

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 95

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st January 1865.*

No. 200. Read the following letter from R. E. MASTER, Esq., Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 10th November 1864, No. 1,350/42 :—

SIR,

I have the honor to forward, for the information of Government, copy of a letter which I have this day received from the Native Uncovenanted Assistant in charge of the Settlement Office and Records at Masulipatam. I fear that the introduction into the District of the new Settlement so recently sanctioned by the Government, will be very seriously impeded, if not rendered for the present absolutely impracticable, by the calamity which has occurred; but on this point I can form no decided opinion until I am in possession of information as to the papers and accounts which may have been saved, and I hope to make a further report shortly.

From J. LAKSHMIKANTA RAW, Acting Uncovenanted Assistant in charge, to R. E. MASTER, Esq., Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, dated Masulipatam, 4th November 1864.

SIR,

1. With much regret I beg to report for your information of the sudden sea deluge occurred at this town on the night of the 1st instant, at about 9 P.M., the effects of which are as follow.

2. Almost the whole town was washed away. Every house fell down to the ground with the exception of a few solid buildings, and thousands of souls (both human and animal) were lost. Almost all public offices had their share of the same fate, of which ours was the first, the whole building was washed away together with the records and cash chest containing a balance of about Rupees 200 and odd. Two Daloyets and the Mashalgi that were on the watch in the office on the same night were drowned, and another Daloyet, who was ordered to be there disappeared, who also, I believe, fell a victim.

3. On making a search of the records myself with the Daloyet living, on the following two days, fragments of the same were discovered here and there. Farther efforts are being made, details of which will be given in my next report.

4. I will of course discontinue the services of the extra establishment newly entertained for the settlement accounts till further orders, there being no work for them in the absence of records.

5. No telegram is sent, as the Officer in charge refused to receive it on the ground that their instruments are in disorder.

P. S.—Post Office refused to receive this yesterday.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. E. MASTER,
Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement.

No. 201.

ORDER THEREON, 21st January 1865, No. 95.

Land Revenue.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Under Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Copy in a letter to Com
of 21 Jan 1865 No 1 Land Gen

Recd 1864 Dept
of Govt for Jan 1865
No 2938

From
The Offg. Asst. Secy.

To
The Secy. to Government
Recd Sept.

of 10 Nov 64.
By 11th.

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Forwarding copy of a letter
from the Native Insur. Asst. in charge of
the Settlement Office at Kaniapoo
reporting the loss of the Settlement records
by the recent storm and inundation
and stating that he fears that the
introduction into the District of the
new Settlement will be very seriously
impeded if not rendered for the
present absolutely impracticable by
the calamity which has occurred.

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21st Sep 1864

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