

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2208

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th August 1866.*

No. 643. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th August 1866, No. 5,636.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Salem, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 4th August 1866, No. 146 :—

1. I have the honor to report the destruction, by fire, on the night of the 30th ultimo, of a village called Elavady, in the Utengeri Talook. Mr. Brandt, my Head Assistant, and Mr. Bliss, my Assistant, who happened to be within two miles of the unfortunate village, proceeded to the spot, and from their reports it appears that 85 out of 130 houses in the village have been burnt to ashes, together with the property in them which was chiefly grain. Mr. Brandt states that almost all the grain in the village, or at all events a considerable quantity of it, has been lost.

2. Mr. Brandt has advanced 118 Rupees to the sufferers, partly from his office cash chest, and partly from his own and Mr. Bliss's private funds. Mr. Brandt recommends that Rupees 354 be granted to the sufferers inclusive of the 118 that he has already advanced. The sums to be given to the different parties are to be in proportion to the value of the houses destroyed.

3. Mr. Brandt further states that, if either Government or charitable aid is not forthcoming, he and Mr. Bliss are prepared to make good the whole amount already expended, but this is unnecessary, as I have no doubt that Government will be willing to allow the sum without which it is impossible, in the present state of the country, for the sufferers, who have lost their all, to re-build their houses. This is a calamity which calls for the charitable aid of Government, and with a firm belief that the Government will be pleased to sanction the amount, viz., Rs. 354, I have advanced the same already from the public treasury, and shall, therefore, feel obliged by the Board recommending the grant.

4. Elavady is a Government village paying a revenue to Government of Rupees 404.

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Submitted for the sanction of Government, as a special case.

No. 644.

ORDER THEREON, 24th August 1866, No. 2,208.

Miscellaneous.

1. Sanctioned.

2. The villagers should be urged to re-build their huts in such a way as to lessen the risk of such an accident recurring.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

By the Accountant General.

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L. D. S.

26 Aug 1966.

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