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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department
1st August 1866.

Read the following papers:—

No. 16. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th July 1866.

Read the following:—

Season Report for the fortnight ending 15th July 1866.

1. Slight rain, pretty general, between 10th and 15th. No benefit whatever to tanks, and but little to dry soils.
2. The Toongabudra in fresh; cultivation under its channels going on.
3. In some places the Kartiga or later crop is being sown on mixed soils; it will fail if rain is not subsequently received.
4. In Raidrug no land has been sown at all. High winds are prevalent, drifting up the Hugry channels; there is no water in it.
5. Cholera prevails in most of the Talooks. No other disease is reported. There is great weakness for want of food.
6. Prices are rising. Cuddapah and Kurnool are drawing upon Hindupur and Dhurmawaram for grain. The Toongabudra being in fresh, prevents import of grain from Nizam's territory. Price lists have been sent to the Resident for distribution showing the enormous prices here prevalent.
7. Cattle are dying of starvation in the south and eastern Talooks; there is neither forage stored, nor grass procurable.
8. Crime prevalent in some Talooks from the distress; famine works are called for; a list is under preparation, and will be sent within two days.
9. Cotton, Indigo, and Tobacco remain much as before.

BELLARY,
23rd July 1866.

(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN,
Collector.

Submitted for the information of Government.

No. 17. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th July 1866.
Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Bellary, 23rd July 1866, No. 155:—

* Despatched on the 23rd instant.

1. In forwarding the Season* Report for the first fortnight of July, I have the honor to state that the continued absence of any but a slight and partial rain, results in the continuance of high prices, which nothing but a heavy down-pour will lower; the continuance of high prices entails still greater distress on the poorer classes, than what was reported in the previous fortnightly returns. Looking at the unprecedented price of the staple food of the agricultural classes, viz., Jonna and Ragi, and comparing these with the average of the whole Presidency prices, but for the capital drawn to this District by the late high prices of Cotton, the destitution experienced by the lower agricultural classes, as well as the labouring poor, would have been far greater than it even is. That capital,

	Bellary.	Average of other Districts.
rs.	rs.	rs.
Jonna or Cholum, per garce.	413	237
Ragi, per garce...	381	261

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however, is being absorbed by the Native Merchants and larger Capitalists, in exchange for grain. There is almost a total absence of fodder, and a complete absence of grass for cattle. The consequence is great mortality both from disease and starvation among the cattle, the survivors being weakened by famine, which will tell against future agricultural work. I pointed out the true remedy for such periodical visitations of famine, in my letters of August 1863 and July 1866, in the proposed channel from the Toongabudra, which is, at this time, running 15 to 20 feet deep, and capable of irrigating 250,000 acres of now waste land.

2. The public health has been affected by cholera, or, at least, something resembling that disease and as fatal in its effects, and fever. The want of food may have tended to produce these results, although there are also cases of cholera, not ascribable to such causes. There is no doubt that distress is severe and wide-spread.

3. The impending distress was noticed by me shortly after my arrival. A meeting of the Native principal merchants and others was called, and, at present, a Native Committee is distributing a small dole of $\frac{1}{4}$ measure of grain per head to about 5,000 people. An appeal has been made to the European Community for the enhancement of their contributions to the poor of this place, which will doubtless be well responded to.

4. Some of the principal persons in villages are employing the poor in clearing out wells, and a Tahsildar informed me of his having established a Poor Supply Committee in his Talook. This example will be locally pressed and encouraged, so that there may be no flocking from one place to another in search of relief.

5. I consider that, for the sake of averting the destitution, which arises from the want of agricultural work, which in oriental countries is suspended, until the fall of rain admits of ploughing and sowing, additional aid, beyond that afforded by the expenditure of the Local Funds, should be placed at my disposal. I subjoin

a list of the works progressing, the additional work required, the reason for the same, in a Talookwar form,* which will supply the information at a glance. The sum I request to be placed at my disposal for expenditure, if it should continue to be required, is Rupees 50,000.

6. This is but a small sum, compared with the fourteen lacs which were sanctioned in the famine year 1854; but I hope that much good may be effected by it.

7. It is, on all accounts, desirable that the Government contribution to the relief of this District should take the form of a sanction for additional public works, and not as a grant of pecuniary donation, or interference with the ordinary course of trade.

8. The importance of improving the communications, when distress overtakes a District, so as to allow of the more necessitous parts being reached by supplies, which higher prices naturally attract, but to which bad roads, and the absence of water oppose great obstacles, is self-evident. I would, therefore, direct special attention to the estimate for roads, and for opening out wells for water on the Kurnool road, where it is almost absent.

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9. I have, while recommending that sanction should be given for the expenditure of the above amounts, before still worse accounts are received, crime more rife, and society disorganised, to observe that, in the event of heavy and general rain falling, it will not be necessary or even judicious to expend much of the said amount.

10. The first heavy and general rain will cause a demand for field-labor to make up for lost time all over the country, when there would be no object in providing work for those who already had a pressing demand in the cultivation of the ground already too long delayed.

11. I do not think that, in the absence of agricultural work, private charity can support the unemployed. I consider that the necessity of finding more work than is now afforded, is at present imminent, but that, at any future moment, it may be found superfluous; but that moment we cannot foresee, or even calculate upon.

1. Submitted for the consideration and orders of Government.
2. The Board deem the application reasonable and moderate.

No. 18. ORDER THEREON, 1st August 1866, No. 1,919.

Land Revenue.

1. The Government sanction the proposed outlay, if circumstances in the Collector's estimation should render it necessary.
2. Mr. Wedderburn will forward without delay the detailed information promised in paragraph 5 of his letter.
3. The substance of this Order has already been communicated to the Collector by Telegram.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.

Exd. T. Cartledge

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27th August 1866.*

No. 572. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 16th August 1866, No. 2,107.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th August 1866.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Bellary, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Bellary, 7th August 1866, No. 164:—

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd instant, No.—, the list of works which were recommended as per my letter of 23rd ultimo, having been necessarily, hastily compiled, before the opinions of all the Range Officers had been received, and exceeding the amount for which I requested sanction, I have the honor to submit an amended list, which I have prepared after fuller deliberation and consultation with the Superintending Engineer. It amounts, as will be seen, to a sum slightly within the amount sanctioned. The works have been put in hand without delay, as I have just received intelligence of the abandonment of 2,237 houses by their inhabitants in search of the means of subsistence. Work being provided for and distributed in every Talook will tend to prevent the movement of bodies of people, which only aggravates and complicates matters elsewhere.

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27th August 1866.*

Submitted to Government, with reference to Government Order, dated 1st August 1866, No. 1,919, and with the request that the revised list of works now sent may be sanctioned.

Miscellaneous.

The proposed works are sanctioned. This Order supersedes G. O. dated 1st instant, No. 1,919.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

No. 573. ORDER THEREON, 27th August 1866, No. 2,695.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 83.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division,
with G. O. No. 1,919, dated 1st August 1866, and Statement.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Accountant General.
,, Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th August 1866.*

No. 419. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th August 1866.

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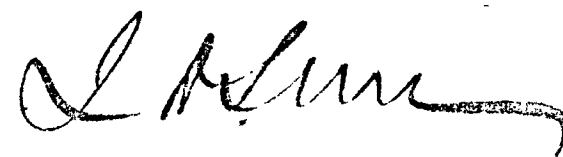
Submitted to Government, with reference to Government Order, dated 1st August 1866, No. 1,919, and with the request that the revised list of works now sent may be sanctioned.

No. 420. ORDER THEREON, 16th August 1866, No. 2,107.

Miscellaneous.

The proposed works are sanctioned. This Order supersedes G. O. dated 1st instant, No. 1,919.

(True Extract.)



Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Statement of sums proposed to be expended on different works in the Victoria District for giving employment to the poor, in the vicinity of their own houses, as laid down in S.O. No. 503 dated 20th July 1886, in the Revenue Department.

Laying	Name and nature of work.	Amount proposed	Total	Remarks.
Adonis	Road from Adonis to Lingoo for 2.5 miles.	2500	2500	This road will be a Railway feeder by & by - a sum of Rs 1000 is being expended from the discretionary allowance.
Allin	Cleaning well at Hoornovaly.	200		The point of water on the Bellary & Karmool Road is a mere obstruction to traffic. - The wells will be useful after the roads for the migration of several trees.
	do - - - - - digging a well at Allin.	400		This road has never been metalled with the maintenance allowance, it would be impossible to do such work & the imploiment would be found for the poor that are strongly recommended.
	do - - - - - Hoornovaly.	900		
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Anantapoor	Metalling a portion of the Karmool Road between Hoornovaly & Bellary 6 miles.	1200	1200	
Bellary	do - - - - - Hoornovaly 6 miles.	1200	4,850	
	Road from Anantapoor to Lingoo for 3 miles.	3000	3000	Much required to facilitate the transport of supplies.
	do - - - - - Lingoo to Hoornovaly 3 miles.	3000	6000	
	Road from Bellary to Lingoo for 33 miles.	3300	13,350	Much grain and forage are drawn from this place.
	Carried forward.			

Salary	Name & nature of work	Amount proposed	Notes	Remarks
		Brought forward	12,350.	
	Cleaning of road at Bellary & other villages	2000.		The Govt. collect at Bellary require employment in cleaning of roads in most useful.
	Cleaning well at Hindloppoor	900.		local, comparatively required.
	Cleaning of Hindloppoor	2400.		Great satisfaction.
	Road from Hindloppoor to Bellary 18 miles	500.		Water greatly required.
	Cleaning well at Bellary	2300.		A village road - this line would be short - the distance for carts from Hindloppoor to Bellary is 17 miles.
	Road from Bellary to Hindloppoor 14 miles	1400.		Much distress reported.
	Cleaning wells	400.		
	Portion of road between Hindloppoor and Hindloppoor in this village 37 miles	3700.		do - distress extreme - reported by report of Police.
	do Hindloppoor & Hindloppoor 12 miles	1200.		
	Cleaning well at Hindloppoor	200.		
	Hindloppoor	2165.		The village & people are corresponding amount in order to construct this road, better in great demand.
	Portion of Road 25 miles	2500.		vide demand for Hindloppoor.
	Cleaning well at Hindloppoor	200.		The people have been spending money on this but we stopped for funds.
	Portion of Road from Hindloppoor to Hindloppoor 18 miles	1800.		do & Co. are killing their cattle for their own support.
	Village road from Hindloppoor to Hindloppoor 30 miles	3000.		* A very distressed village.
	do to Hindloppoor 20 miles	2000.		The village will be distressed.
	Well at Hindloppoor	300.		vide Hindloppoor.
	see Hindloppoor the road there mentioned, passing thro' both villages.			
	Road from Bellary via Hindloppoor to Hindloppoor in Mysore 30 miles	3000.		great distress.
	Portion in Hindloppoor 50 miles			
	Road from Hindloppoor to Hindloppoor	3000.		on the line a sum of Rs 1000, being expended from discretionary allowance - survey statement clearly prepared.
	see Hindloppoor			
		Total Rs.	49,965.	

Supd. Supt's office,
Bellary 1st August 1883.

(Signed) A. S. Moberly, Major R.E.
Supd. Supt., 3rd Div.

(Signed) A. S. Moberly,
Collector -
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