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No. 174. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th November 1874, No. 3,321 :—

Read the following letter from W. D. HORSLEY, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Royachoti, 11th November 1874, No. 252 :—

ENCLOSED is a copy of a letter (received November 6th) from the Vice-President of the Cuddapah Municipality.

2. The rain of the 23rd, 24th and 25th of last month caused damage to the property in the town, valued at from Rupees 3,000 to Rupees 4,000. For such people as require relief, subscriptions are being collected.

3. The distress I think can only be temporary, as, since Sunday the 25th, the weather has been fine, and the rivers everywhere have subsided very much.

4. I have no doubt that had not the wing wall of the Anicut across the Booga river been removed, the destruction of property in the town would have been very great.

Enclosure No. 1.

From M. IYASAWMY PILLAY, Vice-President, Municipal Commission, to W. D. HORSLEY, Esq., Collector and Magistrate, Cuddapah, dated 29th October 1874, No. 121.

I HAVE the honor to submit the following brief report as to the damages, etc., caused to the town by the late rains.

2. On Friday the 23rd instant, about at noon, the regular North-east monsoon had set in, and rain fell heavily all Saturday and Sunday without intermission, accompanied with thunder and lightning. The rain appeared to be general all over the country, and poured in torrents.

3. The Booga river, which had become perfectly swollen, rose suddenly in a most alarming way on the forenoon of Sunday the 25th, and by 9 p. m. the freshes rose to such a height that the water found its way to the gate of Mr. Sharp's house, on the south side, while the cantonment road was 3½ feet under water from the Police Station house to the Tahsildar's Cutcherry. The banks of the river already cut up, and otherwise damaged by the previous rains, breached in several places, and inundated the town: the houses situated in the close proximity of the river, of course, suffering mostly. The whole of Gontha bazar, Saycepet, Alamaspet, and a portion of Mochumpet and Nackash were under water.

4. The night was pitch dark, and the rain was incessant, though not heavy. The people were panic struck, some left their houses, and began to run hither and thither in search of shelter. At this most critical time, I caused the masonry wing wall of the Anicut near the Jail to be broken, and sent off people to cut Kockilgoondam Channel (the supply channel to Dongulcheruvu) near the hills. I also wrote to the Town Police Inspector to instruct his Constables to persuade the people living in huts and mud houses near the river side to seek quarters elsewhere after securing their moveables.

5. The District Judge had, at my request, very kindly placed the Court-house at my disposal for the use of the public on Sunday night. The Deputy-Collector had also responded to my wishes and gave up the Collector's and his Assistant's Cutcheries for sheltering the public. Lights were provided, and the Municipal servants afforded all the assistance in their power.

6. I kept a person at the Bellammandee bridge to watch the rise in the river, and report to me, from time to time, the result of his observations, and I also sent all the servants of the Municipality into the town to afford relief and assistance to the sufferers. I myself was out the whole night and came home about 4 in the morning when all danger was over.

7. Most of the people in the town believe that the breaking of the wing wall of the Anicut near Jail has saved the town, and this I fully believe.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th December 1874.*

3. The rains and flood caused great damage to house property, nearly 300 huts and about 100 midday houses have been washed off or come down. I visited several parts of the town next morning, especially those parts which were most seriously affected, and afforded temporary pecuniary relief to about fifty families, who were very poor, and in great distress from my own pocket. The loss of house and other property by the rain is estimated to amount to three or four thousand rupees.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. D. HOESLEY,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Board presume the Collector will himself visit those parts of the district which have suffered most, viz., the river valleys of the Pennair, Papagny and Cheyair, and report on the damage done to crops, etc.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 175. ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1874; No. 1,559.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

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Yours sincerely
Vice President

(True copy)

(Signed) W. D. Horsley
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(True copy)

J. Grose
Secretary

[Signature]

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 18th November 1884

Read the following
No. 252.

From W. D. Howley Esq^r
Collector of Cuddalore

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

Sir,

Enclosed is a copy of a letter
(received November 6th) from the
President of the Cuddalore Municipality.

The prices of the 25th and
25th of last month caused damage
to the property of the town valued
at from Rs 3000 to Rs 5000.
For such people as require relief
subscriptions

Enclosed in this copy
of the Board of Revenue
to the Collector of Cuddalore
Dated 18th November 1884

From 4028/74
Dtd. 27/11/84
In B. N. 1/74

Copy of the Vice President
letter to the Collector of
Cuddalore dated 29th
October 1884 on the damage
done to the town of Cuddalore
- sent by the Revenue

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Craddapah
Collector's office
on *Craddapah*
Bojactah
10 November 1854

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Submitted for the information
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(True copy & Extract)

J. G. Ingle
Secretary

To The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department
with copy of Enclosures

[Signature]
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