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29th August 1873.

No. 202. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd August 1873, No. 5361 (Miscellaneous):—

Read the following letter from J. HOPE, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Peapully, 12th August 1873, No. 244:—

Adverting to the second paragraph of Board's Proceedings of 6th instant, No. 4925 (Miscellaneous), I have the honour to inform you that the rainfall, referred to by the Board, benefitted a considerable portion of the district. In the Koilkuntala Taluq, however, there has been no rain, and the want of it is already causing distress among the agricultural population. Only one-fifth part of the land usually under cultivation at this season has been sown, while in the large village of Owk only 15 acres are under cultivation as against 3659 this time last year. The people of this part of the taluq have now been for three consecutive years subjected to bad seasons and consequent failure of crops, which is likely to add considerably to the threatened distress this year. I am glad to state, from information just received from the Deputy Collector, D. Timmapah, that the wealthier inhabitants are showing great liberality, and that, at the suggestion of the Tahsildar, the Reddi and some of the merchants and ryots have subscribed a quantity of grain, besides a small sum of money for the relief of the poor. The Reddi has undertaken the superintendence of a relief-house, at which about 400 people are being fed daily. When these supplies are exhausted, it will probably be necessary for the Local Fund Board to maintain a system of relief for the old and infirm while the distress continues.

2. Meanwhile it will be necessary to provide relief works for the able-bodied, and I, therefore, solicit the Board's sanction for the transfer of a portion (say for the present Rupees 3,000) out of the Local Fund Budget Allotment,* No. 1 of II.-A (Road from Rampore Pass to Nandikanama Ghaut) for the construction of a road between Koilkuntala and Owk (fifteen miles), which might subsequently become a railway feeder by being extended to Tadpatri. Independent of this latter consideration, it is a matter of importance to connect these two important towns (the headquarters of a Tahsildar and Deputy Tahsildar, respectively) by means of a good road. Should the Board sanction this transfer of funds, I will at once lay the matter before the Local Fund Board for their approval. In anticipation of the Revenue Board's sanction and to save time I am writing to the District Engineer to have the line of road properly marked out.

* Rupees 24,000.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Collector's action and the proposed transfer are approved, but the work being an unsanctioned one, no time should be lost in submitting a formal estimate.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
29th August 1873.

No. 203. ORDER THEREON, 29th August 1873, No. 1222.

The Governor in Council sanctions for the present a special grant of Rupees 5,000 from Provincial Funds for the proposed relief work. The Acting Collector will apply for further funds hereafter if necessary to relieve distress. It is assumed that there is no deficiency of food in the country.

(True Extract.)

Jr. Under Secretary for Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Revenue Department.
" Accountant-General.
" *Public Works Department.*

Exd. J. Wright.

S. Hamilton
Secretary's Office

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated August, 29th.
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G. O., 29th August 1873, No. 1222.

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Kurnool District Local Fund.—A special grant of Rupees 5,000 from Provincial Funds sanctioned for the road proposed to be constructed from Koilkuntla to Owk to relieve the distress of the people, and the Collector directed to apply for further funds for this purpose if necessary.

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