Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 22nd October 1873.

No. 194. Read the following letter from J. HOPE, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to the Hon. R. A. DALYELL, Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Ootacamund, dated Kurnool, 17th October 1873, No. 337:—

WITH reference to your telegram of yesterday asking for further information regarding the state of the season in Markapur, I have the honour to inform you that although there is, I believe, no fear of actual famine in that taluq, the Tahsildar reports that the poor in some villages are weak from insufficiency of food, and in some places cattle are even dying for want of fodder. This is the result of the badness of the season; but, according to the last report, a good deal of rain appears to have fallen in Markapur itself, and it is hoped that the distress will soon pass away.

2. Meanwhile I have written to the District Engineer and the Head Assistant (on a report from the latter officer) about the necessity of pushing on certain public works so as to furnish employment for the relief of the able-bodied poor. During the current season, Rs. 22,000 have still to be spent on Local Fund Roads in the Head Assistant's Division, and the District Engineer is, I believe, now in a position to go on with these works. There are also Chavadies to be built in many villages, the cost of which will be met from the surplus of the Village Service Fund, as sanctioned by Government (G. O., No. 707, dated 9th July 1873). These works I have requested the Head Assistant to proceed with at once, and I have already received a report from him saying he is taking steps with regard to them. By the above means there is likely to be a large demand for labour in that part of the country.

P.S.—Copy of this letter has been submitted to the Board of Revenue.

(Signed) J. HOPE,
Acting Collector.

No. 195. ORDER THEREON, 22nd October 1873, No. 1,146.

Miscellaneous.

THE Governor in Council relies on Mr. Hope to keep him fully informed of the condition of this taluq which still appears to be somewhat critical. The Tahsildar's statement regarding a want of food should be sifted, and the ruling prices should be reported, compared with the average prices at the same period of the year, during the last five years. If it should appear that food is not procurable except at famine rates, Mr. Hope should at once act upon the authority given in the G. O., noted in the margin, to open relief-houses for those unable to labour.

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

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Collector of Kurnool.
Exd. W. H. French.

No. 337 Kurnool Collector's Office
17th October 1873.

From

The Ag Collector of
Kurnool.

To

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J. H.
Actg Collector

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