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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11th February 1864.

No. 188. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th February 1864:—

Read the following letter from H. G. SMITH, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Cuddapah, 5th February 1864, No. 10.

SIR,

1. In your Telegram dated 17th December 1863, No. 213, you called on me to report on the distress of the District in answer to which, dated 22nd December 1863, No. 187, I had the pleasure to represent the great prosperity of the District, but at the same time I stated that should there be any necessity for relief I would at once represent it to the Board of Revenue.

2. It is therefore now with regret that I have to report the great necessity which exists for relief in the Kadiri Talook, where crime is on the increase, and there is no demand for labor at least not sufficient for the population.

3. You will observe by Mr. Molony's letter enclosed that the *wells* are drying up, to work which employs nearly half the poorer classes who must either starve or steal under existing circumstances.

4. The Cuddapah District is proverbial for industry, and I feel sure that were it not for the unfortunate drought in the Kadiri Talook that I would not have to ask for the grant which I do, viz., 20,000 Rupees. The estimates shall be forwarded to you in detail, but I want an immediate grant.

5. Mr. Molony and I have been now for some few weeks in correspondence about the matter, and we both agree that Government relief is necessary, and I think his suggestions are calculated to bring about a sufficiency till the next monsoon.

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1. Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government, with the request that the Board may be authorized to place the funds the Collector requires at his disposal by Telegram.
2. The grant is inconsiderable in amount, and the need is evidently most pressing.
3. The Collector will be requested to arrange, in communication with the Superintending Engineer, for its employment in the most useful manner, and will keep the Board fully informed of the progress of events in the locality.

No. 189. ORDER THEREON, 11th February 1864, No. 258.

The Government sanction a grant of Rupees 5,000 at once. Before granting more they wish to be informed whether the operations of the Railway and Irrigation Companies and the work on the road from Cuddapah towards Nundial and Kurnool will not furnish employment for a considerable number of the people.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
" Collector of Cuddapah.
" Accountant General.
" Civil Paymaster.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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No. 17.

Sub Collectors office
in Cuttack at Kayachota -
4th February 1864.

From

J. B. Mulony Esqre
Sub Collector of Cuddapah.

To

H. G. Smith Esq
Acting Collector of Cuddapah

Sir

I regret to have to report to you that in consequence of the almost total failure of rain, in the Taluq of Hadiri during the last year the state of the Taluq is such that great distress will prevail among the lower classes during the approaching hot weather.

2. The tanks are perfectly empty, with very few exceptions and those have but the poorest drain in them. The wells are either dry or are rapidly becoming so. Already some villages are without drinking water, which has in many places to be fetched from a long distance. There is no cultivation worth mentioning going on, either wet or dry, and there cannot be any agricultural labour till the next fall of rain.

3. Rices are at present but higher than in other parts of the District, but that is entirely owing to the road from Madanapally along which supplies are brought to the Hadiri market. Under these circumstances I would beg most respectfully to urge that some labour may be provided for the large portion of the population who have nothing else to live by except crime. You are acquainted with the state of crime in that Taluq and it is unnecessary to point out that any cause tending to increase it should be avoided by every means in our power. It seems to me that in the hot months the labouring population must either leave the Taluq in search of

for work or they will have only a choice between Crime and Starvation. I would recommend application to Government for a grant of Money to be made immediately available for road works, which being spread over a great length of possible will provide Labour over the largest area.

4. I should unquestionably have recommended at the first important one a line from Cadiri to Chikkalamanfally but having visited the hills after Pabbi through which the road would have to go, I do not think that a road could be made except at an enormous Expense. I would therefore suggest the following as in my opinion useful and appropriate works.—

1st. The Completion of the line of road from the Bellary frontier through Cadiri to Ghalividi. The remainder of Kistna to Rayachoty might be done subsequently.

2nd. A Branch line leaving the above line at or near the Village of Pattanam and joining Pamundurty in Allaney. I understand that there is now a road from Pamundurty in Bellary to Gutikapatanam. If this were extended to Pamundurty our Communication in that part would be complete.

3. A line to branch off the Madanapally and Cadiri road at or near the Village of Chikkalamanfally and go to and the River through Puligal which is somewhat out of the way but from these Communications will be large Villages of Pedda Tippasamudram and Pungalamudram will be easily made at little Expense. This road will be of great use and you will remember how the Villagers of that part urged it on us, when we were there together some months ago. Gandikota is now the chief place from whence Cadiri is supplied with Rice, and this Road to be a strong argument in favour of the Bengal

and Easy line, I have suggested. I am not aware what Money is at present available for Expenditure in the Cadiri Taluq, but suppose there is some already sanctioned for the Cadiri and frontier road. If this were made available at once and an additional 20,000 Rupees granted to be Expended between this and June, the Taluq will be much relieved and the money would be well spent.—

I do not think the works I have mentioned would Cost 20,000 Rupees supposing the road from Cadiri to the frontier has been already provided for but if there are abundance of other works on which any balance could be laid out and which after the Estimates are made I shall be able to suggest.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient servant
(Signed) F. B. Melony
Sub Collr

(True Copy)
(Signed). H. G. Smith
Asst Collector

(True Copy)

Secretary

C. Chunkatta
Cr.
Rhavarajen Pillai

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(A true Copy and Extract)

Secretary.

To
A. D. Sim Esq.
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.
With enclosure.

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Memorandum for the Board
of Revenue & the Ex.

Secretary to Government
2. D. dated 9th February
1864.

Copy of a letter from
the Civil Collector to the
Collector of Guddapah,
dated 4th February 1864
Rs. 15 regarding Railway
Plans and consequential
in the Cudda Taluq.

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Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Dated 9th
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No
No 258. 11 Feby/64

With an Order
Submitting letter
from the Ag Collector of
Cuddapah applying
for a grant of money
to employ Ryots distressed
on certain newly pro-
-posed Communications
in the District and
to complete those still
unfinished.

For Orders

From the Ag Collr of
Cuddapah 9/15 Feby/64
Col 44

No 188 & 189.

14 Copies sent to Govt 13 Copies Mr. Priddy
1 — Collr of Cuddapah for information
3 — Chief Engineer
3 — Civil Engineer
11 Feb/64.

Dy. Secy made by Telegram 9th

- And seems necessary & Rs 5000 might be given at once - before giving more enquiry might be made whether the works of the Railway & Irrigation Dept and the road from Cuddapah towards Kundrul & Kurnool (Col. Henry's) will not furnish employment for many people

No 258.

The Govt sanction a Grant of Rs 5000 at once. Before granting more they wish to be informed which the Engineer of the Railway & Irr: Col and the work on the road from Cuddapah towards Kundrul & Kurnool will furnish employment for a considerable number of people.