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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th May 1868.*

No. 324. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th May 1868.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated on Circuit at Muddenpully, 5th May 1868, No. 73 :—

1. I have the honor to submit my periodical report on the state of this district.

2. I have but little to communicate to the Board with reference to any of the talooks, except Kadiri. The rest of the district is in the same state that it was at the date of my last report. Prices continued the same, and no exceptional distress has been brought to my notice anywhere. The well, work is progressing in Budwail, though we have met with some failures in our endeavours to increase the supply of water for domestic purposes. In one instance I have been compelled to organize a system for carriage of water from a distance for the benefit of a Police guard and travellers along the road from Nellore. Here I have established a water-pandal which will be of the utmost use.

3. There is plenty of road work in hand in Budwail to keep the population in work when they cannot get a living in any other way.

4. As regards Kadiri, I had, when I last wrote, visited some of the villages to the north-west of the talook, I then sent the Tahsildar to the western villages and returned myself through the centre. All this section is considerably better off than the parts alluded to in my previous reports. There was a most refreshing fall of rain in the south of the talook on the evening of the 29th April which, although it put no water in tanks, enabled the ryots to commence ploughing their lands. I have not yet ascertained how far this rain extended, but from the direction the storm seemed to be taking, I feel sure that Cokunty and Peddapully received some of it, and Balasamudram, through which I passed, had a very good downpour. The Reddy of this village informed me, that early in the morning there was water in the village tank, but that it was absorbed almost immediately. On the 1st, I received copy of a telegram from the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, authorizing me to establish relief-houses, and I immediately ordered the establishment of ten in the most central positions with reference to the area of distress. I have since received a telegram from the President, Famine Relief Committee, placing Rupees 5,000 at my disposal for purposes of relief, and have directed that the expenses of the relief-houses shall be debited to that account. I have also received

the ample discretionary powers which Government* have been pleased to put in my hands, and have, in consequence, been employed in organizing a system for carrying out works on a larger scale, according to the general directions laid down by Government. In my next report I hope to be able to state that work is actually in hand throughout the distressed portion of the talook. The works I have taken measures to commence are, in addition to those I have already reported, the Kadiri and Pulivendala road, the Poolicoonta and Balasamudram road, and the Charpully tank. I have been able to secure the services of three Overseers of some experience, and am now engaged in obtain-

* Proceedings, dated 1st May 1868, No. 1,201.

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ing a supply of tools. The villages lying to the north of the Muddenpully talook, where I suspected that distress existed, have been visited by the Tahsildar, who reports that relief is not required there, and that there is sufficient water for domestic purposes in the wells. The state of this part of the country, however, will be carefully watched.

Submitted for the information of Government.

No. 325. ORDER THEREON, 14th May 1868, No. 1,341.

Miscellaneous.

The Collector's proceedings are approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Collector of Cuddapah.
" the Honorable T. Clarke.
" the Accountant General.

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The following proceedings
are approved. [Signature]

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