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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 30th December 1868.

No. 403. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd December 1868:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Godavery District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 19th December 1868, No. 321:—

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of 9th instant, regarding the present condition of this District, I have the honor to inform the Board that the careful examination required by them has been made in the Sub-Division Talooks of Yernagudem, Rajahmundry, and Peddapur, by the Acting Sub-Collector himself. The examination of Ellore Talook is being conducted under the orders of the Acting Head Assistant.

2. I beg to forward a copy of Mr. Horsfall's report regarding the Yernagudem Talook, and I have in the course of the last few days seen him personally, and he has told me what he saw in Rajahmundry and Peddapur.

3. The result is that in these three talooks the irrigated crops have almost entirely failed. The early crops, such as of Gingely seed, were good, but now the Cotton and Jonna sown and much of the Black Paddy too will result in a total loss, and I fear that considerable dry crop remissions will be necessary at the coming Jummahbundy.

4. The present great want of the Upland Talooks, and which extends all the way to Toonee, is water for drinking purposes for both human beings and cattle. Villages are already being deserted in consequence of its absence, and in some cases the inhabitants have to carry their water six and eight miles. Such a want is most difficult to supply. Steps to do so must be taken at once, as the scarcity will become greater every day, now that we may soon look for the commencement of warmer weather. The only way to do is to dig wells in localities where water may be hoped for, by digging to a reasonable depth. If any of Norton's Iron Tubular Wells are available, they would be invaluable. To dig wells in the ordinary way in favorable localities will not cost less on an average than 300 Rupees per well; and I would solicit the sanction of Government for digging fifty such, in localities to be afterwards carefully chosen. The inhabitants will willingly give their labor in aid.

5. I do not anticipate any distress from want of food in these Upland Talooks, as there is plenty in the district. By selecting spots for some of the wells in well-selected localities, we might now press on some of the already proposed and necessary District Roads. Norton's Tube Wells would be most useful for such a purpose, as they could be shifted from time to time.

From the Acting Sub-Collector, to the Collector of the Godavery District, dated Rajahmundry, 8th December 1868, No. 93.

1. I have the honor to bring to your notice the extremely unsatisfactory state of the irrigation works in the Yernagudem Talook.

2. Taking these in the order of my tour through the talook, the first is the Chinna Tadapalligudem tank, which was to some extent patched up last year, but which might, with comparatively trifling expenditure, be rendered capable of irrigating a large tract of land at present lying waste.

3. From this I proceeded through Nallacherla to Pedda Pothavaram, two miles from which is Anumullanka on the Yerra Calwa, the proposed site of an anicut; judging from the general features

Revenue department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 22nd December 1868.

Read letter from the Collector of
Godavery, dated 19th December 1868, No. 321.

Submitted for the information of
Government.

The Board are glad to observe
that though there has been an extensive
failure of crops the Collector does not
apprehend any distress from the scarcity
of food.

Water is however reported to be
very scarce and the Board recommend
a grant of Rupees 15,000 to begin with to
enable the Collector to assist the villagers
in sinking wells in favorable localities.

Mr. Fraser applies for some of
the Norton's Tube wells but these are not
suitable for the purposes of regularly
supplying a large daily demand nor

I am not aware of this from what I have seen of the working of these wells & do not suppose Mr. Fraser is aware of them. I shall be desirous of [illegible] in Revenue Dept.

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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated December, 30th.

Read.

G. O. 30th December 1868, No. 3,209.

Rep. Board of Rev. C. No. 1187 of 1868, dated 22nd December 1868.

Nos. 403-404.

Season in Godavery District.—Expenditure of Rupees 15,000 sanctioned for sinking wells. Board of Revenue authorised to comply with the Collector's request for Norton's Tube wells, and Department Public Works to take into consideration the state of the irrigation works in Yernagudem Taluk.

Read 18th Dec. 1868

are they likely so far as experience has shewn to answer for searching for water in localities where rock and stone are common.

The Board consider it very desirable that repairs should be commenced to some of the works reported to be in such a ruinous condition and the Collector should expedite the transmission of estimates for the same.

Proposals to should be made for roads from the Local Fund where there are petitions for the works of this description such as would afford employment to those whose crops have entirely failed and be of future utility.

Further Reports should give more in detail the state of the villages and the character of the season compared with that of other years and in

(A true Extract)

A Lumsden
Sy. Secretary

To
The Acting Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

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With the A. Secretary's opinion that the condition of the Godavery District is not yet such as to justify the extraordinary expenditure repeated. Perhaps a grant of 1/3 of the cost of wells might be made from local funds. 2/3 being met by the residents.

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To
The Acting Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

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This is a case in which I would
ait by the advice of the local offices.
Mr. Baker is not a Revenue Officer,
he has not been an enterprising
man, he is not likely to be carried
away by extravagant course
of proceeding. I would sanction the
excavation of good deep catchment
country wells in favorable positions
and give the Rs. 1500. which
the Board recommend directly
the Collector & report the method
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or part of this outlay may be
recovered in subsequent years
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vised I believe, myself, that they
will be found to answer, but I cannot
pretend to see for here better than
the local authorities see on the
spot. They ask — I give. — leaving
the responsibility of error to them. —
I think it of great importance in cases
of this sort to trust to the judgment
men on the spot. It encourages them
and gives them a cheerful confidence.
I would direct the Superintending
Engineer of the Division to have
plans estimates prepared for the
restoration of the dilapidated irrigation
works in the Yerragoodu Taluk. The
would convey the orders of Government
Mr. Brace

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Alumbagen
Ag. Secretary

To
The Acting Secretary to Government
Revenue Department with Collr's letter
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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 3994/18

From Board of Revenue
Dated 22nd December — 1868.

FOR ORDERS.

I would authorize the Collector
to have with him any Officers
a person may be necessary
I would not sanction any deputa-
tion for the purpose, but all
the Engineer that he is authorized
to spend such sums as may
be necessary to supplement the
labor which can be got together
by way of Coolies or Contributions
by way of Works in which all are
interested. The Collector of
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by Telegraph that the Govt.
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fine to the Collector for use.
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are most wanted. Even in bad
yielding years of Godavery
there are probably many spots
where water can be reached
in April during through work.
In asking the Collector's report
time a fine & autumn paddy
valley is concerned with the
present Circular of 4th Dec.

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more in detail the state of the villages
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A Chambers
Sy. Secretary

To
The Acting Secretary to Government
Revenue Department with Collr's letter
& enclosure.

Revenue Department.

No. 3209.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 30th December 1868

Read the following Report
of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting letter from the Collector of the Godavery Distt. reporting on the state of the crops &c. and recommending the grant of Rs. 15,000 for Sinking Wells.. (R. C. 22nd Dec. 1868.)

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be requested to consider, after
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communication with Mr. Fraser on the subject, whether the whole or a portion of the cutlery now mentioned should not be recovered, in subsequent years, from the villagers and the best method in which this can be done.

3. As Mr. Fraser has expressed a wish for the Nartam Tube Wells the Govt. authorize the Board to comply with his request so far as the pumps are available. Unless more than one driving apparatus can be sent it will not be desirable to forward more than three pumps.

I must say "five"
N. A. P.

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4. With adverteence to the Asst Sub Collector's report on the Yernagudem Taluk, the Supt. Engr. of the Division will be directed, in the P. W. D., to take immediate measures for the repair, restoration, and, if necessary, improvement of the irrigation works under reference.

I must say "the master of the Ag Sub Collector in the Taluk of the inspection work in the Yernagudem I shall write to the Govt. A. P. W."

N. A. P.

5. The instructions contained in the two concluding paragraphs of the Board's Progs: are approved; Mr. Fraser should be careful to keep the Board and Govt. fully informed of the condition of his Distt. by periodical reports in addition to the weekly telegrams now sent.

Mr. C. S. Rumme to Ag. 31 SC 14 Sept 16
" Collr. of Godavery "
" Public Works Dept. 28 SC 20 Sept 16
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