

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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4th April 1868.*

No. 110. 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, 15th February 1868, No. 11 :—

1. I have had under my consideration in Council the Despatches from your Excellency in Council, numbered 43 and 52, Miscellaneous, and dated respectively the 26th of July and the 26th of August, the first of which transmitted, in compliance with the Despatch of my predecessor of the 9th of October 1866, the report of Mr. Ellis on the distress in the districts of Bellary and Kurnool, and the second forwarded a statement of the mode in which the relief funds have been expended in Bellary.

2. I have perused these papers with great interest. Her Majesty's Government have learned with much satisfaction the present very favorable circumstances of the Bellary district, and the rapid recovery which it has made from its distressed state in September 1866. Cultivation had largely increased, and the cultivators did not need further advances from Government.

3. The employment of the relief funds seems to have been judicious and effectual, and to have been liberally seconded by private benevolence.

4. You have especially expressed your appreciation of the munificent liberality and timely assistance rendered by Buddha Runga Reddy, of Oilwada, to his suffering fellow-countrymen, and I desire that you will inform that gentleman that Her Majesty's Government heartily join in the expression of satisfaction which your Excellency in Council has conveyed to him on this occasion.

5. I am, likewise, happy to perceive that these are far from being the only instances of assistance freely given by opulent Natives in aid of the distressed population.

6. Mr. Ellis, in his remarks, had severely censured the Board of Revenue, the Collectors, and all the subordinate officers, for want of foresight and neglect at the outbreak of the distress. Those officers have replied to the charges brought against them, and the majority of your Government express themselves entirely satisfied with their vindication; I am inclined to agree with them that Mr. Ellis's censure was founded on information highly colored, and, in some instances, erroneous, and to accept the vindication of those officers.

7. If any error was committed, in the trying circumstances under which these functionaries had to act, it seems to me that it was one of judgment in the outset only, and that any such error was fully redeemed by the praiseworthy energy and benevolence exhibited in the relief of the sufferers, when the distress was clearly seen to be inevitable; but, as your President has observed, it is a question which is certainly open to discussion, and on which different impressions may naturally be entertained.

8. My sentiments on the supply of the means of irrigation were conveyed to you in my Despatch of the 29th of June last, No. 19. You appear to be fully alive to the importance of speedy action in this matter, and inform me that you will report, in the Public Works Department, on the minor works of irrigation proposed in Mr. Pelly's Minute of October 1866. I will, therefore, only state that, besides the action of the officers of the Department of Public Works, the Collector and his subordinate officers should also be enjoined to report on the repair of all smaller works of irriga-

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tion, wells, and tanks, &c., and funds should be liberally assigned for such works as may form substitutes, however imperfect, for greater works which require time to complete even after they are commenced.

No. 111. ORDER THEREON, 4th April 1868, No. 898.

Miscellaneous.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue and to the Public Works Department.

2. Copies of this Despatch will also be furnished to the Honorable Mr. Ellis and to the gentlemen who were called on for explanation in connection with his report on Bellary and Kurnool.

3. The Revenue Board will instruct the Collector of Kurnool to attend to the request in paragraph 4 of this Despatch.

4. The Board's special attention will also be called to the concluding remarks in paragraph 8.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Collector of Bellary.
„ the do. of Kurnool.
„ the Honorable R. S. Ellis, c. b.
„ A. Wedderburn, Esq.
„ W. S. Foster, Esq.
„ W. S. Lilly, Esq.
„ H. E. Sullivan, Esq.
„ P. Iyalu Naidu.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Revenue Department.

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4th April 1868.

Read the following. Despatch from
the Secretary of State

Receiving Reports on
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and 29th June 1867
to viz 71455 A will
also be laid on the
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1 Hon. R. E. Ellis 6000
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1 A. W. D. Survey

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Home Despatch
Regarding the
St. Mary's
Hospital

Revenue 1888 Departs
No. of Grant for April

1898

No. of Madras Government
By L^d April 1888

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