once elected four Sub-Committees among the Native gentlemen to establish four relief houses, three for the town, and one for the fort, to distribute cooked food to those unable to work for themselves, and in that manner about 1000 have been daily fed. I am apprehensive that this may be abused, but I fear it cannot be helped, and all we can do will be, by strict supervision, to check abuses as much as possible.

3. I contributed 1000 Rupees to this Fund on behalf of Government as a first instalment, and we have since received most liberal donations from Mr. Yule at Hyderabad, and from the officers of the Force at Secunderabad.

4. I have sent two men from my office to assist the needy in the coast villages north and south, and have placed a sum of money at the Sub-Collector's disposal to meet any necessary expenses in the coast Taluq of his division. I am happy to report that the town is still free from sickness. Great progress has been made in burying, but much remains to be done.

5. A good supply of fresh water is still our chief need. Some few wells are tolerably fresh, and drinkable water has been procured by digging in other places; but the soil is so impregnated with salt that most of these sources of supply are very precarious, and there is the further fear that, owing to the enormous number of dead buried in all directions, the soil will become so impregnated with animal matter that the water will all be more or less impure.

6. To obviate this, Colonel Anderson has proposed to dig a channel from Aukumurroo Lock, to the bridge at Sultanagaram half a mile from the town of Masulipatam, and there to form a reservoir until an aqueduct can be constructed over the swamp there. As the want is most urgent, I have in consultation with him agreed that it should at once be commenced on emergency, and trust in about a fortnight it will be sufficiently advanced to enable water to be let in. I trust Government will approve of the measure. Estimates will be submitted in due course. The levels had previously been taken; so there was nothing to prevent the immediate execution of the work.

7. With reference to the last received telegram, I can only state that we all feel deeply grateful to the Government for the promptitude and liberality with which our wants have been supplied.

8. I have this day telegraphed the names of all who have signified their intention of availing themselves of the free passage offered to Madras.

9. I trust, if it has not already been done, that Mr. Brandt may be invested with the full powers of a Magistrate. So much property has drifted over the country

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that there has, of course, been much plunder and misappropriation, and there will be much Magisterial work to get through; but I am happy to say there has been little or no violent crime.

10. I shall do myself the honor of addressing you again after consultation with the Sanitary and Medical Officers about to arrive in the *Arabia*.

No. 158. ORDER THEREON, 28th November 1864, No. 1348.

The Governor in Council approves of the several arrangements reported in the foregoing letter. Mr. Brandt has been invested with the full powers of a Magistrate.

(True Extract.)

G. J. C. S. S. S.
Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of the Kistna District.
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