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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th April 1872.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 159. From G. L. NARSING ROW, to the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 5th April 1872 :—

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of the Extract of Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, dated 26th March 1872, and beg to state that both Mrs. Narsing Row and myself are very sorry to learn therefrom that the report of Mr. Thornhill on the condition of our estates should be such as to have called for an expression of regret on the part of Government.

2. I had been fully alive to the threatening drought in the Vizagapatam District and its possible consequences, of which I spoke myself to His Excellency Lord Napier, informing His Lordship that I was going up to Vizagapatam with the least possible delay. This I would, indeed, have done but for the serious illness attended with extreme debility of Mrs. Narsing Row, who is still in a dangerous state of health.

3. However, with all this I was not forgetful of the welfare of our estates, and wrote to our Managers for the time to attend to the wants and requirements of our estates. According to their reports it would appear not only that the wells, as recommended by the Collector through the Tahsildar, but some other wells also had been sunk, while exertions were being made for opening up other resources of water-supply. I had also directed them to lay out Rs. 2,000 on extraordinary repairs, not because such were absolutely necessary but for the relief of the ryots. Latterly, I directed one of our Managers to lay out as far as Rs. 20,000 on relief water-works and also to supply food daily—

In Vizagapatam for 200 souls.

„ Ankapilly „
„ Mangavaram „

4. I admit that our people would have acted more energetically and actively, and that I would have been enabled to have taken a prompt part in co-operating with Mr. Thornhill for the relief of the people, had I been on the spot, which would also have enabled me to have kept that gentleman well informed of the real state of affairs not only in our estates but also in the district, giving him a clue to judge of the management of the several estates, and to form a just comparison between our estates and others. Indeed, it is to be much regretted that our Managers should not have seen Mr. Thornhill, and informed him of the details of the state of affairs and of the preparation for relief, instead of allowing some underling of a Goomastah to have acted their part.

5. I must, however, confess that I have not given them *carte blanche* in the expectation of going to Vizagapatam as soon as Mrs. Narsing Row's health would permit; and I am confident that, under the circumstances which prevented my trip, I can claim the sympathy of Government.

6. I am now only waiting until Mrs. Narsing Row's health is a little better to run up and administer to the estates myself, when I hope to have the honour of addressing you again.

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No. 160. From the Honourable G. N. GAJAPATI ROW, to the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 6th April 1872:—

With reference to Extract of Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 26th March 1872, furnished to me from your Office, I beg to state, for the information of Government, that I find, with much concern and regret, that circumstances should have so conspired as to have impressed Mr. Thornhill very unfavourably with the state of that portion of my estate known as the Nakkapilly Taluq, and that the result should have been the expression of regret by the Government.

2. Immediately I became aware of a threatening drought in the northern districts, I had determined to proceed on a visit to my estate, but sickness in my family interposed; my first cousin, wife of my uncle, Mr. G. L. Narsing Row, who is in charge of my household and in the place of a mother to my little children (her sister's grand-children) having been in a precarious state of health became dangerously ill. I spoke to Mr. Thornhill when he was about to leave Madras for the northern districts regarding the arrangements I intended to make under the circumstances, and had to content myself with issuing the necessary instructions to my Manager, A. Venketa Row, to visit the whole of my estate, and to provide against suffering or distress. He lost no time in going over at once to the Nakkapilly Taluq; but soon after he had to run up to Coopilly and Karkavalsa and beyond the other end of the district where he was pushing on the digging of wells, etc., when Mr. Thornhill happened to pass by the Nakkapilly Taluq. He was thus prevented to wait upon and explain to that gentleman the arrangements made for the relief of the people in Nakkapilly as well as in other distant parts of my estate. I can understand that his absence from Nakkapilly may probably have retarded in some degree the progress of the relief works ordered there; but from facts of which I have been kept informed, I have every reason to believe that any information given to Mr. Thornhill by my Acting Amin at Nakkapilly, to the effect that nothing had hitherto been done there, must be simply incorrect, and founded either on the Amin's ignorance from his being recently appointed there, or on his jealousy of other agency having been employed to carry out the extra works.

3. My Manager has been duly empowered to lay out as far as Rs. 10,000 without further sanction in digging the required wells, in affording work by extraordinary *maramats*, and in distributing food-grain daily to those who are really in distress and unable to work; and I am prepared to sanction a further amount if necessary.

4. Now that he is back to Vizagapatam, I can confidently hope that my repeated instructions are being fully and speedily carried out in the Nakkapilly Taluq. By telegram* received from him and his Assistant on the 2nd instant, it would appear that, as far as wells are concerned, nine at Nakkapilly, seven at Coopilly, and three at Karkavalsa Taluqs have been completed, and three more in Nakkapilly and as many more in Coopilly are in progress.

* Herewith enclosed.

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5. So soon as Mrs. Narsing Row, who is still in a dangerous state of health, gets a little better, I intend to run up and see myself personally of the state of affairs in my estate.

No. 161.

ORDER THEREON, 17th April 1872, No. 617.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED to be communicated to Mr. Thornhill, to the Collector of Vizagapatam, and to the Board of Revenue.

2. The Government have learnt with much satisfaction the liberal instructions which were issued by the Honourable Gajapati Row and M. R. Ry. Narsinga Row for the relief of their tenants, and greatly regret that domestic affliction should have occurred to them to prevent their presence on their estate.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

To G. Thornhill, Esq.
" the Collector of Vizagapatam.
" the Board of Revenue.
" the Honourable G. N. Gajapati Row.
" M. R. Ry. G. L. Narsinga Row.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

W. Hudleston Esq.

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still in a dangerous state of health.

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I have the honor to be

Sr,

Your Most Obedt. Servant.

G. L. Narsing Rao

Madras.
Tegumipett Villa.
5th April 1872.

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1884.

From Mr. G. L. Manning Am

Dated 5th } April 1872
Recd 8th }

Stating that he is sorry
to learn from Mr. Thornhill's report that the
condition of his estates at Vizagapatnam is such
as to have called for an expression of regret from
Gov^{rs}, and that it is his intention to go up
shortly and administer to them himself.

No 159-160

With Order

The Honble

W. Madleston Esq.

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Sir,

Yours Most Obedient Servant.

G. V. S. S. S. S.

Syama Patta Villa

6th April 1872

I think we should add
The Govt. have heard with satisfaction the
liberal instructions issued by the Hon. Sanyasi Rao for the relief of his
tenants.
The Govt. of Bengal has the 18th of Nov.
The Govt. must that in view of
the fact that the Hon. Sanyasi Rao is not
his estate in person. L.R.

Syama Patta Villa

6th April 1872

My dear Sir,

I intended to have
called personally and explain
all matters connected
with the enclosed letter
to you but Mr. Narsing Rao's
health has been for a
very dangerous state
for the last three days

and have been constantly
attending upon her.

She is now very very ill.

I trust however you will

see the matter set to

right with Govt.

I am as

your very truly

L. K. Fitzpatrick

Revenue 1872 Sept.
No. 1202.

From
The Honble Gajapati Rao.

Dated 6th April
Recd. 9th "

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with reference to No. of
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With Order

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Revenue Department.

No. 617-

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 17th Oct.

1872.

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administer to them himself

(H. E. 5th April 1872)

From the Honble Gajapati Rao

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L.B.

1. G. Thantall Raz. Des 17 April 72
3. C. M. of Vizag ✓
11. Board of Rev ✓
1. Hon. G. W. Gajapati Rm ✓
1. M. R. R. G. L. Narsinga Rm ✓