Read the following papers:—

No. 95. From R. J. MELVILLE, Esq., Acting Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Palcondah, 22nd November 1872, No. 1,451.

REFERRING to G. O., dated 20th August 1872, No. 1,231, I have the honour to forward herewith an abstract statement of expenditure on relief works in this district up to 31st March, and subsequently to the end of October last, after which date all works were finally stopped.

2. It will be observed that the amount allotted was Rs. 87,200, of which Rs. 78,249-10-3 were spent. The recoveries amount to Rs. 2,702-15-0, the details of which are shown in the remark-column of this statement.

3. The G. O. under reference having been received on 5th September, the works could not be discontinued earlier, as the necessary orders to range officers had to be issued through the Superintending Engineer.

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No. 96. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th August 1873, No. 1,598.

Read the following letter from C. G. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chetterpore, 9th July 1873, No. 1,549:—

AGREEABLY to the Orders of Government, dated 4th September 1872, No. 1,276, Revenue Department, communicated to me with Board's Miscellaneous No. 6,178, dated 11th idem, I have the honour to submit my report on the operations undertaken for the relief of the distressed up to the date of the discontinuance of the relief expenditure.

2. The effects of scarcity and drought began to be felt in the latter part of the year 1871, and ceased about the middle of 1872. The principal division of the district was chiefly affected by the bad season while the Sub-division was on the whole well off.

3. Relief operations were set on foot in January 1872, and were closed at the end of July 1872; though the expenditure on Public Works continued till the end of August. The total amount which was made available for these operations was Rupees 77,892-3-1, of which Rupees 76,192-3-1 were granted by Government, and the remaining Rupees 1,700 contributed by the Zemindars.

4. The total expenditure incurred amounted to Rupees 54,021-5-8 distributed as follows:—

| | | Rs. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Public Works organized for affording employment to the able-bodied poor... ... ... ... ... ... | 39,751 | 7 | 5 |
| 2. | Sinking of wells and cattle ponds to remedy the scarcity of water ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 12,096 | 8 | 0 |
| 3. | Payments for the subsistence of such of the poor as were physically unable to earn their livelihood ... | 926 | 14 | 5 |
| 4. | Payments to indigent weavers to enable them to buy cotton for spinning into thread ... ... ... ... ... | 424 | 0 | 0 |
| 5. | Payments to the poor for the re-building of their houses burnt ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 28 | 0 | 0 |
| 6. | Administration of Medical aid to the sick and treatment of sick cattle ... ... ... ... ... ... | 69 | 0 | 0 |
| 7. | Cost of Establishment and Contingencies ... ... ... | 725 | 7 | 10 |
| | | 54,021 | 5 | 8 |

5. Statement I. appended shows the different works undertaken for affording employment to the able-bodied poor. The original works were eight and the expenditure thereon was Rupees 28,378. The works repaired were 109 and the expenditure thereon was Rupees 1,137.

6. The original works undertaken were the construction of a new road from Berhampore to Digupudi, the improvement of five existing roads, the excavation of the Chilka canal, and the digging of a tank at Humma. Of these works the improvement of one of the roads, viz., that from the Trunk Road to the Traveller's Bungalow at Itchapore, and the digging of the tank at Humma have been completed, at a cost of Rupees 1,893. The remaining works were partly finished; the expenditure on them being Rupees 26,485 of a grant of Rupees 43,000.

7. The trench dug at the Surla Salt-pans at a cost of Rupees 3,000 was originally undertaken out of the relief funds, partly with a view to afford employment to the poor; but the whole expenditure thereon has been subsequently debited to the Salt revenue; and it has therefore been struck off the relief works.

8. The repairs were all confined to Irrigation works situated in the Berhampore Taluq, as shown below:—

| Description of works. | Completed. | | Partly done. | | Total. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | No. | Expenditure. | No. | Expenditure. | No. | Expenditure. |
| | | Rs. | | Rs. | | Rs. |
| Tanks ... ... ... ... ... | 40 | 2,204 | 25 | 2,571 | 65 | 4,775 |
| Channels ... ... ... ... ... | 14 | 2,919 | 8 | 951 | 23 | 3,870 |
| Embankments ... ... ... ... | 14 | 1,617 | 6 | 1,046 | 20 | 2,663 |
| Calingulas ... ... ... ... ... | 2 | 66 | ... | ..... | 2 | 66 |
| Total... | 70 | 6,806 | 39 | 4,568 | 109 | 11,374 |



Among the thirty-nine works partly repaired, twenty* require nothing more, as what has been done has proved quite sufficient. The amount originally estimated and granted for these was Rupees 4,438 of which Rupees 2,284 were expended, being Rupees 2,154 as no more required.

* 14 Tanks.
4 Channels.
2 Embankments.
—
20 total.

Besides the abovementioned works the repairs of eight† other irrigation works were estimated for and sanctioned; but they have not been taken up, as not being very necessary.

| | No. | Estimated Amount. Rs. |
|---|---|---|
| † Tanks ... ... ... ... | 6 | 304 |
| Channels ... ... ... | 1 | 100 |
| Calingulas ... ... ... | 1 | 18 |
| | 8 | 422 |

9. All the above works, both original works and repairs were executed by the Department Public Works, except the pond at Humma, which was done under the superintendence of the Salt Deputy-Collector.

10. There were 202 wells and seventy-one cattle ponds dug in the different parts of the district, at a cost of Rupees 11,322, as particularized in the enclosed Statement II. Besides these there were twenty-two wells partly dug and not completed. Of these two have fallen in, one was abandoned as rock was come upon, and the rest were left to be completed by the villagers for whose benefit they were begun. The expenditure incurred on account of the above twenty-two wells was Rupees 666. A sum of Rupees 109 was also expended on the repair of three old tanks.

11. Payments amounting to Rupees 926-5-3 were made to such of the poor as were physically unable to earn their livelihood, as detailed in the following table:—

| Place of payment. | No. of people. | Amount paid. | | | Under whose immediate orders were payments made. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Rs. | A. | P. | |
| Chetterpore ... ... | 12 | 15 | 10 | 0 | Collector. |
| Berhampore ... ... | 128 | 134 | 1 | 3 | Tahsildar. |
| Purushottamapur ... | 119 | 59 | 13 | 0 | Deputy-Tahsildar. |
| Itchapore ... ... | 364 | 243 | 10 | 2 | Special Deputy-Collector and Deputy-Tahsildar. |
| Aska ... ... ... | 42 | 45 | 0 | 0 | Deputy-Tahsildar. |
| Pedda Kimedy ... | 50 | 121 | 1 | 3 | Special Deputy-Collector and Mr. Fonceca. |
| Chinna Kimedy ... | 29 | 31 | 0 | 0 | Special Deputy-Collector. |
| Chikati ... ... | 80 | 157 | 11 | 6 | Do. and Mr. Fonceca. |
| Surangi ... ... | 43 | 27 | 1 | 9 | Special Deputy-Collector. |
| Dharacota ... ... | 30 | 20 | 8 | 6 | Do. |
| Serugada ... ... | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | Do. |
| Bodagada ... ... | 1 | 1 | 5 | 6 | Do. |
| Sompeta ... ... | 87 | 50 | 0 | 0 | Deputy-Tahsildar. |
| Boyirani ... ... | 15 | 13 | 15 | 6 | Do. |
| | 1,006 | 926 | 14 | 5 | |

Some of these payments were made in the shape of broken rice. The money rates were generally made at the rate of 9 Pies per diem for each indivi-

dual; and the distribution of rice was made generally at the rate of 6 addas or 4½ seers per week for each individual.

12. Rupees 424 were paid to 290 poor women of the weaving class to buy cotton and spin it into thread. These payments were made by the Special Deputy-Collector up to the end of May 1872, after which they ceased.

| | No. of Women | Amount paid. Rs. |
|---|---|---|
| At Digupudi ... ... ... | 196 | 258 |
| ,, Chinna Kimedy ... ... | 84 | 156 |
| ,, Surangi ... ... ... | 4 | 4 |
| ,, Itchapore ... ... ... | 6 | 6 |
| | 290 | 424 |

13. Payments to the poor for the rebuilding of their houses burnt amounted to Rupees 28, as shown below:—

Rupees 12 To 6 men in the Village of Konnaredi in the Surangi Zemindari.
,, 16 To 6 men of Padmapuram, in the Pedda Kimedy Zemindari.
,, 28 12 ,,

14. Rupees 50 were also advanced to the people of Boyirani, a greater part of which village was burnt; but the amount was subsequently recovered, as the Zemindar rendered the necessary assistance, and there was therefore no need of any help from Government.

15. No material expenditure was incurred in this district for the administration of medical aid. The only item was Rupees 69 being the passage money paid to Mr. Fonceca for his return to Madras.

16. The establishment entertained out of the so-called relief funds consisted of one clerk and 4 peons attached to the Special Deputy-Collector for his office work, and Overseers employed from time to time to look after the digging of wells under the superintendence of the Special Deputy-Collector. The contingencies consist of hire for the conveyance of records, batta to Establishment, and postage on letters. The pay of the Special Deputy-Collector and his travelling batta are not included in the above. The Special Deputy-Collector and his establishment were entertained in January 1872, and their services were dispensed with at the end of May 1872.

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Enclosures Nos. 1 and 2.—Statements.

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Submitted to Government with reference to G. O., 4th September 1872, No. 1,276, Revenue Department.

2. The Collector of Ganjam now submits his final report up to the discontinuance of relief expenditure at the end of July 1872. Out of 76,192-3-1 granted by Government for works of relief in the Ganjam District, Rupees 54,021-5-8 were expended: Rupees 39,751 on Public Works for affording employment to the poor; 12,096 on wells and houses; 926+424 on direct relief; and the rest on contingencies and sundries.

3. The works undertaken were all of a useful character and near to the distressed villages; so that relief was offered in its most acceptable form.

4. It will be observed that the amount given in charity was comparatively small.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,*
*13th September* 1873.

No. 97. Order thereon, 13th September 1873, No. 980.

Miscellaneous.

The foregoing papers detail the expenditure incurred during the past year in relieving distress in the Ganjam and Vizagapatam Districts.

2. The pressure of the scarcity first began to make itself felt towards the close of November 1871, and in the following month the Government deputed a Member of the Board of Revenue, Mr. Thornhill, to aid the Collectors in organizing such measures of relief as the circumstances of the people might seem to require.

3. In the Ganjam District the prices of food-grains were high, but they never approached the rates ruling during the famine of 1866.

4. All pressure ceased to be felt in this district about the middle of 1872, and the distribution of pecuniary relief was discontinued in July, though the relief works were maintained in some cases up to the end of August.

5. Of a total sum of Rs. 77,892-3-1 available for the relief of distress, of which Rs. 1,700 were contributed by the Zemindars, only Rs. 54,021-5-8 were expended. Of this sum, Rs. 39,751-7-5 were spent in providing labour for those able to work, Rs. 12,096-8-0 in sinking wells and ponds to increase the water-supply for domestic purposes, Rs. 926-14-5 (in addition to considerable outlay by the Zemindars in their own estates) in providing subsistence for those unable to work, Rs. 424 in assisting certain weavers with advances, Rs. 28 in advances for re-building houses destroyed by fire, Rs. 69 in medical relief (being the passage-money of the Apothecary specially appointed to the duty), and Rs. 725-7-10 on establishment and contingencies.

6. In the Vizagapatam District no outlay appears to have been incurred for subsistence, but the relief works were continued up to the end of October. Of a total sanctioned amount of Rs. 87,200, the sum of Rs. 78,249-10-3 was expended, but of this Rs. 2,702-15-0 were recovered (Rs. 2,496 being advances to salt-ryots and Rs. 206-15-0 repaid by the proprietors for sinking wells in their estates).

7. Of the total expenditure, Rs. 59,973-0-8 were spent on roads, Rs. 14,100-14-8 on irrigation-works, and Rs. 1,472-11-11 in sinking wells and ponds to supplement the water-supply for domestic purposes.

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

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Read 4th

No. 1451

Vizagapatam District
Camp Caleandah.
22nd November 1872.

Read the following paper.

From,

R. J. Melville Esquire,
Ag. Collector.

To

The Honorable W. Hudleston
Offg. Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

Referring to G. O. dated 20th August 1872, No. 1231, I have the honor to forward herewith an Abstract Statement of Expenditure on Relief Works in this District up to 31st March, and subsequently to the end of October last, after which date all works were finally stopped.

2 It will be observed that the amount allotted was Rs. 87,200, of which Rs. 78,249-10-3 were spent. The Recoveries amount to Rs. 2702-15-0 the details of which are shown in the remark column of this statement under reference.

3 The G. O. having been received on 5th September the works could not be discontinued earlier as the necessary orders to Range Officers had to be issued through the Superintending Engineer.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servt.

Offg. Collector

G.O 20 aug/72 N°172-3

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Revenue Department.

N°. 3823.

From

The Collector of

Vizagapatam.

To The Chief Secretary to

Government.

Fort St. George.

Dated 22nd Nov.

Rec'd 3rd Dec. 1872

Rec'd on 27 May 73 E-1-

N°107 N°. 1451

With reference to G.O.

dated 20th August 1872 N°1231,

forwarding an Abstract State-

ment of Expenditure on Relief

Works in this District up to 31st

March & subsequently to the

end of October last.

Vide G.O. 13 Sept. 73

N°. 980

Rs 95-97

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## Irrigation Works including wells and Tanks.

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | For Cleaning and deepening wells in the Sub division | 500 | Out of Rs 10000 sanctioned in GO 20th Decr 1872 No 2141 | Do | 430 12 | 430 12 | | | | |
| 2 | For Sinking wells in the Sarvasidhi Taluq | 15 | | Do | 34 29 | 34 29 | | | | |
| 3 | Do in Golugondah | 14 5 3 | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | For Clearing a well in do | 5 10 9 | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | For Sinking and repairing a well in Maddelapalem Estate | 35 | | Do | 35 | 35 | | | | |
| 6 | For Sinking wells in the Sub division | 1000 | | Do | 650 7 | 650 7 | 206 15 | | This sum was recovered from certain Ryots in whose lands wells were sunk. | |
| 7 | For Clearing the drinking water tank near the salt platform at Balaekeruvu | 500 | | Do | 431 5 | 68 11 | 500 | | | |
| 8 | For Sinking a well in Sivajipalem | 10 | | Do | 10 | 10 | | | | |
| 9 | Do two wells in the Chipurupilli division | 20 | | Do | 20 | 20 | | | | |
| 10 | Irrigation repairs in the Sub division | 15000 | GO 8th March 1872 No 416 | | 14100 148 | 14100 148 | | | | |
| | Total | 17100 | | | 500 7 9 | 15280 10 | 15780 9 7 | 206 15 | | |

## Salt Works.

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Relief works Salt Department | 2500 | GO 20th Decr 1872 No 2141 | | 2496 | 2496 | 2496 | | Recovered from Salt Ryots to whom the same had been advanced to enable them to proceed with their manufacture | |
| | Grand Total | 87200 | | | 12210 8 8 | 66039 | 17824 9 10 3 | 2702 15 | | |

22nd November 1872.

Ag. Collector

# Abstract Statement shewing the Expenditure on Relief Works in the District of Vizagapatam.

| Name of Work. | Grant | Sanction date | Expenditure upto 31st March 1872. | Expenditure subsequent to the 31st March 1872 upto the end of October 1872 | Total of Columns 4 & 5. | Recoveries | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| **Roads.** | | | | | | | |
| 1. Ipmuk road to from Chicacole to Chittivalsah | 2500 " " | G.O. 6th Feb. 1872 No 245 | 1210 5 11 | 3294 1 10 | 4504 7 9. | " " " | |
| | 6000 " " | G.O. 15th April 1872 No 631. | | | | | |
| 2 Road from Chittivalsah to Ankapilly | 2500 " " | G.O. 6th Feb. 1872 No 245. | 5302 13 6 | 2219 6 17 | 2749 8 15 1 | " " " | |
| 3 Do from Ankapilly Southwards | 3000 " " | G.O. 17th Feb. 1872 No 310 | | | | | |
| 4 Road repair between Ankapilly and Juni | 2000 " " | G.O. 27th March 1872 No — and 13th March 1872 No 477 | | | | | |
| 5. Ipmuk road between Juni and Chittivalsah | 5000 " " | G.O. 13th June 1872 No 943. | | | | | |
| 6 Entire length of Ipmuk road | 15000 " " | G.O. 8th April 1872 No 631. | | | | | |
| 7. Road from Vizianagram to Chipurupilly | 2000 " " | G.O. 18th April 1872 No 310 (13) | 717 12 10 | 1286 " 9 | 2003 13 7 | " " " | |
| 8 Do from do to Bimlipatam | 1500 " " | G.O. do do do | 138 " 6 | 1375 11 7 | 1513 12 1 | " " " | |
| 9 Do from Narsipatam to Thallaperu | 1000 " " | | 598 26 | 401 13 6 | 1000 " " | " " " | |
| 10 Do from do to Polaveram | 1000 " " | Do do do | 822 3 11 | 177 4 2 | 999 8 1 | " " " | |
| 11 Do from Chodaveram to Pudmiadaka | 2000 " " | Do do do | 1798 8 6 | " " " | 1798 8 6 | " " " | |
| 12 Do from Vizianagram Fort to join the Vizianagram and Chittivalsah High Road | 2600 " " | Of the Rupees 10,000 sanctioned G.O. 20th Dec 1871 No 2141 | " " " | 2594 10 5 | 2594 10 5 | " " " | |
| 13. Do from Ramabhadrapuram to Bobbili | 1000 " " | G.O. 7th Feb. 1872 No 310. | 733 12 9 | 1763 11 " | 2497 7 9 | " " " | |
| | 1500 " " | G.O. 8th April 1872 No 631. | | | | | |
| 14 Do from Salur to foot of Jurneé Ghaut | 5000 " " | G.O. 28th Feb. 1872 No 351. | 388 4 6 | 6746 4 6 | 7134 9 " | " " " | |
| | 5000 " " | G.O. 8th March 72 No 416. | | | | | |
| 15. Do from Vizianagram to Konadah. | 10,000 " " | G.O. 4th March 72 No 381. | " " " | 8427 4 5 | 8427 4 5 | " " " | |
| Total. | 67600 " " | | 11710 " 11 | 48262 15 9 | 59973 " 8 | " " " | |

1872

Department

Enclosure No 1

From

The Collector of Vizagapatam

To

The Chief Secretary

to Government

Fort St George

Dated 22nd November 1872

Received.

Abstract Statement shewing the Expenditure on Relief works in the District of Vizagapatam.

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Revenue Department

No. 3823 of 1872 + 2628.

Coll. of Vizagapatam, + Pro. Bd of Revenue

Report on Famine Relief Expenditure in Ganjam + Vizagapatam Dts up to discontinuance of such expenditure } 22 Nov. 72 No 1451 + 18 Aug. 73, No 1598

No. 980. 13 Sept. 73.

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20 DOR Dept } Disp-wg.
5 Asst Govt }

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Report from Board of Revenue
on Famine Relief Expenditure
in Ganjam & Vizag: Dts