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No. 102. Read the
Extracts from a letter from Captain T. B.
R.E., circulated.

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LEY, R.E., to Captain R. F. OAKES,
formation.

THE embankments and roads about
a good deal, and the Mahanuddy embank
A good many works up in the Maliahs a
nothing to do with them.

condah and Goomsoor have suffered
s at Aska were topped and breached.
tusselcondah have gone, but we have

I hear a great deal of damage has b
of one high level canal swept away, and a

ie to works in Cuttack: three miles
nals damaged.

We had at Chetterpore 20 inches* i

une, quite an unprecedented fall, and
we have had a good lot this month.

* Rainfall:

At Baleguda, where the Rooshkoolia

rises, there were 30 inches in June, and J
in 24 hours. In 10 days they report 56 inches.

ay commenced with 19 inches on the 1st

The most serious item of damage is that the seed-beds and early sowing has
been destroyed; it can be done over again, but the harvest will be a late one. A
late season is the first condition necessary for a total loss of crop.

There are no stores of grain in Orissa I believe, and the seed-beds and
irrigation works there also have suffered. The people in Vizagapatam and Ganjam
bought large quantities of grain, but only sufficient, if sufficient, to carry them on
to the harvest time; so, if the north-east monsoon fails, we shall be in a bad way;
there must be a famine in Ganjam and Vizagapatam, both from want of money and
want of grain; this ought to be impressed on the Government; the risk that has been
run will not be less a fact, though we have good rain in October and an abundant
harvest.

The odds in favour of a monsoon in October appear to be only 3 to 2;
suppose there is none, the Government will have to make a great effort to save life,
and the cost in the two districts cannot be set down at less than 30 lakhs, and as
the odds are 3 to 2 against the expenditure having to be incurred, the value or
liability of the chance is $\frac{2}{3} \times 30 = 12$ lakhs—a sum that would be a good lump in an
Irrigation Project Estimate; but the actual loss of a famine to the country would
be much more than 50 lakhs I think.

(True Extracts.)

(Signed) R. F. OAKES, Captain, R.E.,
Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

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ORDER THEREON, 7th August 1872, No. 1,866.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 6.

ORDERED to be communicated to the
Collectors of Ganjam and Vizagapatam
for information, and with a view to
elicit their opinions on the subject.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

The Collector of Ganjam.
Collector of Vizagapatam.
Revenue Department.
Exd. T. O'Connor.

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To

THE COLLECTOR OF GANJAM,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated August 7th.

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G. O., 7th August 1872, No. 1,866.

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Nos. 102-103

Distress.—Extracts from a letter from
Captain Beckley, R.E., relative to the steps
to be taken in consequence of expected
distress in the Ganjam and Vizagapatam
Districts submitted by the Chief Engineer
for Irrigation, communicated to the Col-
lectors of Ganjam and Vizagapatam:

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