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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th September 1863.*

No. 211. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public
Department:—

Communicating the Address presented by the inhabitants of
Kurnool to His Excellency the Governor on the occasion } (Here enter 7th September 1863, No. 1,001.)
of his visit to that place.

No. 212. ORDER THEREON, 17th September 1863, No. 1,705.
Referred to the Board of Revenue for report on paragraphs 9 and 12 of the Address.
(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Department, No. 1,001.

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PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Address from certain Inhabitants of Kurnool; to His Excellency the Honorable Sir WILLIAM THOMAS DENISON, K. C. B., Governor in Council of Fort Saint George, &c., &c., &c., dated 26th August 1863.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, the undersigned inhabitants of Kurnool, respectfully desire to express our great gratification on the occasion of a visit from your Excellency, and to offer your Excellency a hearty welcome in the name of the people,

2. The town of Kurnool is gradually rising in importance, a circumstance in great measure attributable to the operations of the Irrigation Company, in its neighbourhood.

3. But while we regard with pleasure the increase in the value of labor and the consequent improvement in the condition of the laborer and artizan, we regret to bring to your Excellency's notice, the very great rise in the prices of grain and all the necessaries of life during the last two years, a circumstance, which has pressed very heavily on all those whose small incomes were fixed long before.

4. We are aware that your Excellency's attention has been directed to the recent rise in all the necessaries of life, we therefore confidently submit this circumstance to you Excellency's notice in the hope that some relief may be devised (in consultation with the much respected head of the District) so that the poor, who know nothing of the causes which affect the prices of grain, may long bless the day that directed your Excellency's steps to Kurnool.

5. We are not unmindful of the many advantages we enjoy under the British Government, neither do we fail to appreciate the generous policy which has placed so many of our countrymen in positions of trust and honor.

6. The Government Zillah School requires to be repaired and enlarged in order to give more cubic space to the many pupils who now attend the School. The education there imparted has enabled many to pass the Uncovenanted Civil Service test. While admitting the full advantages of an educational test, in the case of young men, we respectfully submit, that an exception be made in favor of old and tried servants of Government whose integrity and official experience, we beg, may entitle them to promotion.

7. Our Civil Dispensary is now self-supporting, a fact which shows that the people are beginning to rely more on themselves. We note with some feeling of pride, that six of our countrymen are "life-Governors of this Institution, by subscribing 100 Rupees per annum, the good example of our liberal fellowtown's-man, Acting Deputy Collector V. Comaraswamy Moodelliar, the first "life-Governor," having been followed by several others.

8. We are also endeavouring to raise a "Municipal Fund," to which your Excellency's Government has kindly promised to contribute a sum equal to the local subscription. We are grateful for the indulgence, and trust we shall always obtain an annual grant, equal to the yearly contributions of the town's-people. During the past year, more attention than usual has been paid to sanitary measures, and we are thankful to say that we have had no Cholera in Kurnool during the past year.

9. Your Excellency will doubtless be struck with the arid appearance in and around Kurnool. Avenues to our roads, and topes of trees dotted over the barren

plains are much needed to relieve the eye, to shelter the weary traveller, to purify the air, and to afford people the luxury of occasionally picnicing under the trees. We beg that your Excellency may be pleased to grant us this indulgence out of the "District local Fund."

10. We also beg to submit to your Excellency the expediency of a bridge across the Toombudra, in order to render communication easy with the Nizam's Territory. We are now entirely dependant on a few primitive basket boats, and it is by no means easy and safe to cross the river in them during the freshes. The importance of our situation with reference to the Deccan, emboldens us to prefer this request.

11. The main road to Cuddapah we should be thankful to see completed, as we shall then be able to reach easily the Railway at Cuddapah. We beg that this work may be expedited under your Excellency's order. The District is much in need of branch roads, and these we hope to see laid out gradually, as local funds become available.

12. We also beg to intercede for our brethren in the villages. Our Collector (ever thoughtful of the ryot's welfare,) called upon the headmen of villages in January last, to improve and clean their villages, in order to render them salubrious. We were much pleased with this order, as we regarded it as an earnest of further improvements. We should be glad to see the wealthy ryots support and manage a fund for the improvement of their villages. Government might encourage such local effort, by assigning to villages for their improvement, pound and fine funds. Where all the villagers are poor, the improvement and cleanliness of such villages might be effected by the "District Conservancy Fund." Were the people more civilized, there would be no occasion for now appealing to your Excellency, but they are still as children requiring to be led and taught by their rulers; and any lessons that it is necessary for them to learn, may be pointed out and commenced by a paternal Government.

13. We shall also be thankful to see the various reservoirs in the District improved by Government, and cultivation extended by these means.

14. We now conclude by wishing your Excellency long life and happiness, and earnestly hope that your Excellency's visit to Kurnool may result in increased comfort, and happiness to the people, and that we may long have occasion to remember the visit paid to our town, by your Excellency.

(Signed) AHOMED SAHIB, Shop-keeper,
(„) D. SREENVASA ROW,
(„) N. DAVE ROW, and
125 others.

REPLY.

GENTLEMEN,

I thank you for the kind expressions with which you have welcomed me to your town, and for the good wishes with which you have concluded your address.

I rejoice to hear so favorable an account of the improvement of the town and District, which, while it is of course to a certain extent due to the operations of the Irrigation Company, must I think be traced more particularly to the great increase which has taken place in the value of grain and other products of the soil.

It is of course true that the increase in the price of the necessaries of life must press hardly upon the possessors of fixed incomes, and the Government has turned its

attention to this fact, and is doing its best to remedy the evil where it is felt the most, namely, among those who receive the smallest amount of public money.

Still, however, a very large proportion of the inhabitants of this District are producers as well as consumers, and derive sufficient benefit from the high prices to enable them to meet the demands upon them.

I will direct inquiries to be made into the state of the Zillah School, and am glad to hear that many of its pupils have derived sufficient benefit from the instruction given to them to qualify them for the performance of the duties required from them by Government. It must not, however, be forgotten that the standard of education is daily becoming higher, and the demands of the Government from its servants must be met by them with increased information, and greater power of performing the various duties imposed upon them.

I am very glad to hear that a feeling in favor of Municipal Institutions is springing up in the town, and you may rest assured that the Government will do its utmost to stimulate these Institutions into activity. That which a man does for himself he values, to that which is done for him he attaches no importance, or makes it a ground of claim for additional assistance.

The various works, required for the improvement of the means of communication, &c., will receive the earnest attention of the Government, and it will gladly also encourage all attempts to improve the drainage and draining of the towns and villages; but it must be evident to you, gentlemen, that this is much more in your hands than in that of the Government; that Native example will do far more than Government can ever hope to attain by public efforts. He who works for the benefit of his fellow men in striving to shield them from the attacks of disease, and who does his best to instruct and improve his countrymen will deserve an undying name in their remembrance.

(Signed) W. DENISON.

ORDER THEREON, 7th September 1863, No. 1,001.

Resolved that the foregoing address be communicated to the Revenue, Judicial and Public Works Departments of the Secretariat, and also to the Director of Public Instruction and the Commissioner for the Uncovenanted Civil Service Examination.

(True Extract.)

W. Denison
Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
Director of Public Instruction.
Commissioner for the Uncovenanted Civil Service Examination.
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