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

No. 92. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th April 1873, No. 525 :—

Read the following letter from A. MACGREGOR, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 15th March 1873, No. 59 :—

WITH reference to paragraph 8 of my letter, dated 22nd January last, No. 16, embodied in the Board's Proceedings of the 29th idem, No. 507, I have the honour to report particulars of the fire which occurred at Badagara.

2. It broke out at about 10 A.M. on the 15th January, at the residence of a Moplah named Allandai Avidai, owing to the contents of a pot of ghee having caught fire while boiling.

3. All the bazaars and houses in the vicinity were built of laterite-in-chunam, but, as is the custom, had much timber-work about them, and were roofed with bamboo and cocoanut-leaf, and a strong wind which was blowing at the time helped to spread the fire with such rapidity that the people had in many cases barely time to save themselves. The fact that, in this instance, almost every building was stored with inflammable produce such as copra, cocoanuts, etc., served to aggravate the conflagration.

4. No necessity was found for affording immediate relief, the sufferers having had the benefit of temporary shelter from the hands of their relatives or [illegible]

5. The town is a busy sea-port with abundance of employment of every kind to be had.

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169 bazaars, 16 one-storied and 12 two-storied houses, and 1 mosque.	1,32,473
Copra	10,795
Pepper	6,527
Tobacco	5,700
Cocoanuts...	1,616
Cloths, etc.	33,396
Rice, Paddy, and Cardamoms... ...	12,699
Notes and Coins	3,190
Sundries including household goods.	42,736
	2,49,132
Deduct value of materials saved ...	27,541
Total loss...	2,21,591

6. The marginally-noted figures represent the total loss sustained aggregating Rupees 2,21,591.

7. The Tahsildar has proposed, apparently with the Acting Sub-Collector's concurrence, to distribute a sum of 10,000 Rupees as a loan among thirty of the greatest sufferers, but I see no reason whatever for such a proceeding.

8. The only obligation is to afford relief when it is absolutely necessary to prevent people from being houseless and without means of subsistence, and this condition no where exists in the present case.

9. Beyond this, the only aid to be attempted should, in my opinion, be with a view to improving the sanitary condition of the town, and to diminishing the future danger from fire.

10. "I would recommend that a sum of Rupees 5,000 should be placed at my disposal from which loans should be made—

(1.) When a house is re-built with tiles a loan amounting to half the value of the tiles ; and

(2.) When a house is re-built in such a manner as to be an improvement on the former position as to ventilation of the neighbourhood and increased width of the street, etc., a loan to be given in proportion to the public improvement or advantage secured.

11. The loans in each case should be secured on the house.

12. In my former report, I mentioned that I had heard that great assistance had been rendered by the Captain and crew of the B. I. S. N. Steamer *Bagdad*. Captain Bellwood delayed the departure of the steamer in order to give assistance, and, by his exertions and those of his crew, several bazaars were saved and a large two-storied house.

13. I beg to suggest that he be thanked by Government for his services, and that a watch, field glass or other suitable object be presented as a token of acknowledgment of the public spirit shown.

SUBMITTED to Government with the Board's recommendation that a sum of Rupees 5,000 be granted for loans on the terms proposed; and that Captain Bellwood be thanked by Government and presented with a watch for himself and a sum of Rupees 300 for distribution among his crew.

No. 93. ORDER THEREON, 22nd April 1873, No. 420.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED accordingly that the Collector of Malabar be authorized to expend Rs. 5,000 in making loans, on the terms proposed by him, to those of the inhabitants of Badagara who have been rendered houseless by the late fire.

Mr. Macgregor will also be requested to convey to Captain Bellwood the cordial thanks of His Lordship in Council for his exertions on the occasion, and a handsome Binocular Telescope will be obtained from England for presentation to him, as a mark of the Government's appreciation of his humane conduct.

A sum of Rs. 300 will also be placed at Captain Bellwood's disposal for distribution among the crew of the Steamer *Bagdad* as suggested by the Board.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. W. H. French.

Rev: Dept:

Pro: of the Madras Government.
Read the following Pro: of the Bd of Revenue.
(B.R. 4 April 1873, No 575)

Ordered accordingly that the Coll: of Malabar be authorized to expend Rs 5000 in making loans on the terms proposed by him to those of the inhabitants of Baddagara who have been rendered houseless by the late fire

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Steamer "Burgoyne" as
suggested by the Board

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as a mark of their
consideration of his
appreciation of his
humane conduct.

A sum of £100
will also be placed
at Captain Bellwood's
disposal for distribution

+ I presume this had
better be obtained at
Insp[r] Gen[l]'s Off[ce]. What
amount would the
sanction? WHD

a handsome Binocular
Telescope (which he may have
in exchange for a superior pair of Glasses)

A letter should be
carried for
£100 Re-
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cannot be less
than £500 or
I see no suitable
watch to be procured by Govt. I should
prefer writing home for a
handsome "Binocular" & let call
be limited to £20 or £30 JDL

Revenue Department.

No. 420.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 22nd April 1873.

Read the following

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting report from Collector of further particulars of fire which broke out at Badagara in Malabar Dist., with recommendation that Rs 5,000 should be granted for loans for re-building destroyed houses

H. S. 4th April 1873 No 525.

Ordered accordingly that the Collector of Malabar be authorized to expend Rs 5,000 in making loans, on the terms proposed by him, to those of the inhabitants of Badagara who have been

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Loan of 5000 Rs for re-building houses in Badagara destroyed by fire.

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Loan of £5,000 to for re-building houses in Badagama destroyed by fire.

Council

Despatch