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20th October 1869.

No. 81. Read the following letter from the Assistant Magistrate of the Kistna district, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Masulipatam, 6th October 1869, No. 88.

During the absence of the Magistrate, Mr. J. A. C. Boswell, from head-quarters, I have the honour to address you with reference to the state of affairs in Masulipatam, and the measures taken with regard to the predicted occurrence of a "cyclone" here on the 5th instant.

2. Although I was aware that some uneasiness existed in the town, in consequence of the publication of a paragraph in the *Madras Times* of the 22nd ultimo, I was not of opinion (looking to the unreliable and sensational character of the paragraph) that the matter was of sufficient importance to take official notice of. But on the 29th instant, I was indirectly informed that the Vakeels of the Small Cause Court here had communicated with you by telegraph on the subject. On the same day I consulted with Lieutenant Hoskins, the Superintendent of Police here, and arranged to await the reply to a telegram sent by him to Captain Robertson, Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Madras, before telegraphing to obtain Mr. Pogson's opinion of the probabilities of the occurrence of a storm. On the morning of the 1st instant, Captain Robertson's reply was received intimating Mr. Pogson's opinion that there was no ground for alarm, and referring us to Mr. Blandford's letter published in the *Madras Mail* of the 29th ultimo. This I caused to be published immediately in the form of a Gazette Extraordinary, (copy of which is enclosed,) appending to it copy of your first telegram received the same evening. I replied to you by telegraph on the morning of the 2nd instant stating the measures taken. During Saturday (2nd) and Sunday (3rd instant), the native public was considerably upset by Mr. Saxby's letter; but on the evening of the 3rd, Mr. Blandford's letter was received and tom-tomed at once. A severe thunderstorm and the fall of three-quarters of an inch of rain occurred this night. On the 4th instant, the native public was still apprehensive, (Mr. Blandford's letter not having proved much of a sedative,) and the same evening, about 4 P.M., your second telegram requesting barometrical readings came to hand. I reported these together, with state of public mind, the same evening, as early as possible, in a lengthy telegram. On the morning of the 5th, a severe thunderstorm, with heavy rain and a strong wind from the south-west, set in at 2 A.M., and alarmed the native "peta." Many natives took shelter in the Collector's house, the Small Cause Court, Judge's residence, and other available stone-buildings, and the general impression seemed to be that the cyclone had come. However, the wind not blowing from the east was re-assuring, and by 4 A.M. the storm had moderated. On the 5th, we were favoured by a splendid sun-shiny day. It clouded over towards evening, and we had some rain and wind again at night, but nothing of consequence. To-day (6th) is a fine warm day, and all apprehensions of a cyclone have ceased among the natives.

3. The weather has been altogether unusually stormy for the season of the year, and the country around Masulipatam is still much flooded with water. All this seemed to give colour to Captain Saxby's predictions. The continued gradual fall of the barometer here had prepared us for a continuance of bad weather; but as no sudden or extreme fall (the usual indication of a serious storm) took place, I think, but for Captain Saxby's letter, the public would have attributed it to the anticipated setting in of the north-east monsoon.

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4. In conclusion, I have to record the general relief and satisfaction felt throughout the town that all has passed off so happily, and to mention that all necessary steps were taken in case anything had occurred on the 5th, Lieutenant Hoskins having kindly assisted my efforts, by supplying extra constables at different points of the town, and strengthening the ordinary beats.

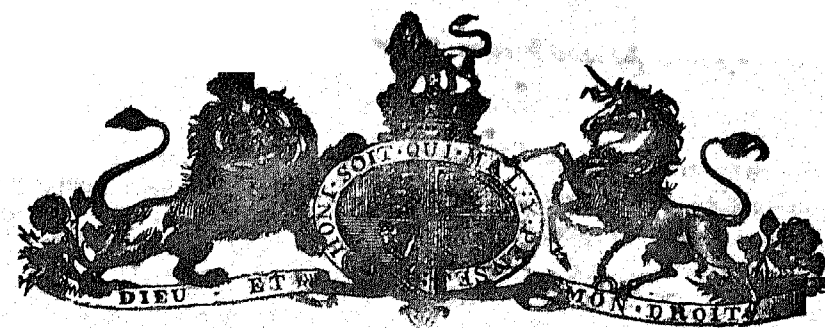
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R. A. DALYELL,
Actg. Secy. to Govt.



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NOTIFICATION.

Probabilities of a Cyclone

It having been intimated to the undersigned that the inhabitants of Masulipatam with reference to a paragraph in the Madras Times of the 22nd ultimo are apprehensive of the occurrence of a Cyclone on the 5th instant he has the honour to notify that the Government Astronomer in Madras has been communicated with and he states that there is no ground for alarm.

The public are referred to Mr. Blandford's letter in the Madras Mail of the 29th ultimo.

C. L. B. CUMMING,
Assistant Magistrate.

Masulipatam, 1st October 1869.

The following subsequent Telegram from the Chief Secretary has been received Madras September 30th 5 - 50 P. M.

"Rumours of alarm reported at Masulipatam consequence of predicted Storms. Inform the people that the Government Astronomers at Calcutta and Madras state that there is no cause of alarm and report state of affairs by Telegraph."

ప్రకటనపత్రక.

పుష్పెననుగురించి.

గతచిన్తనల తే ౨౨ దీ మద్రాసు క్రైస్టులా భద్రహరించబడ్డ సమాచారమునుపట్టి మచిలీపట్నం తావురస్తులు యీనల తే ౨౨ దీని ఉత్పన్నమైన శయ్యారాత్రమును పొందివుంటూవున్నట్లు జాహిరులాకి వచ్చినందున యీదిగువన చక్కచుక్కనగా తెలియచేత దేమంటే యీసంగతిగురించి గవర్నమెంటు జ్యోతిషశాస్త్ర తెలియచేసినట్లు శయ్యారాత్రము కలుగుటకు హతుతే వని తాగుతెలియచేసినారు.

యీవిషయము గతచిన్తనల తే ౨౯ దీ తారీఖున ప్రచురపరచబడిన మద్రాసు కేయిన్ ఆనెన్సును పేరులో స్థాంధుధాతగాదుబ్రాశనపుత్ర కమున చూచుకోవలసింది.

సి. లెవర్, బి. కమింగు,
ఆసిస్టెంట్ మేజిస్ట్రేటు.

యీదిగువన ఉదహరించబడిన యీసంగతి కంఠపూచారము గవర్నమెంటు నీపుత్రకేరీ గారివద్దనుంచి యిచ్చు తేలికది.

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మచిలీపట్నములూ మహానరాధామండలం అక్కడిజనలు శయ్యారాత్రమునుపొందివున్నట్లు ఆస్థానమోతాకమునకు తగిన తాగుముద్రకట్టు కలకత్తా చక్కచుక్కములూవుండే గవర్నమెంటు జ్యోతిషశాస్త్ర తెలియచేసినారు గవర్నమెంటు ఆపట్టుచాసస్తులకు తెలియచేయవలసి: దేగాక ప్రస్తుతపుసంగతి యెటులవున్నది తెలిగొచ్చుచున్నది తెలియచేయవలసింది.

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Sir

Your most obedient Servt.
Chas. R. Cunningham.
Assistant Magistrate

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