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Revenue. DEPARTMENT

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No. 133. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 19th November 1874, No. 1,450 :—

Read the following letters :—

From J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 14th November 1874, No. 588 :—

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 30th ultimo, I have the honor to report that, owing to the heavy rain-fall at Merkanam from the 21st to the 25th October last, the embankment of the new brine supply-channel has been damaged to some extent, and that the embankment between the Tembakum bridges, as well as the approach to the northernmost of them have been washed away.

2. The villages of Kalliput and Vadavambalam in Villapuram Taluk suffered seriously owing to inundation by the Malattar and Pooniar rivers on the 25th ultimo.

Tindivanam Taluk.

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| 1. Sevalampady. | 6. Eryanur. |
| 2. Ammeri. | 7. Sarum. |
| 3. Sennalur. | 8. Manur. |
| 4. Nallamur. | 9. Naduvanthai. |
| 5. Sekkampettai. | 10. Olakkur. |

Villapuram Taluk.

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| 1. V. Salai. | 7. Karai. |
| 2. Mangathur. | 8. Rampakam. |
| 3. Peria Thachur. | 9. Ethiranaikuppam. |
| 4. Senthannur. | 10. Sirupalai. |
| 5. Pedagane. | 11. Sokkamput. |
| 6. Kongamput. | |

In the latter village only one house has been left standing. There has also been a considerable loss of crop which was almost ready for harvest. Pending the result of an azimaish now in progress in these villages further collection of kists is suspended.

3. Ten Government tanks in Tindivanam Taluk and eleven in Villapuram Taluk in the villages mentioned are reported to have breached.

4. The District Engineer has been requested to cause the needful repairs to the tanks to be undertaken at once.

5. Copies of reports and translations of two statements showing the damages done to the tanks and channels received from the Head Assistant and Salt Deputy-Collectors are enclosed.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.
From C. KOUGH, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, South Arcot, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, dated Tindivanam, 30th October 1874, No. 477.

I REGRET to have to report great loss of property in the villages of Kalliput and Vadavambalam in Villapuram Taluk, owing to inundation by the Malattar and Pooniar rivers on Sunday last, the 25th instant. In the latter village only one house has been left standing, and the people were obliged to take refuge in Panchamadevi, whither they escaped on chatty-rafts.

2. Besides other personal and house-property, there is, of course, a large loss of crop, which was almost ready for harvest. It will be impossible to estimate the exact extent until the floods abate; and I have directed a careful azimaish to be made as soon as practicable, the result of which I shall communicate, if necessary, with a view to special remission. Meanwhile, I have ordered the suspension of further collections in these two villages, of which course I hope you will approve. I have also addressed the District Engineer direct on the subject of temporary relief if such can be rendered.

3. The Tahsildar reports that other villages have been similarly devastated, but no detail information has as yet been received concerning them.

(True copy.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Collector.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th November 1874.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Deputy-Collector of South Arcot, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, dated Cuddalore, 30th October 1874, No. 197.

I have the honor to forward the enclosed report received this day from the Salt Superintendent of Merkanum, from which it appears that the rain-fall at that station, from the 21st to the 24th instant, was 2.375 inches, and on the 25th instant till noon 3.8 inches, making a total of 6.175 inches; that the backwater rose $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet in the pans and $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet above the road opposite to the Umaram and Pulyankal platforms; that several large pieces of the northern side of the embankment of the Merkanum brine supply-channel have slipped; that the embankment between the two bridges of Tembukum and the northern approach to one of them (the wooden) have completely washed away; and that no damage has been done to the salt or to any of the pans but the new one of Bagavati.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Collector.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 3 and 4.—Translations of two Statements showing damages done to tanks and channels.

From J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 12th November 1874, No. 589.

In my letter, No. 588, dated 11th instant, I have the honor to report that, from a demi-official letter received yesterday from the Head Assistant Collector, Mr. Kough, (copy enclosed), it seems clear that the provisions of Act I. of 1858 should be at once put in force in the Kalliput village, and the local ryots compelled to work on repairs to channels and bunds damaged by the recent heavy floods in the Malattar and Pooniar rivers on the 25th ultimo, as the nunjah cultivation is at stake owing to the bund around the village, built some thirty years ago to keep out the Pooniar, having been seriously breached, and if a fresh flood comes down the river the crops will most probably be entirely destroyed.

2. To prevent any further damages or loss of revenue, I have taken on myself the responsibility of advancing from the Villapuram treasury Rs. 2,000 to Mr. Kough, under Section 4 of Act I. of 1858, to pay the coolies employed on the most emergent repairs, as suggested by him, in anticipation of the approval of the Board, and request that they will obtain the necessary sanction of Government.

3. The Board will observe from Mr. Kough's letter that there is no chance of the Department Public Works being able to help the Revenue Department in time, and I have, therefore, authorised that officer to bring the above Act in force at once. As far as reports have been received, there are ten Government tanks in the Tindivanam and eleven in the Villapuram Taluq which have breached, and in all these cases whenever a Department Public Works officer is not available on the spot to carry out the repairs, I proposed to request Mr. Kough to have the Act put in force, and the necessary repairs carried out forthwith, as a large amount of revenue is at stake.

4. I trust my action will receive the support of the Board, and that early sanction will be accorded for the advance.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th November 1874.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From C. J. KOUGH, Esq., Head Assistant Collector, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, dated Panchamadevi, 11th November 1874.

From what I have hitherto seen I think a great deal can be done and *acced* by putting Act I. of 1858 in force, and making the local ryots work on repairs to channels and bunds which will help them both for present supply and as a safe guard in the contingency of floods hereafter. *Imprimis*, there is the bund I spoke of round Kalliput which was built some thirty years ago to keep out the Pooniar; it is all breached, and if fresh floods come they must pass through it over the nunjah cultivation which is now at stake. What I propose is, that if you can give me 1,500 or 2,000 Rupees to expend on cooly to work the Act, and get this and minor channels repaired. I saw Wiffen this morning; his hands are full, and there is no chance of the Public Works Department being able to help us in time. I'll get the works I want done as you will let me have a couple of Maistries on 10 Rupees, say, for two months. I'll make all payments through the Tahsildar and Revenue Inspectors, and the Maistries shall simply have to see the day's "tale of bricks" rendered. Mind, I don't say Rupees 2,000 will cover all I want, but I would like this at present. From what I hear and have seen, I think I could spend Rupees 16,000 and not lose Government anything by the investment. Please let me know by return if I can go on. I am going to see the Malattar head. In my opinion (and Wiffen concurs), the proper scheme there is a masonry head-sluice with regulating flood-gate; the people ask for a side bund all down the channel; this is absurd, would always be going and would cost a lot. Something permanent must be done there.

2. It is no use trying to meet present contingencies from local or available funds. Government must put their hand in their pocket, and give liberally, as the case is an exceptional one which no Local Budget could prepare to provide for.

3. I am sure the money spent as I suggest will be a gain in the long run, saving of cultivation.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 30th October 1874, No. 3,141.

2. The Board have received this account of extensive damage done by the late rains in the taluqs of Tindivanam and Villapuram with much regret.

3. The Collector's action in enforcing labor under Act I. of 1858, to save the village of Kalliput from further damage, is approved, and the Board resolve to request Government to sanction the advance of Rupees 2,000 which Mr. Garstin has made from the treasury.

4. With regard to paragraph 3 of Mr. Garstin's second letter, the Board observe that some discretion must be exercised in applying Act I. of 1858 to the cases of breached tanks. The Act relates to imminent danger of breaches, or stopping inundations. The Revenue Department have the power to effect repairs emergently required without impressing labor.

No. 134.

ORDER THEREON, 24th November 1874, No. 1,450.

Miscellaneous.

The advance made by the Collector is sanctioned. Mr. Kough will, of course, work in communication with the District Engineer.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th November 1874.*

2. The Act appears to admit of all that is proposed, but recourse to it should only be in case of absolute necessity and on failure of voluntary labour or pay.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

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Cuddalore

30th October 1874.

N^o. 197

From The Deputy Collector
South Arcot.

To J. W. Garstin Esq^r
Collector of South Arcot.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward
the enclosed report received this day
from the Salt Superintendent of
Merkanum from which it appears
that the rain fall at that Station
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rose 4 1/2 feet in the pans and 1 1/4
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* N^o. 202 of
the 27th to be
returned.

Govt. of 1874

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Secy, Secy, Secy

Dated November 24th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 24th November 1874, No. 1,450.

NOVEMBER

Nos. 133-134.

Drawn by late rains in Tuticam and other
parts of South Arcot. - Sanctioning the
advance of Rspees 2,000 made by the Collector
for repairing the - and observing that Act I of
1868 should only be had recourse to on failure of
voluntary labour for pay.



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two bridges of Temba Kum and
the northern approach to one of
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has been done to the Salt or to any
of the platforms but the new one
of Bagavati.

I have seen

(Sig.) W. Freer.

Dy. Collector.

(True Copy)

(Sig.) J. H. Garstin
Collector.

(True Copy)

Done
Secretary.

C. H. M. H. H.

C. P. M. H. H. H.

Lindernanum

30th October 1874

No 477

From

C. Haugh Esquire.

A. H. A. A. Collector

South Arcot.

To

J. H. Garstin Esquire

Collector of
South Arcot.

Sir

I regret to have to report great loss of property in the villages of Halliput and Vadavambalam, in Villapuram Taluk owing to inundation by the Malattar and Ponnai rivers on Sunday last the 25th Instant. In the latter Village only one house has been left standing and the people were obliged to take refuge in Panchamadeni whither they escaped on chatty rafts.

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Enclosure in Pro-

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Revenue to the Secretary to
Government (Revenue)
Department dated 19th
November 1874.

Recd: 3rd 1874

24th 1874

Copy of letter from
Mr. J. H. A. A. Collector
South Arcot dated

30th October 1874 No 197.

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I have &c
(Signed) C. Hough
A. & H. A. H. Collector

(True Copy)
(Signed) J. H. Garstin
Collector

(True Copy)

Proce
Secretary

B. H. Hough

Col. P. H. Hough

South Arcot

No. 588.

From

J. H. Garstin Esquire

Collector of South Arcot

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J. Grose Esquire

Secretary to the

Board of Revenue
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to the Board's Proceedings dated 30th Ultimo, I have the honor to report that owing to the heavy rain-fall at Metchiam from the 21st to the 25th October last, the embankment of the new brine supply channel has been damaged to some extent and that the embankment between the Tombakur bridges as well as the approach to the northernmost of them have been washed away.

The Villages of Halliput and Vadamambalam in Velupuram Taluk suffered seriously owing to inundation by the Melattar and Ponnias rivers on the 25th Ultimo. In

the

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of the Board of Revenue
to the Secretary to Govern-
ment Revenue Depart-
ment dated 19th November
1874

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of South Arcot dated

30th October 1874 No. 588

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-vanam and 11

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Lendiwanam Lahug

1. Swalampady.

2. Ammeri.

3. Sennalur.

4. Kallamur.

5. Sikkampettai

6. Enyanur

7. Sarnam

8. Manar

9. Aduravanthai

10. Olakkur

Velupuram Lahug

1. V. Salai

2. Mangathur

3. Pehia Thachur

4. Senthampur

5. Pedapane

6. Hongampud.

7. Karai

8. Kampakum

9. Ettirangihuppam

10. Sirupalai

11. Sikkampud

4. The District Engineer has been requested to cause the needful repairs to the banks to be undertaken at once.

5. Copies of reports and translations

of two statements

showing the damage

done to the banks and channels received

* Head Apts Collector, Muz dated 30 October 1874
Salt Dy Collector Muz dated 30 October 1874

from the Head Assistant and Salt Deputy Collector are enclosed.

I have

Muz J. H. Ganesan
Collector.

True Copy

G. S. S. S. S.

C. S. S. S. S.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 19th November 1874.

Read & then from the Collector of South Arcot dated 11th & 12th November 1874 Nos 588 and 589 respectively reporting the damage caused by heavy rainfall from 11th to 25th ultimo, to salt works at Merkanam and to tanks &c in the Taluqs of Villapuram and Tindivanam.

Submitted for the information of Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings 30th October 1874 No 3141.

The Board have received this account of extensive damage done by the late rains in the Taluqs of Tindivanam and Villapuram with much regret.

The Collector's action in enforcing labour under Act 1 of 1858 to save the village of Kalliput from further damage is approved and the Board resolve to request Government to sanction the advance of Rs 2000 which

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Enclosure in Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 19th November 1874. To the Secretary to Government (Revenue) Department.

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Copy of Collector's letter dated 11th November

1874, No 588, regarding the

proposed canal by heavy

rain to Salt Works at

Merkanam and to tanks &c

in the Taluqs of Villapuram

and Tindivanam.

Mr. Garstin has made for the Treasury!

With regard to para 3 of Mr. Garstin's second letter the Board observe that some discretion must be exercised in applying Act 1 of 1858 to the cases of breached tanks. The Act relates to imminent danger of breaches or overflowing inundations. The Revenue Department have the power to effect repairs emergently required without impressing labour.

True Extract

H. Groves

Secretary

The Acting Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
with copies of collectors letters and enclosures
with 2 original statements to be returned

L. H. H. H.

M. H. H. H.

My Dear Garstin

From what I have, hitherto
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keep out the Panniar - it is all
breached and if fresh floods come
they must pass through it over
the mungab cultivation which
is now at stake - what I propose

The above is true. I
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Kerol will of course vote
in communion with the
the 8. 3. 3.
I think the best course
is that in his hands. But
we can't think he has
only in emergency. I am
of the opinion that for long
the State has been a
wonder. It will be with
the Union. 100. 20. 10.

What if you can give me Rs 1500 or
2000 Rupees depend on ~~the~~ ^{the} work
to be done and get this and minor
channels repaired. I saw Wiffen
this morning - his hands are full
and there is no chance of the Public
Works Department being able to
help us in time. I'll get the works
I want done if you will let me have
a couple of Maistries or 10 Rupees
say for 2 months. I'll make all
payments through the Tahsildar
and Revenue Inspectors and the
Maistries shall simply have to
see the day's "tale of bricks" ren-
dered. Mind I don't say Rs 2000
will cover all I want but I'd
like this at present. From what
I hear and have seen I think I
could

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I don't spend Rs 1000 or more in
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In my opinion (and Wiffen ~~is~~)
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head sluice with regulating flood
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It is no use trying to meet
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prepare to provide for

I am sure the money spent as
I suggest will be a gain in the
long run in saving of cultivation

Yours sincerely
(Sgd) Charles Kough

(True copy)

(Sgd) J H Garstin
Collector

(True copy)

Wm
Secretary,
Board of Revenue

Wm
C. H. E.

Collector's Office,
Suddalore,
12 - November 1874.

From,
J. H. Garstin Esq^r,
Collector of South Arcot

To, J. Grace Esq^r,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir,
In continuation of my letter No. 588
dated 11th Instant, I have the honor to report
that from a Demi-official letter received
yesterday from the Head Assistant Collector
Mr. Hough (copy enclosed) it seems
clear that the provisions of Act I of 1858
should be at once put in force in the
Thallipett Village and the local ryots
compelled to work on repairs to channels
and lands damaged by the recent heavy
floods in the Malabar and Penniar
rivers

Enclosure in Proce-
-dure of the Board
of Revenue & the
Secretary & Joint
R.O. dated 19th 18
November 1874.

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Copy of D. Official from
the H^o of the Board
of Revenue, suggesting
that Act 1 of 1858 should
be put in force in the
Village of Thallipett.

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early sanction shall be accorded
the advances

I have &c

(Signed) J. Th. Garstin

Collector.

(True Copy)

Grice
Secretary

W. H. W. H. W. H.
C. H. W. H. W. H.

Enclosures in Board-
-ings of the Board of
-turning to the Secretary
to Government, R.D.

dated 19th November 1874.

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Copy of letter from the

Collector of South Arcot, D.

12th Nov 74. No 89 forward-

-ing in continuation of letter

.. No 88 Copy of Revenue Official

letter from the Secy. to

Collyer recommending that

Act I of 1858 should be

put in force at once in the

villages of Sulliput & the

local ryots compelled to

work on repairs to them

-nels & bunds damaged

by the recent heavy floods

in Malabar & Panniar

rivers on the 25th ultimo.

Instructing further in-
formation regarding the
damage done by Lake raised
in certain Taluqs in South
Arcot Dist. Secy.

Read the following
Proc. of the Bd of Rev.

A.R. 19 Nov 74

The advance
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- 14. To the Board of Prisoners
- 6. The Accountant General
- 31. The Public Works Dept.
- 5. The Financial Dept.

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Regard of damage
done in certain
leaps in South
at Dist.