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[Despatch Abstract.]

Heavy rainfall in the S. areas Dt

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the 5th Nov—, Commr calls to the Chief Engr for
Irrigation thro' S.E. Circle

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To

The Chief Engr. for Irrigation.
" Supts. Engr., V Circle.

SUBJECT.

Recording Progs. of the Bd. of Rev. forwarding report from the Collr. of S. Arcot on the heavy rainfall & high floods in the Gadilam and Pennar rivers.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following paper:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue(Revenue Settlement) No.6530 Mis.,dated 10th November 1898, on the following letter from the Ag. Collector of South Arcot,Disposal No.431 /V.D.of '98 dated 7th November 1898:-

I have the honour to report a very heavy fall of rain here on Saturday the 5th instant gauging at 8 A.M. yesterday morning 8.94 inches. There had been 4 inches of rain on the previous Friday,but up to Saturday morning,I had not received any reports of heavy rain fall inland so that no serious flood was anticipated. However on Saturday the Gadilam was rising rapidly,and was ~~up~~ up to the road leading to the old Town, by the evening. Yesterday morning it was over the road to the depth of two or three feet, and the road was blocked by fallen trees. The flood was also over the road between the new Town Railway station and the Bridge. Above the Bridge the river had over-topped its banks and flooding the Nellikuppam road in parts,made its way down to the Hospital,and thence down to the road to the Post Office,and on to the Maidan which was half under water.

By midday the flood began to abate. The Stationary Sub-Magistrate, I learn,had to go to the rescue of some Oddars, whose huts had been washed away early on Sunday morning.

The Pennar was rising slowly and over-flowed its banks in the course of the afternoon. About 9 P.M.,some people of Manjakuppam got alarmed for the safety of their houses,but I found

found that there was no serious danger. The river had only risen two or three more inches, and there were indications that a fall had already commenced.

A telegram from ~~the~~ Tirukoilur to the effect that the river there was rapidly subsiding enabled me to allay the apprehension of the people. This morning the water in both rivers has fallen considerably.

The rain reports received this morning show that there was a very heavy fall on Saturday, throughout the district, and I fear considerable damage will have been done to tanks and dry crops. Report from Vriddhachalam states that the flood in the Vellar reached the level of 1884. The big tank there was breached. No damage to the anicuts has however been reported, and I have not heard of any flood in the Coleroon. Railway communication was for a time interrupted between Panruti and Villupuram, but the railway officials took prompt action and the trains are now running again. Application will be made if necessary for additional allotment for monsoon damages when the Tahsildar's reports are received.

Orders were sent by telegram to the Head Asstt. Collr to proceed to Vriddhachalam after arranging for the watching of the Viranam tank bund and Shatia-tope Anicut.

Resolution.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Collector's further report on the damage done by the floods will be awaited.

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Order thereon No.4485 Mis. d/ 17th Novr. '93.

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(True Extract)

Secretary to Government.

To

The Public Works Department.