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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th July 1869.

No. 466. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th July 1869:—

Read the following letter from J. A. C. BOSWELL, Esq., Officiating Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 7th June 1869, No. 173.

I HAVE the honour to state that the four villages noted in the margin, appertaining to the talook of Repalli, being situated between the river Kistna and its western embankment, were inundated during the high freshes last year on the night of the 16th of August, about 30 hours before the occurrence of the great Solar Eclipse. The flood destroyed many houses and much property as specified in the accompanying memorandum*; the streets were unfordable for some days, but no lives were lost, boats having been supplied in time. The Board sanctioned Rupees 18 on account of the hire of boats, and the cost of feeding the houseless poor for a day. As the villages are large, and it is very inconvenient and expensive to remove the houses to another locality, the villagers are anxious to repair and strengthen the old bank between the river and their villages which was formerly constructed by Government, but abandoned since the construction of the new western embankment about twenty years ago. The cost of repairing the former, building sluices, etc., is estimated at Rupees 2,180 as per margin. The villagers are willing to pay half of this amount, and pray that the remainder may be supplemented by Government. The value of houses and property lost by the flood was Rupees 6,169 as specified in the accompanying memorandum, (Enclosure A).

1. Vellatur.
2. Peda Puivarru.
3. Penumudi.
4. Mortola, hamlet of Kamarazùzadda.

* Enclosure A.

	Rs.
Vellatur, ...	862
Peda Pulivarru, ...	790
Penumudi, ...	224
Mortola, ...	304
	2,180

2. As the repair of the old bank appears to be also lately necessary for the protection of life and property, I have the honour to submit their request for the favourable consideration of the Board. The Government contribution † seems to be fairly chargeable to Local Funds. No provision was made in the last Budget for this amount, but the charge might be met from the reserve.

† Rupees 1,090.

3. As the time of the freshes is rapidly approaching, I request the Board will be pleased to issue orders at an early date.

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ENCLOSURE A.

Memorandum of the losses which occurred during the inundation of the Kistna River on the night of the 16th August 1868.

Name of village.	Number of houses.		Population.	Number of houses fallen down.	Their value.	Value of grain lost.	Total loss.
	Tiled.	Thatched.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
					RS.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
1 Villatur ...	76	155	1,313	59	1,319	174 0 0	1,493 0 0
2 Peda Pulivarru.	56	422	2,460	107	591	12 9 8	603 9 8
3 Penumudi ...	12	145	763	98	1,004	492 13 10	1,496 13 10
4 Mortola ...	6	279	1,428	119	1,050	1,526 1 0	2,576 1 0
Total ...	150	1,001	5,964	383	3,964	2,205 8 6	6,169 8 6

MASULIPATAM,
7th June 1869.

(Signed) J. A. C. BOSWELL,
Officiating Collector.

IN this letter the Collector of the Kistna District reports that, to save certain villages from inundation, it is necessary to strengthen a portion of the western bank of the river Kistna, that the cost will be Rupees 2,180, and that the villagers have contributed half that sum.

2. Mr. Boswell recommends that the remaining half of the expenditure should be provided from Local Funds; but the Board are of opinion that the repair of the bank of a large and important river is not a "Municipal" improvement such as those described in Government Order, 20th June 1859, No. 813, and the Board's Standing Order No. 30. They accordingly resolve to request Government to provide the necessary amount from Imperial Funds.

No. 467. ORDER THEREON, 20th July 1869, No. 2,117.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government concur in the views expressed by the Board of Revenue. The papers will accordingly be transferred to the Public Works Department for the provision of the funds required fr om any source available.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.

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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE

&c., &c., &c.

Dated July, 20th.

Read. Encl

G. O, 20th July 1869, No. 2,117.

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Nos. 466-487.

Repair to the western bank of the Kistna. —Papers on this subject transferred to the Public Works Department for the provision of funds.