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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st October 1868.

Read the following:—

No. 13. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th September 1868, No. 6,383.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 22nd August 1868, No. 245.

I have the honor to report that considerable damage has been caused by the overflowing of the Kistna river since the 14th instant. The embankments have been breached in many places and houses destroyed, but fortunately no lives have been lost, and the cattle have been saved. Mr. Wilson proceeded at once to that part of the Repalli Talook where the greatest damage occurred, and he reports that Panoomoody and other villages in the vicinity are almost entirely under water. It is impossible to estimate the damage till the flood has gone down, but I think it will be necessary to give the people advances, in many places, to enable them to rebuild their houses. I will report fully regarding the damage as soon as the flood subsides.

1. Submitted for the information of Government.
2. The Board await the Acting Collector's further report.

No. 14. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th September 1868.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 7th September 1868, No. 263.

1. With reference to my letter of the 22nd August, No. 245, I have the honor to report that the sixteen villages forming the Divi Division of the Bunder Talook, and seven villages in Repalli Talook, with a few other villages higher up the river, were seriously injured by the late inundation from the Kistna river. The mud walls of houses were destroyed, grain pits were damaged, straw stored for cattle was carried away, and the crops which had been sown, as well as the seed beds, were much injured. The villages of Panumudy, Chatragadda, and Kamarazugadda were completely under water, and the Tahsildar of Repalli was obliged to expend the sum of 18 Rupees in hiring boats to rescue people from the submerged villages, and in supplying food for a few days to the poor and helpless who were left without means of subsistence. I request the Board's sanction forthe re-payment of this sum to the Tahsildar.

2. An embankment was raised by Government to protect these villages from inundation, and I believe it requires to be raised at least a yard, and strengthened in proportion. Mr. Wilson, who was on the spot before the water had subsided, says that the water in many places came quite over the top of the bank, while in other places it breached the bank. As the late flood is by no means the highest that has been known in the Kistna, it appears to me clear that the existing protection is insufficient. A number of the villagers wish to remove from the present village sites, and to build on the land west of the western bank channel, which runs parallel with the river. The change would be desirable, but it would be necessary for Government to provide the new sites, as the land there is all occupied, and from its great value would not be easily obtained.

3. Palmyra trees and leaves will be given free of charge to the poorer people enable them to rebuild their houses, and it may be necessary to grant some mission at the Jummabundy; but beyond this I think that no special measures of ief are necessary. No lives of men or cattle have been lost.

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1. Submitted for the information of Government.
2. The repayment of the sum of 18 Rupees is sanctioned.
3. Every encouragement should be given to the removal of villages and sites yond the danger of inundation.

. 15. ORDER THEREON, 1st October 1868, No. 2,523.

Miscellaneous.

The Proceedings of the Acting Collector, and the instructions of the Board of Revenue are approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

the Board of Revenue.
the Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Govt. of {1868} Madras.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Dated October, 1st.

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G. O., 1st October 1868, *No.* 2,523.

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Overflowing of the Kistna River.—Proceedings of the Collector in connection with the damage done and the instructions of the Board of Revenue, approved.