

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	3086.	Press
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<u>17-18</u>		
Dated	18th.	December 1869.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st December 1869.*

No. 17. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th November 1869 :—

Read the following letter from the Sub-Collector of Tinnevelly, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tinnevelly, 19th November 1869, No. 447.

In the temporary absence of the Collector I regret to have to report the occurrence of a very destructive storm of wind and rain in this district.

2. The flood in the river on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning was almost unprecedented. Two of the

* Built by Soolochana Moodelliar. arches of the fine bridge* over the river

here have given way, and it is still extremely doubtful whether the bridge will stand. Several tanks in the neighbourhood of Tinnevelly and Palamecottah have breached; and at one time, on Wednesday morning, the town of Tinnevelly was in considerable danger from the rush of water, some three or four feet deep, through one of the main streets, consequent on the breaching of a tank about three miles to the north-west of the town.

3. All communication with the river valley to the west has been suspended, and no estimate of the damage done can be made as yet. Judging from what has occurred in the immediate neighbourhood, however, it is to be feared that it must have been very considerable.

4. The river rose 26 feet: it has now (3 P.M.) subsided to the condition of an ordinary fresh of eight and nine feet; but the bridge has given way still further in the night, and is now in a very critical state indeed.

5. I have just heard that the new bridge over the Nambiar at Tirukurangudi has been entirely swept away, and that much damage has been done in the village.

6. Breaches in tanks and channels are reported literally by the dozen, and I have taken upon myself to sanction advances to each Tahsildar for the emergent repairs immediately called for. They have been directed at the same time to make rough calculations as to the extent of damage done, with a view to the preparation of emergent estimates.

7. I much regret the delay there has been in sending in this report. I have been hoping to have been able to send a telegram, but both lines are interrupted, and there does not seem to be much prospect of their being restored for some days.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Board are aware that a telegram has been received by Government, recording these disasters as well as the loss of the bridge at Ambasamudrum and damages to the channels, such as to endanger the Pishanum crop.

3. From the accounts already received they entertain little doubt that the immediate expenditure of a very large sum of money on emergent repairs will be necessary in order to save enormous remissions under the great Tambrapurny channels; and they suggest that immediate measures be taken for placing the necessary funds at the disposal of the Superintending Engineer, by releasing funds allotted to less urgent purposes.

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4. The Collector will of course afford every assistance in his power to the Officers of the Public Works Department in repairing damages.

No. 13. ORDER THEREON, 1st December 1869, No. 3,086.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded, with reference to the
Proceedings of Government, under date
23rd and 26th November 1869, Nos.
3,030 and 3,058A.

(True Extract.)

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

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 Recorded with reference to the Proceeding
 of 23rd & 29th Nov 1869
 No 3030 & 3062

[Signature]
 1st Decemr 1869

14 Letter of 21 Dec 1869
 To the Secy.

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 23-11-69.

Referred to England
 dated 31st Jan 1870 of 1870 date

Cont. of 1869 & 1870

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE

Dated December, 1st.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 1st December 1869, No. 3,086.

From the 13th of Dec
 1869 to 13th of Jan 1870.

DECEMBER.

Nos. 17-18.

Storm in Tinnevely District.—Board's Proceedings submitting letter from the Sub-Collector reporting its occurrence, recorded.