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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th November 1866.

No. 400. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Communicating letter from Officiating Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, reporting a violent fall of rain at Madura on the 15th of last month. } (Here enter 7th November 1866, No. 3,557.)

No. 401. ORDER THEREON, 17th November 1866, No. 3,134.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 3,557.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 7th November 1866.

No. 156. Read the following letter from the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Nangunery, 20th October 1866, No. 1,235:—

1. I have the honor to report that I have received information of a violent fall of rain having taken place at Madura on the 15th instant. The following day the Vygay river was in full flood, to a depth of six feet, and the water was flowing in some of the streets of Madura to a depth of two and three feet; several walls and houses also gave way. The fall of rain was registered at 4·45 inches, the time during which it lasted being only about three hours, and the flood in the river exceeds any that has come down during the last three years.

2. This fall of rain, which may be considered as excessive, and approaching a maximum, has exposed the defects in the site of the new Jail; viz., imperfect drainage, dampness, liability to be flooded in parts, and partial hollowness of surface. Provision is now being made in the estimate to cut suitable channels to drain the surface, and prevent floods sweeping over the ground in future, also to fill in hollows, and level other parts. Work of this nature, however, is such as can be easily done by convict labor.

3. The prisoners were housed in the new temporary buildings when the rain came on, and the huts stood the weather well, with the exception of a cooking shed, which was surrounded with water and undermined; but Mr. Colquhoun, the Range Officer, was on the spot, to see how the buildings held out, and had a more substantial cooking shed erected by the following evening.

4. I may mention here, that the revised estimate for the new Jail had been drawn up; but the Inspector General, in his visit to Madura, proposed some alterations. The Range Officer then wrote to ask me if he should detain the estimate till the orders of Government were received as to the alterations. It appeared to me that the change in some of the details proposed by Colonel Wilson would not involve extra cost, while that in others was opposed to the views of Government, as laid down in their Order No. 1,906 of the 25th June 1866, I have therefore called for the estimate, in order that Government may be made aware of the general provisions and probable expenditure, and hope to submit it in a few days.

P. S.—Since writing the above, I learn that damage has been done to irrigation works in the Tirumungalum Táluq, which will be reported on, when all information is received.

No. 157. ORDER THEREON, 7th November 1866, No. 3,557.

CIVIL WORKS, No 32.

Communicated to the Revenue and Judicial Departments.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.
" Judicial Department.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

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