Read the following papers:—

No. 225. From J. HOPE, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to the Hon. R. A. DALYELL, Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Ootacamund, dated 18th September 1873, No. 282.

WITH reference to my telegram of yesterday's date, I have the honour to inform you that there was 2·298 inches of rain here last night, and it is believed that the fall was pretty general for a considerable distance around Kurnool.

No. 226. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd September 1873, No. 1,905.

Read the following letter from J. HOPE, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 19th September 1873, No. 288:—

WITH reference to my season telegram, dated the 17th instant, and the reports since received both from the Tahsildar and the Superintendent of Police, I have the honour to inform you that great distress is prevailing in the Koilakuntla Taluq among the poorer classes in consequence of the dearness of grain and their inability to obtain employment owing to the absence of cultivation.

2. Up to the 15th of this month only three inches of rain fell in this taluq (one inch in July and two inches in August) against 8·9 during the same period last year, and there has been little or no rain in this month. The cultivation* up to the end of last month does not exceed one-eleventh of the occupied area, and is less than one-sixth of the area cultivated† in the corresponding period of last year; even the few crops there are on the ground are fading. In spite of large importations from all parts of the district and from the neighbouring taluqs of Cuddapah cholum is selling at thirteen measures a Rupee and is not ordinarily procurable except on market days. Under these circumstances I have desired the District Engineer immediately to commence the road between Koilakuntla and Owk (several miles of which have been already surveyed), so as to give work to the able-bodied poor. I have further, on the recommendation of the Deputy Collector and Tahsildar, to request sanction for opening four relief-houses at Koilakuntla, Owk, Timmanayanipet, and Bodamanur in the event of the season not improving before the end of the month. To avoid delay I beg that the sanction of Government may be intimated to me by telegraph.

* Acres 12,306·82 Circar and Inam.

† Acres 76,011·44.

SUBMITTED to Government.

2. Funds for the prosecution of the work in question were placed at the Collector's disposal in Board's Proceedings, dated 22nd August, and G. O., 29th idem, Nos. 5,361 and 1,222. The establishment of relief-houses may be necessary, and should be left to the Collector's discretion; but gratuitous charity is an extreme measure, and the energetic organization of relief works should first

engage attention. Mr. Hope should consider whether further works might not be started to provide employment. Money will be placed at his disposal from Local or other Funds on application. The Collector should endeavour to establish a camp and bazaar in the neighbourhood of the work so that persons from a distance may be enabled to live on the spot.

No. 227. ORDER THEREON, 26th September 1873, No. 1,042.

Miscellaneous.

THE Board's Proceedings are approved. The season telegram of the 25th instant from the Collector of Kurnool reports that the season is improving in Koilguntla and Sirwell.

2. It is hoped, therefore, that the opening of relief houses may be found to be unnecessary. The Acting Collector will, however, use his own discretion in the matter, on the distinct understanding that relief is only to be afforded to those who are unable to labour.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 282. Kurnool Collector's Office
18th September 1873.

Read the following papers
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From

The Actg Collector of
Kurnool.

To

The Actg Secretary
to Government Rev: Dept.

Sir,

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With reference to my Telegram of yesterday's date, I have the honor to inform you that there was 2·298 inches of rain here last night, and it is believed that the fall was pretty general for a considerable distance around Kurnool.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. Servt

James Oakes
Actg Collector.

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Revd 1873. Department.

From, No 2950

The Ag. Collector of
Kurnool.

To. The Acting Secretary
to Govt. Rev. Departt.
Cotacamund.

Dated 18th September 1873

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No 282.

Stating that 2.298
Inches of rain fell in
Kurnool on the night of
the 17th on which the
season report was
sent.

Revenue Department

No. 2

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 22nd September 1873 No. 1905

Read the following

No. 288

From,

The Acting Collector of
Kurnool

To

The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras

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Engineer immediately to commence the road between Keeilakuttla and Owk (several miles of which have been already surveyed), so as to give work to the able bodied poor. I have further, on the recommendation of the Deputy Collector and Tahsildar, to request sanction for opening four relief houses at Keeilakuttla, Owk, Timmanayanipet and Bodamanur in the event of the season not improving before the end of the month. To avoid delay I beg that the sanction of Government may be intimated to me by telegraph.

I have &c.

Kurnool Collector's Office 19th September 1893

(Signed) James Hope
Acting Collector

Submitted to Government.

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/ True Copy & Extract /

H R Tobin

Acting Secretary

To,
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

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Govt. of {1873} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated September 26th.

Read. Encl.

G. O., 26th September 1873, No. 1,042.

SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 225—227.

Season in Kurnool District.—Approving the proceedings of the Board of Revenue on the report of the Collector on the state of the —, and desiring him to use his own discretion in opening relief houses on the distinct understanding that relief is only to be afforded to those who are unable to labour.

Nos. 2950 & 2980

No 1042.

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26 Sept? 73

To Board of Revenue
Collector of Kurnool

Copy in M.S. to Coll? Kurnool C. 26 —

Rec? 18/73 Dept
No 2980
Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Dated 22 Sept? 73
Dep? 22 —
Rec? 25 —

Submitting letter from Coll? of Kurnool reporting on state of person & dis: = tress among lower class: = es & requesting sanc = tion for formation of relief works, & estimate: = mate of relief houses = if necessary —