

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 363

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203-204

Dated 12th February 1869

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No. 203. 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, 8th December 1868, No. 52:—

1. I have had under my consideration in Council, the Despatch from your Excellency in Council, numbered 50, Miscellaneous, and dated the 6th of October, which was received on the 21st ultimo, and with which you transmit to me, with reference to your Despatch No. 32, and mine of the 9th of July, No. 31, the report by Mr. T. Clarke, First Member of the Board of Revenue, conveying the result of his tour in Cuddapah, and the review of that report in your order of the 26th of August.

2. I am gratified to learn that the timely measures of relief sanctioned by your Government, and most discreetly administered by the officers of the district, have averted any serious disaster from the inhabitants. There appears not to have been any dearth of food for such as could buy it. The distress, however, from drought, and the absence of good drinking water, was severe. Mr. Clarke's proceedings to remedy this evil, and in planning roads to such places as would open communication with grain producing districts, were very judicious. I approve of your having directed that such works as had been begun should be energetically carried on until they are finished, and should these not afford sufficient maintenance to the people until the next harvest, and Local Funds not be forthcoming for the purpose, the roads mentioned in the 19th and 20th paragraphs of your order should also be undertaken from Imperial Funds.

3. These measures of relief have been fully deserved by the patience and persevering industry displayed by the cultivators under adverse circumstances.

4. No reasons seemed to be assigned why the recent concessions reducing the assessment of lands under *old* wells to the highest dry rate of the village were not at once extended to the Cuddapah District, but you state, that you have issued the necessary instructions for remedying the neglect.

5. The view taken by your Excellency in Council, in the 17th and 18 paragraphs of your Order, as to the inexpediency, as a general rule, of granting remissions on dry land is undoubtedly sound, and the discretion which you have temporarily vested in the Collector for the relief of the Kadri Talook, will doubtless prevent any evil arising from a too stringent application of the rule.

6. With respect to the deepening of wells, and the difficulty of obtaining water throughout the talook of Kadri, I am disappointed to see no mention of the Tube Wells, sent out to your Government in June last, having been made use of; I desire to be informed, whether they have been received, and whether they are likely to be generally useful in your Presidency.

7. I concur with you in the satisfaction which you express, that the rains of the south-west monsoon had been copious enough to remove all fear of further disasters, and that for the same reason Mr. Clarke's presence in Salem and North Arcot was not required.

8. Mr. Clarke discharged the important duty assigned to him in a careful, judicious, and complete manner, and you have justly acknowledged the aid which he received from the Acting Collector, Mr. Molony, and the Acting Sub-Collector,

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12th February 1869.*

Mr. Roberts, as well as from the Native Surgeon, Iyasawmy, the District Sheristadar, Simhadri Puntulu, and the Tahsildar of Muddenpully, N. Appa Row.

9. Your own exertions and forethought on the occasion also deserve my thanks.

No. 204.

ORDER THEREON, 12th February 1869, No. 363.

Miscellaneous.

1. Communicated to the Board of Revenue, the Honorable T. Clarke, and to the Public Works Department, with

reference to the Proceedings of Government, 26th August 1868, No. 2,257.

2. Adverting to paragraph 6 of this Despatch, the Secretary of State will be informed that the Tube Wells therein referred to were not available for use during the prevalence of distress in the Cuddapah District, as the first consignment reached this Government in July 1868. The Secretary of State will also be furnished with

copies of the papers marginally noted, relating to the distribution of the Tube Wells.

Procs. of Govt., 25th June 1863, Nos. 601, 602.

Do. 22nd July .., 397, 398.

Do. 18th Aug. .., 276, 277.

Do. 24th Sept. .., 376, 377.

Do. 28th do. .., 405, 406.

Do. 13th Nov. .., 236, 237.

Do. 30th Dec. .., 403, 404.

Do. 13th Jan. 1869, .., 178, 179.

3. The Board of Revenue will be requested to forward, for transmission to the Secretary of State, a full report on the working of the Wells at the several

places to which they were sent; embodying in it the results of the trial at the Government Farm, communicated with the Order of this date, No. 362.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ the Honorable T. Clarke.

„ the Public Works Department.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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Proceedings of the Madras Court
under date the 12th July/69.

Read the following
being despatch from
the Home Court.

(W. 8th Decr 1868,
No 52)

Communicated
to the Board of Revenue,
the Hon. J. Clarke, and
to the Pub. Works Dept.,
with reference to the
Pro. of Govt. 26 Augt
1868. No 2257.

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Govt. of 1869, 20th Decr.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Secy, &c., &c.

Dated February, 12th.

Recd.

Encl.

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Pro. of the Board of Revenue
of 23rd Augt 1869 No 594.

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Nos. 203-204.

Mr. Clarke's tour in Cuddapah District.—
Despatch from Home Government reviewing the
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Pro. of Govt	25 June 1868	No	601.602.
	22 July "	"	397.398.
	18 Aug "	"	276.277.
	24 Sept "	"	376.377.
	28 "	"	405.406.
	13 Nov "	"	236.237.
	30 Dec "	"	403.404.
	13 January 1869	"	178.179.

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21 Copies to the Secy of State

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