

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
2nd May 1868.*

No. 57. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, (Revenue,) to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort St. George, dated India Office, London, 19th March 1868, No. 15 :—

1. I have considered in Council the Despatch from your Excellency in Council, numbered 5, and dated the 25th of January, with which you forward the reports of Mr. Robinson on the condition of the districts of Madras, North Arcot, and South Arcot, and inform me that the distress has extended to Nellore and Coimbatore, from which districts you also transmit reports.

2. I approve your proceedings, and am glad to learn that Mr. Robinson does not at present think it necessary to resort to almsgiving, and is satisfied that the exigency of the case will be met by providing labor for those thrown out of work, and improving the water-supply for man and beast.

3. In Coimbatore, too, I perceive that the Collector does not anticipate anything like famine, but it is right to take every precaution, in the event of these anticipations proving fallacious.

4. Both Mr. Robinson in North Arcot, and the Collector of Coimbatore, recommend that the Revenue authorities should be allowed to undertake some minor works of irrigation in these districts, the want of which authority has in the former, in the opinion of Mr. Robinson, much aggravated the present difficulties. In my Despatch of the 24th ultimo, I alluded to the importance of these works in mitigating distress from drought, and it seems to me to be very desirable to entrust, as the Board proposes, the execution of minor roads and irrigation works to the Revenue officers in charge of districts, who are well able to judge of the wants of their districts in this respect. The Engineer officers should of course be consulted by the Collector in any case in which the course of action was not clear, or required professional skill.

No. 58. ORDER THEREON, 2nd May 1868, No. 1,210.

Miscellaneous.

1. Communicated to the Board of Revenue and to the Public Works Department, in continuation of G. O., 18th April 1868, No. 1,028.

2. Adverting to paragraph 1 of the foregoing Despatch, it is observed that Mr. Robinson's reports, forwarded with other papers with the Despatch from this Government, dated 25th January 1868, No. 5, referred only to the North Arcot District.

3. As regards paragraph 4 of the present Despatch, it is observed that the Budgets of relief-works, sanctioned by this Government, include repairs of several irrigation works.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Public Works Department.

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