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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Bookapatnam were, it was said, emporiums of grain, and they were, at the time of the scarcity, supplying Khadri with grain; the consequence of this timely supply was that the price of grain in a year of unprecedented severity was lower than it was the year before—a year of great plenty—and in which the Khadri Talook was sending grain into Bellary. Khadri is surrounded by hills; it is cut off on the north from the talooks in the principal division by an extensive range of hills, and on the west it is separated from Bellary by hills, and on the east the sub-division is separated from North Arcot by hills. There is one road through Khadri from the south to the Chittrabutti, and another one from Khadri westward to Royachoty; there are no other roads in the talook. It was desirable to connect Khadri with Ilindoopoor on the south and Bookapatnam on the north. Colonel Moberly's may be the better line from Cochervoo near Bookapatnam to Codoor. The Board request the Collector to report on these lines.

2. The reason for recommending a road from Tallapolla to Gonlapenta was, because the Sub-Collector, who had visited this north-eastern corner of the Khadri Talook, represented the urgent necessity for a road in this quarter of a talook. The villages in these parts he represented were quite isolated. There was no road to it, and the tract that existed was almost untraceable and impassable from thorny jungle. It was thought that a road from Coorly to Tallapolla, and thence round by Yellachellamalla and Veparalla, would connect the larger villages, and open up this part of the talook; and village roads it was suggested might afterwards be made to connect the smaller villages in this out-of-the-way corner with the road and the large villages. A road was being made in the south-east corner of the talook, connecting the Khadri and Royachoty road with the Khadri and Madanapully road at Bala Samoodrum, and it seems desirable to confer a similar benefit on the villages in the west corner. Mr. Molony was strongly in favor of the tank-scheme referred to in paragraph 11, represented that there was constantly, during his incumbency of the Sub-Collectorate, a large discharge of water from the Kundkoor tank which was filled from Bangalore Nandidroog drainage, and that the water went to waste; he suggested that this waste water should be led into the Pedda Tippa Samoodrum, and thence into the Runga Samoodrum. Even suppose the returns for the scheme are not greater than Colonel Moberly supposes, if there is water it should be utilised; the good effected in such seasons as those of the last two years is a great deal. Government might be content with a profit of eight per cent. in such a part of the country as this for a scheme which would confer so great a benefit as this is likely to do if feasible. The Collector was only inquiring and at that time he was not in a position to report on it.

3. There is no prospect of the Acting Sub-Collector being able to give the return, required by the Superintending Engineer, of the number of days during which the calingulah has discharged, and the depth passing over during the last twenty years; and the Board would rather trust to the late Acting Collector's practical experience and local knowledge.

4. The Board resolve to call on the present Acting Collector to report on the best line to the south and north of Khadri into the Bellary District, *via* Mootial Chervoo and Pamdoorty and Mullakavaimala, and for the best line to Coorly. He should report also on the feasibility of a road joining the villages on the north, with

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the Khadri road, at the east corner of that talook on the Palair and Nagapatla road, and on the irrigation project at the close of the Superintending Engineer's report.

5. It would be well if the Acting Collector could visit the talook in company with the Superintending Engineer.

No. 272. ORDER THEREON, 12th May 1869, No. 1,316.

Miscellaneous.

In their Order under date 3rd February 1869, No. 291, the Government observed that, although Major Moberly had been directed in paragraph 21 of the Order, dated 26th August 1868, No. 2,257, to visit the Khadri Talook, and to submit a report on the progress of the relief works, and any suggestions which occurred to him for the repair, extension or improvement of the irrigation works of the talook, he had apparently only inspected one of the relief works, and had made no general examination of the irrigation works. He was accordingly directed to obtain and supply to Government the information which had been already called for.

2. Major Moberly now submits a memorandum from the Range Officer, from which it appears that some of the irrigation works of the locality are urgently in need of repair or improvement; but on this Officer's suggestions and recommendations Major Moberly makes no comments. The information given by the Range Officer as to the quantity of work completed on the four roads which were undertaken for the relief of distress, is by no means complete; but the omissions are not supplied by Major Moberly.

3. The necessary orders in regard to the repair, etc., of the irrigation works in question will now be issued in the Public Works Department, where also the very loose and unsatisfactory manner in which Major Moberly has carried out the orders of Government will be duly noticed.

4. The second paper recorded above contains the Board's observations on the remarks made by Major Moberly upon Mr. Clarke's suggestions for the improvement of the Khadri Talook. The Board have called for certain information from the Acting Collector of the district, and they recommend that the Superintending Engineer should visit the talook in company with the Acting Collector, in view to determining certain questions in regard to the lines of road and the irrigation works which should be undertaken. The necessary instructions will accordingly be issued to the Superintending Engineer through the Public Works Department.

(True Extract)

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

To the Public Works Department.
.. the Board of Revenue.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

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