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24th November 1870.

No. 127. Read the following letter from the Superintendent of Police, Vizagapatam, to the Inspector-General of Police, dated Vizagapatam, 5th November 1870, No. 134:—

I have the honour to report, for your information, that this station was last night visited by a cyclone.

2. I shall give you particulars as they occurred to myself.

3. I was out dining, and when returning home at 10½ it was raining with a strong breeze from the north; this steadily increased, and at 12½ to 1 this morning my windows and doors began to give way. I barricaded all as well as I could. By 2 or half-past the wind got round to the east and increased in violence. I then was driven from my bedroom on the east side, windows broken, took shelter in the inner room, placing all the furniture at the doors. The cyclone steadily increased, and was at its height about 4½, wind then south-east by south. About 4½ it began to decrease, and went down very rapidly. At daylight I opened a door at the west side, my stables had completely gone. I went down as quick as I could to see after the horsekeepers, and oh! how thankful I was to find them in a corner of the coach-house, my horses I found where the stables had been standing, surrounded by rafters and broken tiles, unable to move. I soon got them out and moved elsewhere. By this time I had a visit from half the station who came to see if I were alive or dead. You are aware that my house (the eagle's nest) is much exposed. At 8½ I went down to the town and visited our office; records all correct; buildings slightly injured.

4. Visited the Treasury; guard present; all correct.

5. Rode through the town to the very end, not a thatched house standing, and nearly all the puckah buildings more or less injured, the trees have suffered considerably and a great number of them down.

6. Visited the jail, I should say our camp jail; this is quite gone, but can be easily rebuilt. The prisoners have been moved to the new jail *pro-tem*, but here they cannot remain. I have gone through all the blocks and they have been all more or less unroofed, and I fancy the prisoners will for some time have to sleep in the verandahs. I have ordered an extra party of Police from reserve to jail to prevent irregularities.

7. I have made every inquiry through the town, and as yet have only heard of six deaths, and I fancy that is all that has taken place.

8. I was glad to see our men on duty through the town to-day, and am happy to report that nothing could be quieter than the inhabitants; I do not think they will require any pecuniary assistance; as a rule they all appeared cheerful.

9. What a difference to the scene we witnessed after the cyclone at Masulipatam six years ago.

10. About 4 o'clock this morning the gale was very nearly as strong as we had it at Masulipatam; but take it all and all as a cyclone, it was nothing to it. Here we had a gale from about 12½ till 4½, only four hours; but at Masulipatam the sea came upon us at 10½ P.M., and the gale continued till near daylight next morning.

No. 128. ORDER THEREON, 24th November 1870, No. 1519.

To be recorded.

(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Recording letter from the Superintendent of
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I have the honor to be
Your most obedient servant

W. M. Hayes

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From
the Capt. of Police
New York
No. 134.

at 5th St. N.Y.
1871
to 1871

At the residence
of a Captain at 83rd.
standing on the inside
of the 4th. constant.

J. H. N.
New York, N.Y.
1871

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