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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th April 1868.*

No. 204. Read the following of the Madras Government in the
Rever ment:—

Communicating the orders of the Secy
State on certain Despatches from this
ment regarding the distress in the
of Bellary and Kurnool.

ere enter 4th April 1868, No. 898.)

No. 205. ORDER THEREON, 15th April 1868, No. 1,134.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 29.

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 3rd Division.

(True Extract.)

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

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Proceedings of the Madras
4th

No. 110. Read the following
of State for India, (Rev
Governor in Council,
February 1868, No. 11

1. I have had under my c Council the Despatch.
Excellency in Council, numbered Bellare, and dated res
the 26th of July and the 26th of August, the first of which transmitted, in compliance
with the Despatch of my predecessor of the 9th of October 1866, the report of Mr.
Ellis on the distress in the districts of Bellary and Kurnool, and the second forwarded
a statement of the mode in which the relief funds have been expended in Bellary.
2. I have perused these papers with great interest. Her Majesty's Govern-
ment have learned with much satisfaction the present very favorable circumstances
of the Bellary district, and the rapid recovery which it has made from its distressed
state in September 1866. Cultivation had largely increased, and the cultivators did
not need further advances from Government.
3. The employment of the relief funds seems to have been judicious and
effectual, and to have been liberally seconded by private benevolence.
4. You have especially expressed your appreciation of the munificent liberality
and timely assistance rendered by Buddha Runga Reddy, of Oilwada, to his suffering
fellow-countrymen, and I desire that you will inform that gentleman that Her
Majesty's Government heartily join in the expression of satisfaction which your
Excellency in Council has conveyed to him on this occasion.
5. I am, likewise, happy to perceive that these are far from being the only
instances of assistance freely given by opulent Natives in aid of the distressed
population.
6. Mr. Ellis, in his remarks, had severely censured the Board of Revenue, the
Collectors, and all the subordinate officers, for want of foresight and neglect at the
outbreak of the distress. Those officers have replied to the charges brought against
them, and the majority of your Government express themselves entirely satisfied
with their vindication; I am inclined to agree with them that Mr. Ellis's censure was
founded on information highly colored, and, in some instances, erroneous, and to
accept the vindication of those officers.
7. If any error was committed, in the trying circumstances under which these
functionaries had to act, it seems to me that it was one of judgment in the outset
only, and that any such error was fully redeemed by the praiseworthy energy and
benevolence exhibited in the relief of the sufferers, when the distress was clearly
seen to be inevitable; but, as your President has observed, it is a question which is
certainly open to discussion, and on which different impressions may naturally be
entertained.
8. My sentiments on the y of the means of irrigation were conveyed to
you in my Despatch of the 29th of June last, No. 19. You appear to be fully alive
to the importance of speedy action in this matter, and inform me that you will report,
in the Public Works Department, on the minor works of irrigation proposed in Mr.
Pelly's Minute of October 1866. I will, therefore, only state that, besides the action
of the officers of the Department of Public Works, the Collector and his subordinate
officers should also be enjoined to report on the repair of all smaller works of irriga-

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368, No. 898.

Ordered to be communicated to
the Board of Revenue and to the Public
Works Department.

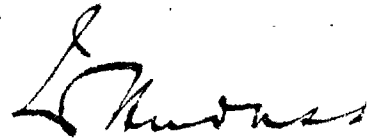
Miscellaneous.

2. Copies of this Despatch will also be furnished to the Honorable Mr. Ellis
and to the gentlemen who were called on for explanation in connection with his
report on Bellary and Kurnool.

3. The Revenue Board will instruct the Collector of Kurnool to attend to the
request in paragraph 4 of this Despatch.

4. The Board's special attention will also be called to the concluding remarks
in paragraph 8.

(True Extract.)



Secretary to Government

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Public Works Department, ✓
„ the Collector of Bellary.
„ the do. of Kurnool.
„ the Honorable R. S. Ellis, C. B.
„ A. Wedderburn, Esq.
„ W. S. Foster, Esq.
„ W. S. Lilly, Esq.
„ H. E. Sullivan, Esq.
„ P. Iyalu Naidu.

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