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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
11th September 1866.*

No. 282. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Revenue Department :—

Intimating that the suggestion of the Officiating
Civil and Session Judge of Kurnool to advance
funds to the Madras Irrigation and Canal
Company for the employment of the poor of
the District cannot be acted on, but that the
Government will be prepared to make a grant
for Public Works for that purpose. } (Here enter 4th September 1866, No. 2,350.)

No. 283. ORDER THEREON, 11th September 1866, No. 2,906.
Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 3rd Division.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 56.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
4th September 1866.*

No. 85. Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Kurnool, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated on Circuit, Yeldoorty, 23rd August 1866, No. 39:—

1. From a private letter received from Mr. Forbes, the Acting Judge, I learn that Kurnool is now thronged with destitute, starving wretches, who have come in from their villages in this and the adjacent District of Bellary. By his kind exertions subscriptions of nearly Rupees 1,000 a month, besides donations, amounting to Rupees 1,100 and odd, have been raised, and relief in money and grain is daily distributed under the supervision of a Sub-Committee. I hope to reach Kurnool day after to-morrow, and, if necessary, will apply to Government for assistance, through the Madras Relief Fund Committee. Mr. Forbes' letter contains a very good practical suggestion, which if his surmises are correct will, I hope, meet with the favorable consideration of Government. He observes that it is generally understood that the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company are to receive a loan of £60,000 from the State, and suggests that an immediate advance should be made to them to enable them to give employment to the many poor persons who are now dependent entirely on charity. Several respectable natives, to whom I have mentioned the subject, say that it would be the greatest boon to the famishing population if these works were recommenced at once, and extending as they do over a large portion of the District, the relief would be widely distributed.

2. The season has, I regret to say, again become unpromising. The regular lands are for the most part unsown, and the crops which a fortnight ago were doing nicely on the lighter soils are now flagging for want of moisture. Prices are very high, and are rising; there is a good deal of distress, but at present not an absolute famine. I have reason to believe that there are large stores of grain in different parts of the District, and am doing my best to get some reliable information on the subject. If, however, rain still holds off, the prospect for the future is a gloomy one.

3. I respectfully request the favor of an early reply.

No. 86. ORDER THEREON, 4th September 1866, No. 2,350.

Miscellaneous

The Government are unable to act on the suggestion of the Officiating Civil and Session Judge, but will be prepared to make a grant for Public Works for the relief of the able-bodied poor.

(True Extract.)

J. B. Linn
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Kurnool.
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Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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