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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 729

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
27th April 1864.*

No. 431: Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd April 1864.
Read the following letter from J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to W. HUDLE-
STON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Venkatagiri, 12th April 1864,
No. 91:—

SIR,

1. The scarcity in the Districts to the westward, and the bad season in our western Talooks, are raising the price of grain here to an extent that renders it necessary for me to apply for the Board's assistance.

• Forwarded with the Collector's letter to Board, No. 79,
dated 28th March 1864

2. The roads proposed in the Local Budget* if set in hand at once would give employment and food for a good many.

3. Again, the Talook Cutcheries for Kanigiri, Udayagiri, Atmakuru and Rapuru, the estimates for which have been prepared, and countersigned† by me, if commenced without delay would also find labour where labour most needs employment now.

† Vide Collector's letter to Board, dated 9th April 1864,
No. 87.

4. And under the circumstances, I do myself the honour to recommend, with reference to the pressure at present brought to bear on the labouring classes, that the orders of Government may be applied for to allow these works to be taken up as a special case forthwith. And in anticipation of this request being granted, I will at once write to the Superintending Engineer to allow me to give my assistance in their execution.

5. Crime is beginning to increase. It is the next few months, when agricultural operations are slack that we shall be most pressed, and, unless we do come forward in the labour market, must I fear inevitably suffer in the crime register. I therefore trust I shall be allowed to follow the course suggested, or some other such course calculated to increase the labour market; and I beg for early orders.

6. It is the enormous quantity of grain going westward that affects us, and is viewed by all with apprehension. It is not likely this exportation will soon cease.‡ And should prices continue to rise and the state of the labouring classes require further assistance, I will at once make the Board acquainted therewith.

‡ I have heard a report to-day, that heavy robberies on the Cuddapah frontier are staying exports to a certain extent.

7. The work that may be entrusted to me in road-making, I propose to carry out by villages, holding the village authorities responsible for its execution, and with the means thus placed in their power, for the effectual relief of those effected in their respective villages.

8. As regards Cutcheries, though the area comprised would be more limited, the agency employed would be the same so far as available, and the effects produced I believe equally beneficial. It is placing at Colonel Anderson's disposal an agency he does not possess at present, and with the aid of which the action of the Department and consequently its effects on the present distress will be much quicker and spread over a greater area.

1. Ordered to be submitted to Government with the Board's recommendation that the Superintending Engineer may, as a special case, be authorized to commence at once the execution of sanctioned works in the Budget for the next official year.

2. As to works in the Local Fund Budget the Board do not see that any special sanction is necessary. When works have been approved, the Collector is at liberty to cause them to be carried out to the extent to which funds are available.

3. The Board do not understand from Mr. Dykes' letter that he requires any special grant of funds.

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ORDER THEREON, 27th April 1864, No. 729.

1. Paragraph 3 of the Collector's letter will be transferred to the Department of Public Works for disposal.
2. The Collector is authorized to commence any of the works specified in the Local Fund Budget submitted with the Board's Proceedings dated 28th January last, in accordance with No. XVII of the District Road Fund Rules.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM.

Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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27th April 1864. Road Fund Rules.

Rev. 1864 Dept.
Pro: of Govt for April.
No. 1037

Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Dated 22nd
Sept. 22nd } April 1864
Oct. 23rd

Pro. Public Works Dept. 11 May
Pro. B. of Rev. 4 May 1864
Ct No 1173

Submitting with the Board's
recommendation letter from
the Collector of Mellore urging
that certain roads and other
public works be commenced
at once with a view of giving
employment to the labouring
classes on account of the present
scarcity in the District and the
rise in the prices of grain.

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With an order

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