M.R.O. 14—5,450—22-10-25.

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 2886

584. 585

Dated 25 - 10 - 1866.

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No. 584. Read the following letter from the Collector of Trichinopoly, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Trichinopoly, 16th October 1866, No. 45:—

1. In reply to the Proceedings of Government, dated 10th instant, I have the honor to state that it is my agreeable task to be able to report favorably of the season in this Province, and to affirm that matters have lately so much mended that any special works for the relief of distress are at present no longer necessary. All I have therefore to request is, that Government will sanction the outlay of the Rupees 1,000 which Mr. Agnew placed at the credit of the relief works when the necessity for so doing manifestly existed, and which has been nearly all expended. A few paupers from the south are still hanging about, and I will, with the sanction of Government, appropriate the remaining portion of this Rupees 1,000 in employing these few remaining indigents upon some useful works, until they are enabled to start homewards.

2. I may add that the rains, the freshes, and the cloudy weather have all been lately very favorable towards the prosperity of this District. I have even heard of bridges breaking, and bunds bursting, so that I trust we may congratulate ourselves upon the famine having departed from amongst us. Prices are high, and will doubtless continue so, although the car crop, kavaroo, and cumboo are all now being harvested and brought to market. This high rate arises as much, I conjecture, from increasing wealth, as from former scarcity of produce, the Ryots now have no necessity to sell paddy to pay their kists; in fact the sale of a few bundles of the straw* raised on each acre easily settles that matter. So I really fail to see what is to cause any great diminution in the present range of prices. I may finally state that we are exporting daily from Trichinopoly the new car paddy to Colombo.

* The straw of the car crop now being reaped sells on the threshing floor for eight Annas a bundle, exactly the same price at which Mr. Puckle commuted one Harris' Cullum or twenty-four Madras Measures of *paddy* at the recent settlement.

P. S.—Since writing the above, I regret to say that a report has reached me that the Ayyar river, which rises on the furthest limits of Torriore, and falls into the Coleroon just above the upper anicut, became last night so full and its stream so rapid that three of the arches of the six-arch bridge along the Salem road fell down. Breaches have also occurred elsewhere. I go to the spot to-morrow, and will report further particulars.

No. 585. ORDER THEREON, 25th October 1866, No. 2,886.

Miscellaneous.

The outlay of Rupees 1,000, reported in paragraph 1, is accordingly sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Collector of Trichinopoly.
,, the Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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The outlay of Rs 1,000 report-
-ed in para 1 is accordingly
sanctioned :-

1 Bl of Rules, Sepr 26 Oct
1 Coll of Trichinopoly, 1 25 Oct 66
6 Accts Gl :-

Pro 10 Octr/66 No 246-7.

Reported to England
by 26th October No 248 of 1866
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Rev. 1866 Depart.
Pro of Govt for October
From.

The Collector of
Trichinopoly.

To
The Secretary to Govt.
Revenue Deptt.
Fort St George

Dated 16
Received 22 October/66
No No 45.
Pt. 2886. 24 Oct 66

Reports upon the favorable results of the season in this Pro. vince & states that at present no special works for the relief of distress are any longer necessary.

Wilkinson