

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th January 1872.*

No. 77.

ORDER THEREON, 8th January 1872, No. 40.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue. It is observed that the additional grant for wells has already been made, and that the question of relief works will be disposed of on Mr. Thornhill's reports.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

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2. Harris reports great scarcity of water in fourteen villages other than twenty-five villages where Berhampore Tahsildar has already been directed to dig wells ; 2,500 Rs. wanted for these.
3. Harris says markets open, fairly supplied, no appearance of serious scarcity of food.
4. Irrigation-canals the great want of district. If line has been settled the cutting at Shergada ridge would afford plenty useful work.
5. Special Deputy-Collector not required at present. Apothecary might be useful.
6. Rain-fall in Maliahs where I now am deficient. No signs of distress. Some paddy splendid. No difficulty about supplies. Do Government wish me to stop tour and join Thornhill? I should prefer to finish tour as originally proposed, reaching Baliguda 30th instant. No apparent necessity for going down. Inquiries being prosecuted every where as to state of people.

A List of Villages at which wells required to be sunk and Roads to be constructed in the Ganjam District.

No.	Villages.	Amount.	Remarks.
	<i>Wells required.</i>	RS	
1	Bagajherry and Biniginbody	200	
1	Tickaropada and Bullegada	150	
1	Royegam	150	
1	Dachinniapuram and Gemtubondho	150	
1	Dayapully	150	
1	Gavuzoo Thearapetta and Aroovapully, etc.	200	
1	Makarajoowand Bodakemdy	150	
1	Belagam	150	
1	Chatumondaly	150	
1	Pincholy	150	
1	Nemgela iswarum	150	
1	Haradamully	200	
1	Ganjam	200	
1	Lutchmepoor	200	
1	Bullegada	200	
1	Jadoopoody	200	
1	Kunchilly	200	
1	Soonnappoor	200	
	<i>Roads.</i>		
1	Construction of a road* from a point on Aska and Soorada line to the Soorla platform.	5,000	* The road will be completed if the balance of the estimate is allotted.
1	Construction of a road from Berhampore to Degoo-pudy via Narainpoor.	10,000	Estimate not submitted.
1	Construction of masonry bridge on Korakory nullah on Aska and Ganjam road.	10,000	
1	Construction of a road from Itchapore to Soorla Salt pans.	10,000	
1	Masonry works on trunk road	2,200	
1	Construction of road from Custom-house to Merchants' Godown at Ganjam.	1,500	
1	Ganjam Town drainage works	3,000	

BERHAMPORE,
12th December 1871.

(Signed) T. D. HARRIS,
Executive Engineer.

Gobt of 1872 Madras.
REVENUE.

To
THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Dated January 8th.

Recd.

G. O., 8th January 1872, No. 40.

JANUARY.
Nos. 76-77.

Wells and relief Works in Ganjam District.—Letter from the Collector of Ganjam proposing a scheme for undertaking their construction, with a view of providing for the labouring classes, communicated to the Board of Revenue.

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No. 76. Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Ganjam, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Baminagam, 19th December 1871, No. 162 :—

I HAVE the honour to enclose copy of a telegram which I despatched to you the day before yesterday in reply to your telegram of the 12th and 13th and Colonel Carpendale's of the 11th instant.

2. I fear that, in consequence of some blunder in my postal arrangements, a telegram, which I had desired the Deputy-Collector to despatch relative to the proposal to send a Special Deputy-Collector and an Apothecary, has never been forwarded.

3. Mr. Harris, Executive Engineer of the Berhampore Range, informed me on the 12th instant that "at present the markets are open and fairly supplied, and there is little appearance of anything like serious scarcity of food," but adds that there is a great scarcity of water in various places. Copy of his list of villages at which wells should be dug and of works which he considers it desirable to take in hand in order to provide fully for the labouring classes accompanies.

4. Six of the villages in his list had already been reported upon by the Tahsildar of Berhampore, and I have now requested Mr. Harris to take measures at once for the excavation of wells in the remaining fourteen villages named by him, as well as in those which the Tahsildar has already brought to notice, using for the purpose the sum of Rs. 5,000 already sanctioned. Probably an additional grant will be needed, and I solicit sanction for Rs. 2,500 on this account.

5. The works mentioned in Mr. Harris's list are all useful and all requisite, but I do not think all are equally adapted for the purpose of relief works. Masonry bridges require skilled labour to a considerable extent and in regard to the roads and drains at Ganjam. I should be unwilling to bring to so feverish a locality any number of poor people pre-disposed to disease. Should the people in the immediate vicinity need work, one or other of those proposed might be taken up. The roads which seem to be most suitable as general relief works are the two first on the list. They are in the neighbourhood of the Zemindaries where the greatest failure is said to have occurred.

* Road from point on Aska and Soorada and road to Soorla platform.

states, enable the work to be completed.

† Road from Berhampore to Digupudi.

The first* is in progress, and an additional allotment of Rs. 5,000 will, Mr. Harris states, enable the work to be completed. In regard to the second†, though no estimates have been prepared and submitted, the line which it would take has long been settled and presents no difficulties. The formation of a road here would be of great public advantage. The estimate cost is Rs. 10,000. I would propose that an allotment of Rs. 20,000 be made for these and other roads now in progress in Gumsur, which are not mentioned by Mr. Harris, probably because they are not in his range.

6. I prefer these works to the commencement of the canal between Ganjam and Gopalpore, because they would be more immediately useful, and because they are nearer the people who may need relief. I think, moreover, that before break-

*with his friend on
W. Hamilton's report.
J. H. L. S.
8 January 1872*

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From No 16.
The Acting Collector
of Ganjam*

*To.
The Secretary
to Govt.
Revenue Dept
Madras*

*Dated 19 December 1871.
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ing ground south of Ganjam, it would be desirable to make the canal from the Chilka lake to Ganjam available for traffic which it is not at present. Owing to its insufficient depth all the grain from Orissa is brought to Rumbah, and there disembarked, and none whatever finds its way to Ganjam by the canal. There are many customs and prejudices to be broken through before the Chilka boatmen will forsake Rumbah. They even prefer returning empty to taking salt from the Ganjam pans; but it is evident that we must make the canal to Ganjam perfectly available if we want them to use it.

7. Mr. Harris says that on the 20th ultimo he met 200 able-bodied labourers leaving the district by the frontier road to Calcutta, and has heard of 150 more leaving in the same direction and another 100 going south. I have not yet received from the Berhampore Tahsildar any detailed particulars of the emigration to which he alluded in a former Arzi.

8. There can be no doubt that the great want of the district is a system of irrigation works, and I trust that the position in which we are now placed may result in one or other of Captain Beckley's schemes being taken up with vigour. When in his company I visited a few weeks since the ground in the vicinity of Aska where the canal is proposed to run; he specially drew my attention to the Shegada ridge, where there must be a heavy cutting as a spot where relief work might be easily undertaken with the greatest advantage. The locality is about seven miles south of Aska. Till, however, the line has been positively settled, it would be useless to propose the immediate commencement of this cutting.

9. The Commissioner of Cuttack writes on the 8th instant that the flow of grain from Pooree, Khoorda, and Banpore southwards, continues, and that the Ganjam merchants have made further large purchases and advances for rice. The latest reports from Pooree District show a generally good average crop somewhat short, however, towards the south. Panecood and several small estates between the sea and Chilka Lake have suffered severely, but the area thus affected is small as compared with the rest of Pooree District. In Cuttack and Balasore rice-crops are above average, and there will probably be a good deal of export by sea. Prices for ordinary coarse rice are given below:—

Cuttack 32 Seers per Rupee.

Pooree 28 Seers do. do.

Khoorda 28 Seers do. do.

10. Mr. Crosthwaite, the Acting Senior Assistant Collector, is now on a tour through the Zemindaries west of the Berhampore Talook.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Day Service Telegram (Paid.)

From the Collector of Ganjam, Berhampore, to the Revenue Secretary to Government, Madras,
dated 17th December 1871.

Your telegrams 12th and 13th, Carpendale's of 11th.

I do not advocate commencement of Ganjam and Gopalpore canal, but rather works nearer affected talooks, namely, road from Digapudi to Berhampore and other roads now in progress in Goomsur, and between Aska and Itchapore to which additional allotments might be made.