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7th September 1870.*

Read the following :—

No. 70. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th August 1870.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Kurnool, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Kurnool, 13th August 1870, No. 261.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that a great rain which fell on the night of Saturday 6th and the morning of Sunday 7th August 1870 caused very serious damage to the Madras Irrigation Canal. The rain-fall, as registered at the Observatory and in my Office, amounted to 12 inches in 12 hours.

2. There are breaches in the canal at Edurur, Nidzur, Gopal Singavaram, and a very serious one on the south end of the Hindry aqueduct, and a large wall about 40 feet in height at Kaderbad was washed away. The loss to the cultivators will be very heavy, and at Kallur an Inam garden near the aqueduct has been utterly destroyed. Seed-beds for paddy had been planted, and other beds prepared. I fear the Company will be called upon for large sums as compensation, and that the irrigation under the canal this year is hopeless.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

No. 71. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th August 1870, No. 3,667.
Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Masulipatam, 10th August 1870, No. 3,667.

TOWARDS the end of July there were some very heavy freshes in the Kistna which inundated the unprotected lunka or island-villages between the river and western bank channel, for the protection of which there has, during the last year, been a good deal of correspondence.

2. On the 3rd of August, however, the river rose a foot higher than the eclipse year 1868; it overtopped the river-embankment at Avenagadda. Several tanks in that neighbourhood burst, and Avenagadda, Puligadda, and other low-lying villages were completely inundated, the people taking refuge on the tops of their houses, or removing themselves to high ground by boat. The whole country between Avenagadda and Masulipatam was under water, so that the Police Inspector came in on Sunday, 7th instant, by a boat across country to report the state of things. I at once communicated with the Executive Engineer, and despatched the Tahsildar to the spot, directing him to collect boats and remove the people to places of safety wherever danger was threatened. I issued orders for the impressment of labour under Act I. of 1858 for repairing and strengthening the river embankment, and for repairing tank-bund breaches, and raising ring-bunds to prevent the loss of water, and the Deputy-Tahsildar took steps for the repair of tank-bunds immediately. During the 8th it was, however, believed that the flood was subsiding.

3. On the evening of the 9th I received a letter from the Executive Engineer, Captain Smally, stating that a telegram had just been received from Kurnool that

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they had had a very heavy fall of rain, and a very high flood would be the result ; that the river was rising steadily at Bezoarah ; that the Registers showed :—

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Under these circumstances as it appeared that the Divy and Lunka villages were likely to be in danger very shortly, I ordered ten boats to be sent by sea with some bags of raw rice. The Master Attendant, Captain Gahan, offered to accompany them, and has started this morning with four boats, and will send back word by canoe whether a further supply is required. The Tahsildar will come from the other side, collecting all the boats available. I have sent express messages warning the villagers of the rise in the river to be expected, and directing that all measures be taken to remove the dwellers or low-lying villagers to higher ground. I should have gone out at once myself, but believe I can do more here by communicating with Kurnool and Bezwada, and sending out aid promptly as may be required. The Assistant Collector is absent on a tour in the western talooks.

THE Collector's action has been timely and judicious.

2. There must evidently be considerable loss of property, but inundations in these villages are not uncommon, and the Board hope that there will be no loss of life.

No. 72. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th August 1870.
Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Masulipatam, 12th August 1870, No. 3,698.

IN continuation of my letter, dated 10th August 1870, No. 3,667, I have the honour to report that the Kistna freshes of the 9th and 10th did not rise so high as the former one of the 3rd August. I sent a telegram to Kurnool, and ascertained that the river had fallen again to its usual level, and this information was at once communicated to the officer in the Divy Division. I am glad to say, therefore, there was no occasion for the boats sent by sea, which the Master Attendant, Captain Gahan, was good enough to accompany, and who has returned to Masulipatam.

2. The Executive Engineer, Captain Smalley :

2. The Executive Engineer, Captain Smally, is now at Avenagadda, and is taking active steps for repairing the river-embankment both there and at Nadakudra, where there was a large breach, and also repairing the breaches in several tanks that burst. The Tahsildar is on the spot, and is giving assistance in collecting the labour that is required under Act I. of 1858. The Tahsildar reports a considerable destruction of crops, seed-beds, and granaries, and is making careful inquiry into the extent of the losses.

Submitted for the information of Government, in continuation of Board's Proceedings of this day's date.

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No. 73.

ORDER THEREON, 7th September 1870, No. 1,401.

Miscellaneous.

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THE Right Honourable the Governor in Council regrets to learn that the floods at Kurnool have had such disastrous effects. It is, however, satisfactory to know that their results in the Kistna District have not been so serious as anticipated. Boswell's proceedings are approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantle 13.

Nov 25 1870

My dear Sir
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 have had such disastrous
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 results in the Western District
 have not been so serious
 as the A. C. W. anticipated.
 Mr Brownell's proceedings
 are approved

J. O. S.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated September 7th.

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 orders thereon.