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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 19th October 1869.

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No. 229. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th September 1869, No. 7,196:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Cuddapah, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated on Circuit at Calkada, 3rd September 1869, No. 152:—

ADVERTING to the Proceedings of the Board, dated 27th ultimo, without number, I have the honour to state that the bills for Famine Relief Works in question have already been sent to the Accountant-General, by whom I presume they will be communicated to the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

2. I beg to subjoin copy of a letter I lately addressed to the Accountant-General on the subject.

3. I was not responsible for the higgledy-piggledy fashion in which these works were undertaken, and I hope the delay in the submission of these bills, and its consequences, will be made to act as a caution against entrusting, in any future famine, the execution of works to parties in the Revenue Department who are incapable of keeping an intelligible account in English.

4. Had these works been entrusted to the Public Works Department, they could have easily undertaken them, would have kept the accounts upon an intelligible system, and the bills would have been submitted punctually; but the Superintending Engineer *was never even consulted.*

From the Collector of Cuddapah, to the Accountant-General, dated on Circuit at Cadiri, 3rd August 1869, No. 1,063.

ADVERTING to your letter, No. 2,816, of the 30th ultimo, I have the honour to state that I am using every exertion, and hope to be able to send you the bills referred to in the course of a few days.

2. I regret the delay, but the fact is the Famine Works, for which the bills are due, were undertaken before I joined this district upon no system. They were transferred from one officer to another, and from one department to another. The Deputy Collector who helped me to unravel the confusion earlier in the year, when a statement was furnished to Government through the Board of Revenue, did not then, as I was under the impression he had done, take steps to get in the bills, and has since left the district; and I was on leave when your first call came.

3. On my return I was informed that all the officers from whom the bills were due had been called upon for them, and it is only lately that I ascertained that one of the Range Officers, Public Works Department, had been called upon for the bills due by a Sub-Engineer, who is now his subordinate on the same works; but who, when the expenditure was contracted for which the bills are due, was working under the Revenue Department. It was not till this Range Officer, after some delay, repudiated his liability, that the mistake came to my notice, and the Sub-Engineer was for the first time called upon to submit his bills.

4. It was no fault of the present Deputy Collector that he did not find out the real state of the case, for he knew nothing personally of the previous complications, and no one in my miserable office opened his eyes.

5. Moreover, I am travelling about in a remote corner of my district by order of the Board of Revenue and the Government, a condition of things not conducive to the despatch of business of this nature.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th October 1869.

FORWARDED to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, with reference to his report, dated 11th August 1869, No. 973, recorded in Government Order, dated 13th August 1869, No. 2,667, Public Works Department.

2. The Accountant-General is requested to return to the Controller the bills referred to by the Collector in the foregoing letter, if he has not already done so.

No. 230. ORDER THEREON, 19th October 1869, No. 2,813A.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. WELLESLEY,

Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

No. 3,106

PROCEEDINGS, 29TH SEPTEMBER 1869, No. 7,196.

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SEPTEMBER

No. 7,196.

Famine Relief works.—in Cuddapah District,—Collector's letter intimating that Bills for expenditure incurred on, during 1868-69, have already been sent to Accountant General, forwarded to Controller of P.W. Accounts.—Accountant General requested to return these Bills to Controller, if he has not already done so.

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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated October, 19th.

Recd. Encl. .

G. O., 19th October 1869, *No.* 2,813A.

OCTOBER.

Nos. 229-230.

Famine Relief Works in Cuddapah District.—Collector's letter intimating that the bills for expenditure incurred on them during 1868-69 have been sent to the Accountant-General, recorded.