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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th January 1870.

No 21. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department.—

Public Works in Khadri and Madanapally Taloks—Further report promised by the Board of Revenue on the revenue system of the Sub-Division of Cuddapah, awaited. } (Here enter 13th December 1869, No. 3,165.)

No. 22. ORDER THEREON, 4th January 1870, No 11.

ESTABLISHMENT. No. 2. COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.
Secretary to Government.

No 176. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th November 1869, No 8,748 —

Read the following letter from G VANSAGNEW, Esq , Collector of Cuddapah, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 1st November 1869, No 184

IN the Proceedings of the Board, dated 17th April last, No 2,604, re-communicated in the Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, dated 12th May, No. 1,316, I was directed to report on certain lines of road and an irrigation project in the talooks of Khadri and Madanapally.

2. I have the honour to state that I have thoroughly inspected the country in question in company with the Superintending Engineer I do not, however, think the Board will consider it necessary for me to enter upon a detailed report when I mention that the Superintending Engineer has read to me a full report of our tour, and the conclusions at which we were unanimous in arriving, which he is just about submitting to Government, and which will doubtless soon be communicated to the Board.

3 Every point has been fully discussed, and in no instance have we differed in opinion The lines of road determined upon have been marked in yellow on the District Road Budget Map for next year, already submitted, and as this is prepared on the same scale as the Trigonometrical Sheet Map, the Board, by comparing the two, will understand our scheme easily.

4. As to the Kundukoor irrigation extension project, its feasibility is the subject of a scientific investigation, pending the completion of which it is out of my power to throw any reliable light upon it.

5. I will only observe that, from what I believe to be correct returns, it appears this tank has only discharged in twelve out of the last twenty years It has not discharged since Fusly 1276, and it is quite true that twenty-five miles from it, a tank, the area of which may be about 100 acres, has been recently surreptitiously constructed in Mysore territory at a cost of Rupees 10,000 by the Reddy of Kundukoor

6. This man admitted to me that had any other Ryot of Kundukoor entertained a similar project, tending, as it does, to cut off the supply to the Kundukoor Tank, he, as Reddy, would have considered it his duty to report the matter to the Tahsildar, so as to admit of the authorities on our side offering objections to the step for the consideration of the Mysore authorities. He kept his own counsel however, and the mischief is done. I have dismissed him from office for thus betraying the interests of Government, such dismissal involving forfeiture of Service Inam land.

7. The Board represent the late Mr Molony as stating that the Kundukoor Tank received the Nundidroog drainage Such is by no means the case, as an examination of the Trigonometrical Map would show.

8. In conclusion, I would observe that I entirely concur in the opinion expressed by the Superintending Engineer in his letter to Government of 16th April

last, that "want of rain has been the chief cause of the bad state of the Khadri Talook" I have served in a good many districts, but in not one have I seen the irrigation works—such as they are—in such good working order as in this district, and those in Khadri are no exception to this general rule

9 In respect to communications I know many parts of the country that are far worse off than Khadri was last year It will certainly not be for want of roads that Khadri will suffer again With what has been already accomplished in that direction, it is now exceptionally well off. I drove a four-wheeled carriage through and through the talook.

10. The soil in some parts is certainly very poor and stony, but in many of the valleys it is quite the contrary

11 The Board are aware that I consider the Revenue system throughout the district to have been harsh and illiberal, but I do not think that that would altogether, or mainly, account for the impoverished condition of so large a proportion of the agricultural class last year Want of rain was the real and almost sole cause, and similar want of rain would again, I believe, produce similar effects despite all the new communications

12 There was in fact lack neither of food in the markets nor of water last year, but of money among the poorer class wherewith to buy food

THE Board resolve to submit this letter for the information of Government

2 It is satisfactory to learn that after the outlay incurred on works of internal communications, the position of the talook of Khadri is in this respect no longer inferior to other parts of the country

3 In the general observations which a lengthened tour in the talook has suggested to the Collector it is observed that the inferior soil, aggravated by a certain harshness of Revenue administration, is assigned by Mr Agnew as the cause of the great pressure felt during the late drought, much in the same way as it was by Mr Clarke

4 The report now submitted does not admit of any decision as to the merits of the various lines of communication, or as to the irrigation works proposed, and it is necessary to await the full report made by the Superintending Engineer on the former point, and the scientific inquiry now in progress regarding the latter before arriving at any conclusion on these subjects.

5 The Board have now before them a long and detailed report on the Revenue system of the Sub-Division, and propose shortly to lay the subject before Government.

No. 177. ORDER THEREON, 13th December 1869, No 3,165.

Miscellaneous

THE Government await the further report promised by the Board of Revenue. The communication on the subject of the roads and irrigation works of the Khadri Talook, has been referred* to the Board for their remarks

(True Extract)

Acting Secretary to Government.

* 19th November 1869

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

Exd. E C Shunker.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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Dated December, 13th

Read a 16th Inst.

G. O, 13th December 1869, No 3,165

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Nos. 176-177.

1. *Public Works* on *Khadir and Midnapore Tidebooks*—Further report promised by the Board of Revenue on the reverse system of the Sub Division of Cuddapah, awaited

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Road Proc. Rec'd Sept 8 Reporting orders on those of the Bay Road submitting further remarks thereon by the Collr of Cuddapah on certain lines proposed, or in the Rhadri & Madanapilly talugs - and to this Office concerned