

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
23rd October 1867.*

No. 221. Read the following letter from Major F. APPLEGATH, Staff Corps, 2nd in Command and Wing Officer, 33rd Regiment N. I., Vizianagram, to the Acting Sanitary Commissioner; dated 7th October 1867.

We have been overtaken by another cyclone, and more or less damaged. This very pretty little cantonment looks like a wreck. All the "canjan roof" bungalows have been unroofed, and the whole kit of Officers clothing, &c., saturated with rain water. Ours, fortunately, was a tiled roof, and in pretty good order; but our doors and windows were, several of them, blown in. Judging from the number of trees of all descriptions, I should say that the wind had been nearly equal to that of the Masulipatam cyclone. Major Harington's house had about one and a half feet of water in it. His whole kit must be spoilt, and that also of the Reverend Mr. Ostrehan, whose houses also are both literally and actually destroyed.

2. Both the above ladies (*sic*) with two of Mr. Ostrehan's children found shelter with us. About midnight on 29th, Mr. Ostrehan was on duty at Vizagapatam.

3. The whole of the godowns, cook-rooms, stables, are destroyed with the exception of one or two pukka built ones—Colonel Rich's and Dr. Beaman's.

4. The hardest cases are the poor European men (one married), who have lost most of their kit, and to whom 200 Rupees each would be a perfect God-send. They have literally nothing. We have sent them two or three large joints of meat, to keep them from absolute starvation. They are now staying in the compound of that excellent man the Reverend Mr. Dawson, the refuge for the destitute.

5. I sent the particulars to the *Athenæum*, instead of writing to every one.

6. I really think the Government should authorize a small outlay, to prevent the two Europeans from being actually in want of food.

7. I should say that 5000 Rupees should be placed in Mr. Dawson's hands, for immediate relief to both European and Native distressed people.

8. The owners of houses have suffered a good deal from the storm; and, what is worse, the heavy rain we have every day does still more mischief, as it prevents repairs.

9. I made a mistake in the description: it should have been the storm has gone S. S. W., instead of S. S. E. The actual loss of life has been very small, and for that we should be thankful.

10. With the exception of Major Harington and the Reverend Mr. Ostrehan, no one else has lost heavily.

11. The sepoy huts are what I call in a "precarious," state, from injury in the storm and subsequent heavy rains. The cantonment is being cleared a little of the *debris*; but there is still a very large quantity of fallen trees and rubbish in every compound. Rich's compound is pretty clean, but he has the Rajah for his house owner and a few hundred Rupees, and cooly hire for each cooly costs 1 Rupee.

12. The sepoys, as working parties, worked well, but there are no tools in the stores, either hatchets or tiles; and no indent on Vizagapatam would they send in. If this rain continues, we shall certainly have fever here, unless something is done. I would recommend the Sanitary Commission to visit us, and appoint 3 (*sic*) people here, and give them power to act, and order a supply of tools, hatchets, &c.

13. The horses and ponies escaped injury. It was a great comfort having no sea water this time; the wind and rain were quite bad enough.

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14. The residents here did assist the poor ship-wrecked sailors with clothes. A sad loss of life at Calingapatam.

15. There was a brand new Aneroid here, and it told nothing till the storm was well on! You can fancy the discomfort we are all in. The 33rd Mess is well off for supplies. It is roofs, windows, doors, &c., we all want. If you think proper to come to Vizianagram, come to us; we will put you up. You could see the place with me.

No. 222. ORDER THEREON, 23rd October 1867, No. 1320.

The Governor in Council directs that a copy of the foregoing letter from Major Applegath be referred, through the Military Department, to the Commander-in-Chief, in order that it may be ascertained from the Officer Commanding Vizianagram whether any assistance is required from Government to relieve distress caused by the late cyclone at that station.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Military Department.
 „ Sanitary Commissioner.
 „ Collector of Vizagapatam.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

My dear Mr. Garrison -
I have for some time been
to Mr. S. G. and am (as it
is called) my official duty
from the 1st of the month. I am in
Command and Wing Officer 23rd
Regt. 1st Nat. Viginia Inf. and
could you kindly write from
Lord Napier of British it to be
I would be glad to see it.
I am your Obedient Servant
I would have been glad to have
known the Officer Commanding
or the Captain of the District
to bring distress to the notice of
Govt. through the usual channel.
As however this procedure might
involve considerable loss of time

I am prepared should His Lordship
choose to forward Lord Appleton's
Report for disposal by Govt.
I must add however that I fail
to recognize the advantage of my
promising to digress on the subject although
I am prepared to do so if ordered.
I may add that King's Apple-
ton is possessed of a somewhat
magazine mind and has possibly
not undoubtedly the sufferings
of the 2nd Empire.
I have an approximate copy
of his letter for easy reference.
I am, Sir, very truly,
Yours very truly,
J. H. Garretts Esq.
The for Secretary General, London.

This letter with
its enclosure has
reached me for
the Secretary
General's
Office. It
appears the
account of the
cyclone at
Pozorapan is
very lucid &
his statement
that Govt. assistance
is necessary for the
sufferers does not
seem very convincing.
I think, however,
the Council's letter
might be referred
to the Director for
his opinion.
Yours
Wm

7th October

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My Lieut. Montgomery

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Yours sincerely
Francis Sprague

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from
Major Applegarth at Vizianagram, to the
Sanitary Commissioners.

Here dated 7th October.

Order thereon 23rd Oct. 1867 No. 1320.

The Governor in Council
directs that a copy of the
foregoing letter from Major
Applegarth be referred,
through the Military
Department to the
Commander in Chief,
in order that it may
be ascertained from the
Officer Commanding
Vizianagram, whether
any assistance is required
from Government

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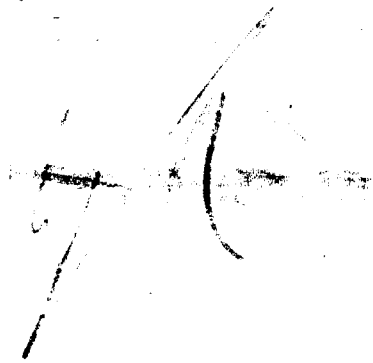
From: Major Applegarth
Vizianagram

10th Oct
1867

No. 1320

Report to the Government
of the Applegarth at Vizianagram
re: the destruction
of the village, & the
loss of the village

to relieve distress caused
by the late Cyclone at
that station.



To the Military Department }
" Sanitary Commissioners }
" Collectors of Nagasaki }

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Dated 23rd *October* 1867.

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