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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 rains 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 20th 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 Goontha 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 Kookulgoondum 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 Cutcherries 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.

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. HORSLEY,
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.

Ex'd. C. A. Turton.

No. 121 Cuddalore 23rd October 1874

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From,

M. Ignacimuthu Pillay
Vice President Municipal Commission
Cuddalore

To,

W. D. Horsley Esquire
Collector and Magistrate
Cuddalore

Sir,

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GOVT. OF TAMIL NADU
REVENUE
Cuddalore Records

Proceedings of Collector of Cuddalore
Rc. No. 1373/74 Dated 23.10.1874
Subject: Revenue - Damage caused to the Paper Mills, Tannery and Collectorate premises by the heavy rains - Report - Submitted
Ref: Nil
Encl: Nil

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Nos. 171-175

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of the Government Records especially those
part which were most exposed to
and affected by the Jury in Jan. last
by the Water Marks about 20 Jnches
from the Floors, and no great distress from misty
proofs. The Loss of Houses and other Jm-
provements estimated by Jurors
to Three or four Hundred Dollars.

(Sd.) H. Swanzy
Vice Provincial

Pursuance of
(Signed) Jno. D. Hawley
Col. Ch.

Pursuance of

J. Brooke
Secretary

Enclosure in Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue
to Mr Secretary to Govt
Revenue Depart. dated 12th
November 1874

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Pty. 914 Dec 1/74
In B. of 1/74

Copy of the Vice President's
letter to the Collector of
Cuddapah dated 29th
October 1874 on the damage
done to the Town of Cudda-
-pah by the recent rains

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3. And Andrew Stuart executor
to Lewis Morris esq. dies Thursday the 25th
the same letter from Lewis Morris and
Andrew Stuart executors to
Lewis Morris

4. Peter Van Brugh Livingston
and Philip Livingston
executors to the Will of Philip Livingston
late of the City of New York merchant
deceased

Pursuant to
Chancellor Livingston
his Commission
Proceeded
the 5th January 1856

Peter Van Brugh Livingston
Philip Livingston
Executors

Lewis Morris esq. Chancellor of the State of New York
to Peter Van Brugh Livingston and Philip Livingston
executors of the Will of Philip Livingston late of the City of New York merchant deceased

Know ye that We reposing especial trust and confidence in your fidelity prudence and circumspection have assigned you executors of the Will of Philip Livingston late of the City of New York merchant deceased and by these Presents do assign you executors of the Will of the said Philip Livingston deceased according to the Tenor and effect of the said Will and of the Powers and Authorities therein contained and to the Laws and Statutes of this Province in such case made and provided and We do hereby require you to cause the said Will to be proved before the Surrogate of the City and County of New York and to return into the Secretary's Office of this Province a true Copy thereof duly exemplified under the Seal of the Surrogate's Office aforesaid

Witness Our Trusty and Well beloved John Thomas Esq. Surrogate of the City and County of New York at the City of New York the fifth day of January in the Year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six

J. Incl.
Secretary

Peter Van Brugh Livingston
Philip Livingston
Executors