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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 11th May 1864.

No. 246. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department :—

Transferring, for disposal, letter from the Collector of Nellore, recommending the speedy commencement of the construction of the Táluq Cutcherries for Kanigiri, Udayagiri, Atmakuru, and Rapuru. } (Here enter 27th April 1864, No. 729.)

No. 247. ORDER THEREON, 11th May 1864, No. 1,366.

1. The Government await the receipt of the Plans and Estimates for Táluq Cutcherries at Kanigiri, Udayagiri, Atmakuru and Rapuru in Nellore, called for in paragraph 12 of Proceedings in the Judicial Department, No. 448, dated 20th March 1863.

2. The Proceedings above recorded will be communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, who, the Government conclude, has already commenced, under G. O. 1st December 1863, No. 3,523, such works sanctioned for execution in 1864-65, as may be proceeded with prior to the receipt of the sanction of the Government of India on the Budget.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Revenue Department.
„ Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 27th April 1864.

No. 431. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd April 1864.

Read the following letter from J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Venkatagiri, 12th April 1864, No. 91 :—

SIR,

1. The scarcity in the Districts to the westward, and the bad season in our western Talooks, are raising the price of grain here to an extent that renders it necessary for me to apply for the Board's assistance.

2. The roads proposed in the Local Budget* if set in hand at once would give employment and food for a good many.

* Forwarded with the Collector's [illegible] to Board, No. 79, dated 28th March 1864.

3. Again, the Talook Cutcherries for Kanigiri, Udayagiri, Atmakuru and Rapuru, the estimates for which have been prepared, and countersigned† by me, if commenced without delay would also find labour where labour most needs employment now.

† Vide Collector's letter to Board, dated 9th April 1864, No. 87.

4. And under the circumstances, I do myself the honour to recommend, with reference to the pressure at present brought to bear on the labouring classes, that the orders of Government may be applied for to allow these works to be taken up as a special case forthwith. And in anticipation of this request being granted, I will at once write to the Superintending Engineer to allow me to give my assistance in their execution.

5. Crime is beginning to increase. It is the next few months, when agricultural operations are slack that we shall be most pressed, and, unless we do come forward in the labour market, must I fear inevitably suffer in the crime register. I therefore trust I shall be allowed to follow the course suggested, or some other such course calculated to increase the labour market; and I beg for early orders.

6. It is the enormous quantity of grain going westward that affects us, and is viewed by all with apprehension. It is not likely this exportation will soon cease.‡ And should prices continue to rise and the state of the labouring classes require further assistance, I will at once make the Board acquainted therewith.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
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No. 432. ORDER THEREON, 27th April 1864, No. 729.

1. Paragraph 3 of the Collector's letter will be transferred to the Department of Public Works for disposal.

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(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

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Road Fund Rules—

L. R. Cox

Secretary to Government.

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

Rcvd. S. H. Augustin

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