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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th April 1874.*

No. 125. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th April 1874, No. 806 :—

Read the following letter from J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 1st April 1874, No. 159 :—

THE Board, in their Proceedings of the 17th ultimo, remarked that it would be interesting to know how many men are employed on the railway works in this district. I accordingly wrote to the engineers in charge of the different divisions, and subjoin extracts from their replies.

2. Mr. Scott, in charge of the 5th Division, says: "The earth-work in the part of my district to which you refer is nearly all finished, and, till the laying of the permanent way, some months ahead I do not think that there will be any thing doing there. I have, at present, a petty contractor delivering ballast there, with about forty coolies. He would be glad to have thirty or forty more, but it would only be for a short time."

3. Mr. Irvine (6th and 7th Divisions) says, writing from Tindivanam: "Here, for some time past, my contractors have been employing about 1,000 labourers per diem on earth-work alone. I would gladly see them double the number; but, when called on to do so, they assure me they have great difficulty in procuring labour, and I quite believe it. When requiring a few coolies myself, I have the greatest difficulty in obtaining them, although I am offering 3 Annas per diem for a man! I do not expect to see the earth-work on this district (No. 6) finished for another six months, during which time there will be employment for large numbers of labourers. The earth-work on district No. 7 (Villapuram) was only commenced a few days ago."

4. Mr. Thompson (District No. 8, Punrootty) says: "There are, at present, about 1,200 coolies, including women, employed upon this district. I could not employ many more. The additional labour which I required is 'skilled labour.'"

5. Mr. Baggallay (District No. 9, Cuddalore) says: "The work is all being done by small contractors. I think the daily labour is about 300. I could increase this number to 600 during the next two months, after which I expect the number would have to fall again to 200 or 300, but so much depends on the arrival of material from England. If large quantities of rail, etc., come, we might be able to employ 500 coolies for some months. Should the line from here to Porto Novo be sanctioned, soon a large number could be employed on the bank, say 2,000."

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

No. 126. ORDER THEREON, 20th April 1874, No. 466.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

accordingly

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 9th April 1874, No. 80

Read the following:-

No. 159

From J. A. Garchis Esquire
Collector of
South Arcot

To J. Grew Esquire
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras.

Sir,

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ceedings of the 17th ultimo
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CASH. OF 1874

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE

Dated April 20th

Recd.

G. O. 20th April 1874, No. 453.

APRIL

No. 123-125.

Copies forwarded on Railway Works to
South Arcot District—Records Series No. 123-125
Records submitted Collector's letter reporting
the number of —

accordingly wrote to the
Engineers in charge of the
different Divisions and
subjoined extracts from
their replies.

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the 5th Division says -
"The earthwork in the
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He

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only be for a short time."

Mr. Irvine, 6th and 7th
Divisions says writing
from Tirdivanum -

"Here for sometime
past my Contractors have
been employing about
1000 labourers per diem
on earthwork alone. I
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double the number but
when called on to do so
they assure me they have
great difficulty in pro-
curing labour, and I
quite believe it. When
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a per diem for a man! I do
not expect to see the earth-
work on this District (No 6)
finished for another 6
months, during which
time there will be employ-
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of labourers. The earth
work on District No 7
at Villapuran was only com-
menced a few days ago."

Mr. Thompson (District No 8)
Punrothy says:-

"There are at present
about 1200 coolies (including
women) employed upon
this District. I could not
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I require is skilled labour."

Mr. Baggallay (District
No 9) Buddalore says:-

"The work is all being done
by small contractors. I
think the daily labour is
about 300. I could increase
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to 2 or 3 hundred, but so
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rival of material from
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Should the line from here
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South West } I have the
Collector's office } H. J. H. Garstin
Cuddalore } Collector
1st April 1874

Submitted for the
information of Govern-
ment.

(True copy & transit)

Grose
Secretary

To The Secretary to
Government Revenue
Department.

W. C. W. Locker
C. P. L. & R. H. H. H. H.

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Submitting to the
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the Board of Revenue

relying to the
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the letter from
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Proceeding inquiring
what number of articles
are employed in
the various works in
the various works in
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