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No. 109. Read the following letter from Colonel J. F. FISCHER, R E, District Engineer, Madura, to Major-General G W WALKER, R E, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Alhmagaram, 25th November 1876, No 3,199.—

I HAVE the honor to report that I have lately passed through the Tiroomangalum Taluq and parts of Pereakolum Taluq with the Collector, and the whole of the crops in this part of the district have failed very largely, the distress is very great, and it is absolutely necessary to provide relief at once, for large masses of the laboring population, who live on daily wages, are entirely without any means of subsistence, and it is quite evident from their very appearance that they at least are suffering from want of ordinary daily food

2. Last year the season was very unfavorable as I had reported, the rains held off till very late, and in October 1875 the whole district was flooded by an unusually heavy fall of rain, which injured most of the dry crops and of course run off entirely to waste, as no large reservoirs had been provided to store these superabundant means; from October 1875 up to the date of this letter the rains have failed entirely, and the rivers have been entirely without any freshes to speak of, so that famine has come on the district far more rapidly than most were inclined to anticipate, as it had so often escaped by late rains, but these have now failed altogether for any useful purpose, and it may be said the whole of the crops are lost.

3 I beg most earnestly and respectfully to solicit the Government will be pleased to grant me additional funds for Repairs Agricultural so that I can put a number of tank repair works in hand at once and give relief in the villages. I am obliged to refuse numbers of applicants as I have allotted all available means, but I could dispose of Rupees 30,000 at once, and I fear far more will be required; the emergency is so sudden and the distress so very great, as reported on all sides here, I trust the Government will be pleased to excuse any irregularity on my part in thus again urging this matter on them, but I am anxious to be prepared for all the work which may be thrown on us.

No. 110. ORDER THEREON, 5th December 1876, No. 3,288.

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(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Madura

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District Engineers Office
Mellinagarum, 25th November 1876

From

Colonel. J. F. Fischer. R. E.
District Engineer, Madurai

To

Major-General L. W. Walker R. E.
Secretary to Government. D. P. W.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that I have lately passed through the Troonungulum Taluq and parts of Periakulam Taluq with the Collector and the whole of the crops in this part of the District have failed very largely - the distress is very great and it is absolutely necessary to provide relief at once for large masses of the laboring population, who live on daily wages, and entirely without any means of subsistence - and it is quite evident from their very appearance that they, at least, are suffering from want of ordinary daily food.

2. Last year the season was very unfavorable as I had reported, the rains held off till very late and in October 1875 the whole District was flooded by an unusually heavy fall of rain - which injured most of the dry crops and of course run off entirely to waste as no large reservoirs had been provided to store these super-abundant means

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3 I beg most earnestly and respectfully to solicit the Government will be pleased to grant me additional funds for District Agricultural so that I can put a number of tanks repair works in hand at once and give relief in the villages. I am obliged to refuse numbers of applications as I have allotted all available means and I could dispose of. Rupees 30,000 at once and I fear far more, with the required, the emergency is so sudden and the distress so very great, is reported on all sides. I trust the Government will be pleased to excuse any irregularity on my part in thus again urging this matter on them but I am anxious to be prepared for all the work which may be thrown on us.

I have the honor to be
Your most obedient servant
W. T. Teicher
Colonel. B.
District Engineer

Honorable Mr. Secretary
Madras - Revenue
and Public Works
Commr.

No. 3199.

Date 25 November 1876
Signed 27 80
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