No. 41. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th February 1871, No. 681 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Cuddapah, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd January 1871, No. 13.

Of the sum of Rs. 27,000 sanctioned in Government Order, dated 29th April 1869, No 1,167, the Executive Enginee. in charge of Madanapally Range and Mr. Begbie, the sub-Engineer, who were in charge of the Famine Relief Works, for which the above grant was sanctioned, were advanced Rs. 20,367-9-10 for the purpose, out of which bills to the amount of Rs. 20,203-8-6 were furnished to this office before the end of the official year 1869-70. A general bill was accordingly prepared in this office, and transmitted to the Accountant-General with the Treasury Account for February 1870. The balance of Rs. 164-1-4, consisting of two items, Rs. 144-15-4 and Rs. 19-2-0, remaining unadjusted, the Accountant-General directed that the amount should be recovered in cash. The Department of Public Works officers were accordingly requested to remit the same in cash; but they subsequently sent in bills for the two sums in question in April and June last. These were submitted to the Accountant-General who returned them, stating that as the expenditure was incurred after the close of the official year, the charge could not be admitted under the orders of the Government of India, published in the Supplement to the *Fort Saint George Gazette* of 23rd November 1869, page 366, and that, therefore, the sums in question should be recovered at once in cash and accounts. Captain Begbie was accordingly furnished with a copy tions, and requested to remit the money in cash. He, in reply, stated his inability to pay the money which had been already *bona fide* spent on works. The advances were made within the official year, and the Public Works officers state that as the vouchers for the first item, Rs. 144-15-4, were not forthcoming when the accounts were closed, the balance in question could not be accounted for at the time; but as they assert that the whole sum of Rs. 164-1-4 was *bona fide* spent within the official year 1869-70 for which the allotment above-mentioned was made, I have the honour to request that the Board will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government for the admission of the charge, Rs. 164-1-4, by the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Submitted to Government with the request that the expenditure of Rs. 164-1-4 actually spent but not accounted for in 1869-70 may be sanctioned.

No. 42. Order thereon, 2nd March 1871, No. 381.

Miscellaneous.

Sanctioned Rs. 164-1-4. The necessary orders to the Controller Public Works Accounts will be issued in the Department Public Works.

2. After the Executive Engineer had furnished vouchers for the charge, no demand should have been made on him for a cash remittance of the amount without the sanction of Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Public Works Department
„ the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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No. 68.

Famine Relief Works—in Cuddapah District,—Government requested to sanction expenditure of Rupees 164-1-4 actually incurred on certain, in 1869-70, but not accounted for in that year.

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