No. 7. Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of the Godavery District, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Cocanada, 17th October 1872, No. 41 :—

In reply to your telegram of the 14th instant from Ootacamund, calling for a report on the Ellore floods, I have the honour to report that on the afternoon of the 16th September 1872 there was a heavy rain at Ellore, measuring 6 inches 90 cents. The Tammeleru, a natural stream which runs by the town, received a heavy fresh, and a few houses in that part of the town which lies to the north of the Ellore canal were flooded. The water was standing 5 feet against the canal-bank, and the trunk road from where it leaves the bazaar (market) was 3 feet under water. On the following morning Lieutenant Dorward of the Public Works Department cut the canal-bank to let the water into the canal, and cut the bank again on the other side to let it escape into a natural channel leading to the Colair Lake. For two days the Tammeleru could not be crossed. There was not much damage reported, but the walls of a few houses tumbled down. On the 5th instant, however, the river rose higher. On the 4th it rained very heavily at Ellore.

8 inches 40 cents.

That part of the town which lies to the north of the Ellore canal, consisting of Adiwarapupetta, Lakshmivampupetta, and Ganjibazaar, was flooded, several houses were destroyed. A great deal of property was washed away, some cattle were lost, but no loss of life occurred. At 2 A.M. on the 5th instant the floods came on and continued till evening, and went down 6 inches by sunset. On the 6th the water subsided about 2 feet, and on the 7th and 8th it went down fast. The whole water has gone down by the 12th. The stronger houses are fit to be occupied; the others have suffered considerably. Shelter was found for those in need of shelter in some choultries and large godowns belonging to the Ránis of Senivarapupetta, and several other places. The Municipal Commissioners of Ellore convened several special meetings of their body, and have formed themselves into a Relief Committee. They have distributed food to the poor and houseless people during the days of necessity.

Before the receipt of your telegram I had told Mr. Pearse, the Head Assistant Collector, to spend as much as circumstances require out of the Government funds to relieve the distress. On receiving his report I will let you know what has been spent.

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, 4th November 1872, No. 1,523.

Miscellaneous.

THE Governor in Council desires to receive more detailed information from the Acting Collector as to the damage sustained by the town of Ellore from the late floods.

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2. The Police reports forwarded to Government stated that one thousand houses had been destroyed and four thousand people left houseless.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE COLLECTOR OF THE
GODAVERY DISTRICT
&c., &c., &c.

Dated November 4th.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 4th November 1872, *No.* 1,523.

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from the Collr. as to the
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town of Ellore from the
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& 4000 people left houseless.

~~The Collr. will~~
~~state what he thinks about the~~
~~Police reports & whether~~
~~they are true~~

List.

To the Collr. of Godavery and Kistna
The Board of Revenue, Madras

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The Collector
Godavery Dt
To The Secretary to Govt
Revenue Dept
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No 41.
Encl None
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Reporting on the
Ellore floods.

Circulate for
perusal

Wellington
dt 1523-4 November

8-Nov
+ Calls for Report
Report unsatisfactory
& Incomplete
& Thinks
Collector should
visit Ellore
& Address him
accordingly
Sd/ [illegible]

I think Mr. Forbes should be told that his Report is exceedingly meagre and unsatisfactory - The Police have reported the destruction of 1000 houses & that therefore 4000 persons are houseless - The Collector G 30 Oct 72 R-31st Do I send +

of a district ought to have been better informed - I think explanation ought to be given of Mr. Reade's absence & date on which he returned to Ellore to superintend relief operations

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