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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st November 1870.

Read the following:—

No. 298. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th November 1870.

Read the following letter from H. SEWELL, Esq., Acting Principal Assistant Collector, Vizagapatam, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Waltair, 6th November 1870.

In the absence of the Collector at Vizianagram, I have the honour to report to you that a tremendous cyclone burst over this place on the night of Friday. It commenced about 11 P.M., November 4th, and lasted till about 6 A.M., on Saturday morning, November 5th. It was accompanied by an unusually high tide, which flooded the lower parts of Vizagapatam, doing considerable damage to house property. I am happy to say that very few lives have been lost.* The destruction to trees and houses of every class has been most severe, worse perhaps in Waltair than in the town of Vizagapatam itself. The church porch and belfry has come down. The temporary jail has been almost demolished, and one prisoner in Hospital was killed. The new jail has also suffered considerably. The Regimental lines are level with the ground, and I hear that one life was lost in the lines. The Cutcherry has not suffered much, but the Court-house is considerably damaged. The European veterans and pensioners' quarters are in a wretched state. I do not apprehend anything in the nature of a famine, nor have I heard of any outbreak of sickness.

2. Report says that Bimlipatam has not suffered very much, but that south of Waltair at Ankapilly the loss has been very great.

3. The telegraph line has been entirely cut off, and it will be a long time before communication, either north or south, is restored. In the Collector's absence, I am going to authorize an advance of money to the Telegraph Superintendent, who is luckily on the spot, and trust that the Board will approve of my doing so.

* Altogether I hear only six lives.

Submitted for the information of Government.

No. 299. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th November 1870.

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vizianagram, 7th November 1870, No. 833.

I have the honour to report the occurrence, on the night of Friday the 4th instant, of a cyclone which passed over this town, and did considerable damage both to houses and crops.

2. Damage to a greater extent and some loss of life occurred at Vizagapatam, which seems to have met the full violence of the storm. A separate report on this subject has, I have just learnt, already been sent to the Board by the Acting Principal Assistant who was in Waltair at the time. The storm commenced here on Thursday morning, with a high wind from north-east, which subsequently veered gradually round to west. The sky was dull and leaden in appearance, and there were occasional drops of rain till 10 P.M., when the rain increased and the wind fell. About midnight, however, the wind began to blow with increased violence from

the north, and at about 2 A.M. went round to east from which quarter it blew with great violence. The wind subsequently shifted to south-east, and at 8 A.M. had gone down considerably. Many houses were unroofed, and small trees thrown down, and the rice-crops laid with the violence of the wind. The people of this town, who had already suffered severely from an unprecedented fall of rain, experienced still further loss of property from the effects of the wind. I have not heard of any loss of life in this neighbourhood. In Vizagapatam, I regret to state that six persons are reported to have lost their lives, and I hear also that the storm was very violent as far south as Ankapilly. Inland, its effects do not seem to have been felt very far north of this. Mr. Sewell has written, giving full details of the destruction at Vizagapatam and Waltair.

P.S.—I have just heard that the violence of the storm was not so much felt at Bimlipatam.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 14th instant.

No. 300. ORDER THEREON, 21st November 1870, No. 1,823.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Military and Public Works Departments, to the Inspector-General of Jails, and the Superintendent of Government Telegraphs. The Government have heard of this disastrous storm with much regret.

2. Every necessary assistance for restoring communication on the telegraph line should be promptly rendered by the local authorities.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department.
,, the Public Works Department.
,, the Inspector-General of Jails.
,, the Superintendent Government Telegraph.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Collector of Vizagapatam.
,, the Government Astronomer.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 21st November 1870.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Submg for information letter from Principal Collr. of Vizagapatam reporting occurrence of a Cyclone on night of 4th Nov: 1870 —

M.R. 12 & 17 Nov 1870.

Communicated to the Military & P.W. Depts, to the Inspr. General of Jails - & the Supdt. of Govt. Telegraphs. The Govt. have learnt with regret the disastrous effects of the late Cyclone & request every necessary assistance for restoring communication on the Telegraph line should be promptly rendered by the local authorities

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To

THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT,

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Dated November, 21st.

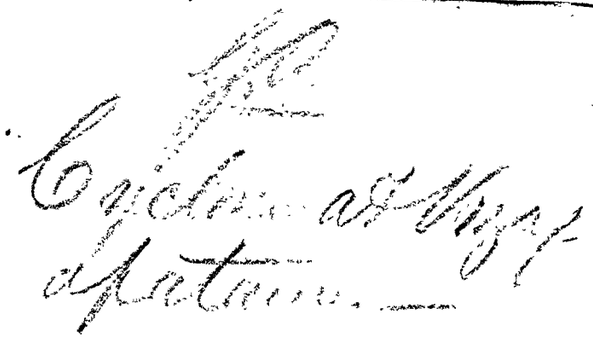
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Encl.

LETTER.
Nos. 283—289.

Cyclone in Vizagapatam.—Report of occurrence on the 4th November, communicated to departments concerned, with orders thereon.



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