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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
21st December 1867.*

No. 483. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 19th December 1867 :—

1. With reference to the Board's letter, dated 16th December 1867, No.—, I am directed to report to Government that the Board have ascertained that there are only 3,000 momaties, pickaxes, &c., in stock in the Public Works Stores, and that if unfortunately it should be necessary to provide employment for the people, this number will be wholly inadequate.

2. By the census lately taken the population of the Madras District (excluding the Presidency town), was 804,000, and that of North Arcot, including the Zemindaries, was 1,787,000. It is not likely that there can be any large surplus supply of tools in the District, and the Board would suggest to Government that measures should at once be taken to increase the stock largely, and that the Superintendent should be instructed to have those now in stock packed up in hundreds, so that they may be despatched wherever required without delay.

3. It will be in the recollection of Government that great difficulty was experienced and much valuable time lost in Bellary last year, in obtaining tools for the people.

4. The attention of the Collectors of North Arcot and Madras has been drawn to this subject, and they have been directed to be careful to make timely application for such implements as they consider necessary. The Board are of opinion, indeed, that it would be no more than prudent to send a moderate supply at once to Chittoor, Vellore, Arcot, Pootoor, and Chingleput, where there are European Officers located, in order that they may thence be distributed without delay, should occasion unhappily arise.

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government, R. D.

20th December 1867.

ORDER THEREON, 21st December 1867, No. 3,964.

No. 484.

ACCOUNT, No. 43.

Iron momaties	...	...	...	12,127
Pickaxes	...	...	...	10,670
Crowbars	...	...	...	12,089

1. The Board of Revenue will be informed that, in addition to the tools marginally noted which are now on hand in the Public Works Stores, 41,000 iron momaties and 9,134 crowbars are available in the Grand Arsenal,

and that indents in the usual form should be submitted for such quantities of these tools as may be required for the Madras and North Arcot Districts.

2. If larger quantities of momaties and crowbars than those above noted be required, they can be made up, on contract, on funds being allotted for the purpose. English pickaxes being too heavy and unsuited to the people, and English crowbars not being well adapted for ordinary earth-work, crowbars of a lighter description, readily made up from round iron, might be advantageously issued in preference.

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3. The Government understand that a very small fractional addition to the wages of laborers will induce them to bring their own tools to the works on which they may be required to labor.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue,
" Revenue Department.

" Military Dept.

" Lt. Sup. for the Works.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Revenue Board Office,
Madras, 19th December 1867

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From,

The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue.

To,
The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

Sir,

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2. By the census lately taken the population of the Madras District (excluding the Presidency, Town) was 8,04,000 and that of North Arcot including the Zemindaries was 1,78,000. It is not likely that there can be any large surplus supply of tools in the District and the Board would suggest to Government that measures should at once be taken to increase the stock largely and that the Superintendent should be instructed to

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient servant

W. A. Allen
Secretary

To,

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

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Public Works Department.

No 3964

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 21st Decr/07

Read the following

From the Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

(Here enter No.— dated 19 Decr/07.

* Iron Nomatics	12127
Pick Axes.	10670
Crowbars.	12089

The Board of Revenue will be informed that, in addition to the tools marginally noted which are now on hand in the Public Works Stores, 4,000 Iron Nomatics and 9,134 Crowbars are available in the Grand Arsenal, and that invents in the usual form should be submitted for such quantities of these tools as may be required for

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North West Districts

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W. B.

To
The B^d of Rev^s
(Rev Rep^t ✓)

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P. W. 1867. Department.

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No. 3964

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT. of Madras

Dated 21st December 1867

Issuing certain
instructions regarding the
supply of Tools for the
Madras and North
Arcot Districts

No 483-484