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No. 139. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th July 1872, No. 1,237 :—

Read the following letter from R. J. MELVILLE, Esq., Acting Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 26th June 1872, No. 653:—

I HAVE the honour to report on the progress of relief-works during the month of May.

2. The relief-works in progress were inspected by the Principal and Senior Assistants, and the work was found to be progressing satisfactorily.

3. Towards the end of the month, owing to numerous applications for employment, the number of coolies at work on the Trunk Road south of Anakapilly largely increased. The number employed in the portion of the road north of Anakapilly was much less than in the preceding month. This is no doubt owing to rain which fell in the northern part of the district but did not extend far to the south.

4. Towards the end of the month all the coolies employed on the road from Salur to Tadivalsa struck for higher wages, and on this concession being refused them they left the work in a body. Heavy rains had fallen in the neighbourhood and work in consequence was obtainable in their villages which they naturally preferred to road-work at some distance.

5. The total number of coolies employed throughout the district, including those employed by the Manager of the Maharajah of Vizianagaram, was considerably less than in the preceding month owing to rain which fell pretty generally in the northern parts of the district.

6. Towards the middle of the month, some 500 or 600 persons came into this town from the surrounding country, driven in partly by distress and partly attracted by the fact that several poor-houses had been opened by philanthropic native gentlemen. The Honourable G. N. Gajapathi Rau has opened a poor-house in this place besides others in various parts of his estates. Tiyyala Ramaswamy a gentleman who has for some time past kept one open at Aganampudi half way between this and Anakapilly, has also opened one here. At these places, and at those established at different points in the Vizianagaram Zemindari, large numbers of the poor have been fed. The Municipality found employment for such of the immigrants as were able and willing to work.

7. Under the circumstances mentioned in paragraph 4, the grant of Rupees 2,500, the transfer of which to the Salur and Tadivalsa road, was sanctioned in Govt. Order, Rev. Dept., dated June 11th, 1872, No. 922, will no longer be required for this work. With the sanction of Government I would propose to transfer it to the trunk road south of Anakapilly should necessity arise. Matters, however, have greatly improved throughout the district within the last few days. The monsoon has commenced and rain has been general throughout the district for the last five days. I am sanguine that when the present grants have been expended, no further expenditure on relief works will be necessary.

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SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Board observe with pleasure the liberality displayed by the Honourable G. N. Gajapathi Rau and Tiyyala Ramaswamy in opening houses for the relief of the poor.

3. The sanction of Government to the transfer proposed in paragraph 7 is solicited should it appear necessary, but the Board have great hope that with the late rains all need for relief will have disappeared.

No. 140. ORDER THEREON, 19th July 1872, No. 1,080.

Miscellaneous.

THE Collector is authorized to make the transfer of funds should necessity arise for it; but the Government trust soon to learn that all need for maintaining relief-work is at an end.

2. The Collector will convey the thanks of Government to the gentlemen whose charitable action he reports.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Vizagapatam.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Financial Department.
,, the Accountant-General.
,, the Public Works Department.

Erd. T. Cartledge.

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Order thereon 10 August 1872 No 104

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division. The grants, if utilized, should be transferred from the credit of the Revenue to that of the Public Works Department.

True Extract

Acting Under Secretary to Govt
P.D.
for Secretary to Govt
P.W. Depot

To
The Revenue Department

Revenue 1872 Augt

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~~REVENUE~~ D. P. W. No. 2667

To

THE COLLECTOR OF VIZAGAPATAM.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated July ~~1~~ 18th 1872

Rcd. Augt. 12th 1872

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Chas. E. Trevelyan

Sd. C. B. 13 Augt/72