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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 8th October 1866.

No. 177. Read the following letter from the Honorable C. PELLY, Member of the Board of Revenue, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 15th September 1866 :—

1. I have been somewhat surprised (in reading the Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department, 10th September 1866, No. 2,879,) at an observation of Mr. Wedderburn's, the Collector of Bellary, in his letter to you dated 1st September. Mr. Wedderburn writes in paragraph 5 :—"Instead of the waste of "money on famine works, (I have only to refer to the expenditure of thirteen lacs "in 1854-55, of which few results remain,) &c., &c." As Collector of Bellary during the time referred to, I may be allowed to remark that, to the best of my belief, so far from "*few results remaining*" from the famine expenditure incurred during that time, the results then obtained by the large expenditure have been permanent, not only indirectly in the salvation of the District, but directly in giving that District (what it had not before but which it has since had) some three hundred miles of excellent roads, among which I will specify merely the road made through cotton soil from Bellary to Kurnool, the road from the Bangalore frontier to Gooty, Kurnool, and Adoni. Other roads and other useful works were also carried out, which I believe have conferred permanent benefits of no small value on the District, and I am surprised at the Collector assuming that but *few results* now remain ; he must be mistaken.

2. It may unfortunately be again necessary to incur a large expenditure for the support of the population of this District, during a season which threatens (unless the rain falls abundantly within the next six weeks) to be far more disastrous than that of 1854, but I trust that the Government will not be under the impression that no beneficial permanent results are to be expected, however incommensurate the work performed may be to the actual outlay of money in feeding a starving population. In a Memorandum which in July last I gave to the Chief Secretary, I shewed in what manner I believed relief could be given to the people, and with the most advantage to the State, should it be necessary to find food for them again ; my views were based on the experience of 1853-54 in Bellary. I observed that they were generally adopted by Government (in their Proceedings of 25th July, Revenue Department, No. 503). I have every reason to believe, if similar measures are judiciously adopted in the present trying emergency, that the country will reap still further benefit, and make no inconsiderable return in results, for the outlay that must under any circumstances be made to save as far as possible the lives of the people.

No. 178. ORDER THEREON, 8th October 1866, No. 2,709.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

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Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
Charles Pelly
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To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Dept.

Rec. 25 July 1866 No. 503
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Pro. of Govt. No. 3156.

From
The Honble C. Pelly
Member of the Board of Revn.

To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

Dated 15th
Dept. 15 } September 1866
Rec. 17th }
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Submitting certain observations on Statement made by Collector of Salem & recorded in Proceedings of Government D. P. No. dated 6th September 1866 No. 2879, that few permanent results remain out of the Public Works sanctioned during famine of 1854–

Recorded 24/9/66.

No. 177 & 178

Read 8th October 1866.

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