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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.
17th May 1866.

No. 451. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 1st May 1866, No. 1,028:—

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th April 1866, No. 2,877.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 13th April 1866, No. 325.

1. I have the honor to report on the state of the season for the past fortnight ending 31st March last.

2. In the Government Taluqs of Survasiddhi and Golconda, matters seem to be very discouraging. Mr. Boswell, who has just concluded the settlement of the former Taluq, writes as follows:—

“Up to this time there has been no rain, and the want of drinking water, both for men and beasts, is beginning to be seriously felt in some parts of both the Survasiddhi and Golconda Taluqs. In the former Taluq small-pox is still prevalent, and in the latter the cattle disease is doing much damage. No cholera or other contagious disease prevails at present in the villages along the trunk road by which troops are accustomed to be marched. Prices continue at the same high point they had already reached, but do not at present exhibit a tendency to rise further, as Native Astrologers predict a good season for next year, and grain dealers with this prospect consider it better to sell at present prices, than lose the opportunity by storing.

“The settlement of the Survasiddhi Taluq has just been completed. On account of the very general disrepair into which the irrigation works have fallen, and the unfavorable nature of the season, a remission of Rupees 35,361-9-5 has had to be granted on irrigated lands as against Rupees 8,457-5-1 remitted last year. Even with this remission many of the present Ryots are throwing up their holdings, and are migrating to the Godavery District. There is no need whatever however for further remission; what is wanted is a grant for the repair of irrigation works. This would give employment to the poorest classes in their present temporary distress, and obviate the necessity for large remissions in future years. There is plenty of water brought down by the river Saradanadi and Varahanadi, but the channels require clearing out, and the tanks in their present condition cannot retain the water brought to them, and therefore much of it is carried off to the sea and lost.”

3. I trust the Board will support the Principal Assistant's proposals, and move for a thorough reparation of the existing works of irrigation, to the benefit of the public revenue, and the relief of the laboring classes.

4. In the Zemindary portion, the season has been much the same as in the Government estates. The want of rain is becoming more alarming every day. Prices of grain and salt rising. Cholera and small-pox still prevalent.

1. Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Board request attention to the remarks on the state of disrepair of the irrigation works.

3. The same tale comes from many other Districts, and the Board cannot but anticipate serious effects on the revenue ere long, and on the general prosperity of the country, if effective means are not speedily adopted for checking and remedying the evil.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
17th May 1866.*

Communicated to the Department Public Works.
(True Extract.)

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

No. 452. ORDER THEREON, 17th May 1866, No. 1,587.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 58.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division, who will observe from the current year's Budget that the grant for repairs to Agricultural works in the Vizagapatam District is Rupees 6,000. This amount should be expended, in communication with the Collector, to the best possible advantage.

2. The Board of Revenue are requested to call upon the Collector to furnish a statement of the works of irrigation in the Survasiddhi Taluq which are not in an efficient state of repair, and to report, with reference to paragraph 2 of his letter, how much of the remissions granted during the recent settlement was owing to absence of repairs, and how much to the bad season. In cases in which remissions were granted on account of the absence of necessary repairs to irrigation works, the Government wish to be informed whether the respective names and alleged bad condition of those works were promptly, or ever, brought to the notice of the Officers of the Public Works Department, and if so, whether any and what action was taken in the matter.

3. With regard to the remark that the "channels require cleaning" the Government desire to be informed how far the practice which prevails in some other parts of the country of requiring the Ryots to clear, or to assist in clearing the accumulations in channels, obtains in the Vizagapatam District, and whether proper measures are taken by the village authorities to enforce the performance of this customary duty.

4. The Board of Revenue must be aware that the Government have a very limited amount of money assigned to them for allotment to the repair of works of irrigation, and that they endeavour to distribute it throughout the Districts of this Presidency in such manner as, with the information before them, they consider most advantageous. Under these circumstances, general statements, such as those made in paragraph 3 of the Board's Proceedings, cannot merit with attention; but if instances of specific works having been allowed to fall into decay are brought forward, the Government will be ready to take the matter into consideration, and, if funds for the repair of those works are not available from the ordinary grant, they will endeavour to provide them from other sources.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
" Board of Revenue.
" Revenue Department.
Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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

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"Up to this time there has been no rain, and the want of drinking water, both for men and beasts, is beginning to be seriously felt in some parts of both the Survasiddhi and Golconda Talooks. In the former Talook small pox is still prevalent, and in the latter cattle disease is doing much damage. No cholera or other contagious disease prevails at present in the villages along the Trunk Road by which troops are accustomed to be marched. Prices continue at the same high point they had already reached; but do not at present exhibit a tendency to rise further, as Native Astrologers predict a good season for next year, and grain dealers with this prospect consider it better to sell at present prices than lose the opportunity by storing.

"The settlement of the Survasiddhi Talook has just been completed. On account of the very general dis-repair into which the irrigation works have fallen, and the unfavorable nature of the season, a remission of Rupees 35,361-9-5 has had to be granted on irrigated lands as against Rupees 8,457-5-1 remitted last year; even with this remission many of the present Ryots are throwing up their holdings, and are migrating to the Godavery District. There is no need whatever, however, for further remission, what is wanted is a grant for the repair of irrigation works. This would give employment to the poorest classes in their present temporary distress, and obviate the necessity for large remissions in future years. There is plenty of water brought down by the river Saradanadi and Varahanadi, but the channels require clearing out, and the tanks in their present condition cannot retain the water brought to them, and therefore much of it is carried off to the sea and lost."

3. I trust the Board will support the Principal Assistant's proposals, and move for a thorough reparation of the existing works of irrigation, to the benefit of the public revenue and the relief of the laboring classes.

4. In the Zemindary portion the season has been much the same as in the Government Estates. The want of rain is becoming more alarming every day. Prices of grain and salt rising, cholera and small pox still prevalent.

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No. 14. ORDER THEREON, 1st May 1866, No. 1,028.

Land Revenue

Communicated to the Department Public Works.

(True Extract.)



Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Revenue Department
Proceedings of the Madras Government
Read the following.

No. 2877.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 24th April 1866.

Read the following letter from D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 13th April 1866, No. 325 —

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Vizagapatam.

Exd. J. Wright.

Order

To
The Dep't. of Works

No. 2,877.

Despatched 24th Dec
2000
Received 20th May, 1958.

Dated 24th April 1866.

~~PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF DECEMBER,~~

No. 1028

1866. Department.
 No. of the Census taken
 in this Province & State

1866. Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT

LIBRARY GOVERNMENT
Order due to me 17th May 1966
I send the following

of the Madras Government
in the Revenue Department

(Here enter No *128* dated *24th April 1866*.)

Communicated to
the ^{Superintending} Engi:
neer of the 1st Divⁿ, 10th Dec

may observe from the current
year's budget that the grant
for repairs to agricultural
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absence of repairs and
how much to the bad season.
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the matter.

With regard to the
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require "clearing" the Govt
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requiring the ryots to clear,
or to assist in clearing
the accumulations in
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W. B.

The Secy. to Govt.
Board of Revenue
Revenue Department

Sept 18th May

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P. W. 1866 Department.

Proc. of Govt for May

No 1587

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT. *of Madras*

Dated *17th May 1866*

John P. W. G. H. S.

*Certain instructions
issued relative to the repairs, &c.
of Irrigation works in the Vijaya-
nagar District.*

No 451. 452.

May 1866 P. W. 1866.