G.O. No 604.

Dated 30th April to 3rd May 1857.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, from 30th April to 3d May 1859.

No. 27. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2d May 1859, No. 1547.

Read the following letter from W. M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of Tanjore; to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George; dated Tranquebar, 29th April 1859, No. 97.

In continuation of my letter of the 26th Instant, it is with much regret I have to state for the further intimation of the Board that the reports which have since reached me show that the weather was much more severe in other parts of the District than I had represented and that a hurricane seems to have prevailed in the neighbourhood of Negapatam which has been attended with the most disastrous consequences both to life and property.

2. During the height of the hurricane the British Bark "Monarch" and which had sailed for Penang from Negapatam on the 22d Instant 200 coolies on board came in contact with the British ship "Ballynceich" bound from Calcutta to Glasgow and both ships were so disabled that they immediately came ashore about 8 miles to the South of Negapatam. The crew of both vessels were for the most part saved but one has since died from the building where he was lodging in, in Negapatam having fallen in. The coolies were I regret to say nearly all drowned. In addition to these vessels and those mentioned in my letter of the 26th Instant from 30 to 35 vessels and those chiefly square rigged ones, have been wrecked between this and Calimire but the crews have I believe, nearly all been saved.

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4. Reports have also reached me that several of the river banks have again given away and the communication between Tanjore and the eastward is again interrupted, the Tappal having in one place to be brought on a raft.

5. From the discolored appearance of the sea to a considerable distance from the shore, I conclude that the rivers are all in full fresh and indeed the water reports which have reached me this day show that some of them are already so. I fear therefore that there are grounds for apprehending that many of the new embankments will have given way.

6. I have however put myself immediately in communication with Captain Oakes and immediately the water subsides every endeavour will be made jointly with the officers of the D. P. W. to repair the damages which have been sustained and to restore the embankments before the regular freshes make their appearance.

Submitted for the information of Government.

(A true Extract and Copy.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

No. 28. ORDER THEREON, 3d May 1859, No. 604.

Ordered that the foregoing Extract be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

Tanjore Collectors Office
Tranquebar 26th April 1859
N° 94

From

W. Mc Cadell, Esqre
Collector of Tanjore

To

J. D. Sim, Esqre
Secretary to the Board of Rev.
Fort St. George

Sir.

I have the honor to report for the information of the Board that since the morn-ing of the 23d instant, there has been a very heavy and unusual fall of rain in this part of the District accompanied with strong gales from N.E. to E.S.E. as far as my information at present goes, the rain would appear to have been general, but the violence of the wind seems to have been felt less inland than on the Coast.

2 I fear there must have been consider-able loss of property & life at sea, and reports have already reached me of the stranding of a Dar a can ship and of the wreck of a dhony at Trimulvasell; also that 2 Brigs pative are

are ashore at Cavenpatam and 2 more at Karical. Part of the keel of a native vessel was washed ashore here this morning and there are several vessels in the offing with loss of masts, spars &c.; — as far as I have yet been able to ascertain there has happily been no loss of life

3 The wind has moderated since yesterday at noon, but the weather has still a wild and unsettled appearance and today again it is very showery accompanied by squalls.

4 I am afraid there is reason to believe that there will be much damage to the new embankments and other earthworks which are being so extensively carried on this season; and I apprehend also the loss in Salt (the manufacture of which had just come into full operation) will be considerable. The Board will, I trust, be assured that no effort will be wanting on my part or on that of my subordinates to repair and

and restore the damages which may prove to have occurred and regarding which fuller information will be submitted hereafter.

I Signed W. M. Cadell
Collector

Annexed is a Memo of the rain fall

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Revenue Department

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Collector of

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To

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Secretary to the Board of Revenue

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29th April 1859.

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Collector.

Submitted for the information of Government.—

(A true Extract & Copy)

L. A. Shaw
Secretary.

To
J. D. Rourdillon Esqr.
Secretary to Govt
Revenue Department.—

No 28— Order thereon 29th April 1859 to be recorded
Ordered that the foregoing be recorded

29/4/59.

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Revenue 1859 Dept.
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No. 784.

Extract from the
Proceedings of the
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No 1547.

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Submitting a letter
from the Collector of Tanjore
furnishing further information
regarding the Hurricane
in the Eastern portion of the
district.

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No 1607.

Recorded.

3d May 1859.