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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th February 1868.*

No. 110. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd February 1868.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Salem, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Camp at Puthragoundapolliem, Ahtur Talook, 28th January 1868, No. 25:—

1. Since writing to you on Friday, 24th instant, I have the pleasure to report that we have at last a most welcome supply of rain. It has by no means been partial, but all over the district. In this talook, where I now am engaged with the settlement, the rains were such that the largest tank, Yerasamoodrum, (a six months tank,) has had a full supply, and all of the others a half and a three-fourths replenishing. Though late, this rain has quite gladdened the heart of the ryots. A good deal of what would have been Shavy will now be saved, and the dry crops that were still standing have, in most places, had an impetus which will, I trust, carry them through, and thus save their being a mere bundle of stalks to their owners. Mr. Irvine, who is employed in the south side of this talook, reported to me this morning that the rivers were in flood, and several villages had been swamped. The street of the village where he was encamped had between two and three feet of water running in it. Mr. Woodroffe, whom I have deputed to inspect and report on the state of the Uttengherry talook, which is by far the poorest and the worst in this district, states that the rain of Friday evening and the whole of Saturday, has done much for the tanks and wells, the latter had begun to get very low. Both man and beast will now, I trust, have water for some little time to come, supposing even we have no further rain till the usual fall. The clouds are still hanging about, and I should not be surprized if we had another downfall before long.

2. I expect to hear of damage to tanks in several directions, in fact I have already heard of three, Echampatty, Saliampatty, Oomapoorani, the latter two were only repaired by the Department Public Works during the past year.

3. Before the report of Mr. Woodroffe had reached me, I had forwarded to him 500 Rupees from Local Funds for deepening and clearing out wells by the villagers. He had stated in one of his late letters to me that in some villages the people had to go two miles for water. They were willing, he mentioned, to aid in the work by giving half their labor gratis, and in such instances, as where the inhabitants were in a condition to assist by money, an equivalent to subscriptions received was ordered to be granted from the advance I sent him.

1. Submitted for the information of Government.
2. The Collector's proceedings as reported in his last paragraph are approved.

No. 111. ORDER THEREON, 5th February 1868, No. 332.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Department
Public Works.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
„ the Board of Revenue.
„ the Relief Committee.
„ W. Robinson, Esq.
„ the Editors' Table.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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reporting fall of rain throughout
the District. No. 332

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