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REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
3rd October 1868.

No. 2,550.

No. 68.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
HOME DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

Miscellaneous.

1. In continuation of Mr. Secretary Hudleston's letter, dated 22nd June 1868, No. 1,749, and with reference to paragraph 4 of the same Secretary's letter of 12th May preceding, No. 1,320 A, I am directed to forward, for the information of the Government of India, the accompanying report from the Honorable T. Clarke, First Member of the Board of Revenue, on the result of his tour in Cuddapah, in connection with the distress in that district, together with the Proceedings of Government, dated 26th August 1868, No. 2,257, containing the observations and orders recorded by them on a review of that paper.

2. The Government of India will perceive that Mr. Clarke's careful and intelligent inspection of the Cuddapah District has satisfied him that, though the season has been one of severe drought, there has been no absolute scarcity of food. His observations do not corroborate the Acting Collector's former reports in regard to the large resort by the people to jungle produce and leaves for food. The distress, which has undoubtedly been severely felt in many parts of the district, was not occasioned by high prices, but simply from the action of an unfavorable season upon a population in an exceptionally depressed condition.

3. As it appeared from paragraph 93 of Mr. Clarke's report that employment for the people is likely to be needed for some months longer, and as it is highly undesirable that the full advantage of the expenditure already incurred should not be obtained, the Government have directed that the roads now under construction from special funds should at once be energetically prosecuted to completion, and have authorized the Collector to advance and debit to the special head of relief any sums which might be necessary for this purpose. The outlay incurred under Mr. Clarke's orders on the road from Royachoty to Kadri (Rupees 4,000), and the expenditure in deepening wells in several parts of the district (Rupees 4,690) have also been formally sanctioned.

4. The Government of India will learn with satisfaction that the copious rains of the South-West monsoon have removed all fear of further disasters, and that any extension of Mr. Clarke's tour to the Districts of Salem and North Arcot was unnecessary.

5. It will be no less gratifying to the Government of India to be made aware that the measures of relief in the Cuddapah District were every where carried out with the greatest discretion, and that no needless expenditure was incurred.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Depart.
No. 2550.

3d. Octr. 68.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India
Home Dept.

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In continuation of
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REVENUE.

To

THE SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA,
Home Department.

Dated October, 3rd.

Recd. *Encl.*

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Forwarding, for information, report from the Honorable T. Clarke on the result of his tour in Cuddapah in connection with the recent distress in that district, together with the orders passed thereon.

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