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No. 48. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th June 1874, No. 1,563:—

Read the following letter from R. RICE, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of North Arcot, to W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, dated Chittoor, 19th May 1874, No. 421:—

In continuation of my letters, Nos. 390 and 397, dated 7th and 8th instant, respectively, I have the honor to submit a brief report on the effects of recent storm, so far as it affected my division. From the 2nd instant the sky was dull and overcast, and the weather close and sultry. On the evening of the 4th a slight drizzle set in, accompanied by a north-westerly wind, and appearances closely resembled those preceding the cyclone of 1872.

2. These appearances continued till the 5th when a very heavy fall of rain

	Date.	Inches.	Ounces.	Tenths.	
Vellore on...	4th	0	1	0	occurred, the extent of which is shown in the margin. You will perceive from this statement that the fall was heaviest in Vellore, when it exceeded that of 1872 by 4 inches
	5th	9	5	50	
Arcot	5th	8	0	0	
Gudlathem..	5th	8	8	0	
Kangund...	5th	6	7	0	

3. The Palar received heavy freshes, and in the evening of the 5th it is reported to have been full. The water in this river seems to have been diverted from some cause from its regular bed and to have flowed into the Nakkalu-kalvoy channel near Shembakam, carrying away part of the road immediately to the north of the bridge over this channel to the extent of $23 \times 13 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ yards. This portion seems to have been washed away also once before, and this would point to the necessity of providing some escape in case of future floods.

4. In Vellore Taluq seven tanks are reported to have reached. The supply to the Moorjurpet tank has been entirely lost owing to the breach. The Tahsildar says: "This tank being shallow and the supply great, it is necessary to widen and lengthen it to secure its safety." How far it would be possible to carry out the Tahsildar's suggestion I am unable to say; but a proposition to "widen and lengthen a tank" seems one that requires such cautious consideration.

5. Owing to the exertions of the monigar and ryots a temporary bund was constructed across the breach which occurred in the Thoothiput tank, and the supply was, to a certain extent, saved. The water, however, which escaped from this and the previously mentioned tank, as also that from the Pungalattan tank, caused considerable damage in the neighbouring fields which it overflowed and to houses in the villages.

6. The Arni road was also damaged to an extent of 608 yards, and the water entering the Nelvoy tank, which appears to have breached in 1872, washed away the calingulah to an extent of about 25 yards.

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7. The Pallikonda tank breached in two places specified in the margin, one near the eastern calingulah (20x12x3 the water escaping passed through the yards), and the other at the western end of villages of Pallikonda, Vettuvanum, and the tank, yards 30x14x4. Keelachoor, washing away in its course some of the standing crops. The monigars and ryots of these villages, apprehensive of future danger from the same source, propose that this tank should be abandoned, and the Tahsildar seems to approve of the proposal and to think that if the bed were given for cultivation no loss of revenue would result. This matter has been referred to the Public Works Department for their opinion.

8. The villagers seem to have cut the bund of the Sathunadaray tank which was full and in danger of breaching, but as all danger had passed the Tahsildar had the cut closed again on the 6th.

9. The Tahsildar further informs me that he had received reports that the Poothoor, Solavaram, and Periyankuppam tanks and the supplying channel of the Thorapady tank had breached, the latter in five places, and that some houses belonging to Lubbays in Allapuram were damaged. The walls of the cattle pound were also washed away.

10. In Arcot Taluq, the Sheristadar in charge reports that thirty-eight irrigation works were damaged, some of which he personally inspected. The range officer has been addressed in view to his paying early attention to them.

11. The Gudlathem Tahsildar reports that damage was caused to some fields and houses in the village of Puthur which was due to the flood in the Karukkaru which branches from the Palar at Polli, and joins it again after passing Anakanallur. To obviate similar danger in future, he suggests that "a bund should be constructed, at a cost of Rupees 1,000, on the north side of Karukkaru at its bend towards the north-east, and the elevated land which obstructs the free flow of water should be levelled." I am unable to give any opinion as to the practicability or advisability of carrying out this proposal, but the matters will be referred to the range officer for his opinion.

12. In Kangundy, the Deputy-Tahsildar reports that an Inspector of the Madras Railway brought to his notice that a certain tank near the 118th mile was in danger of breaching and damaging the line, and that he issued a notice to the Kangundy Zemindar, under Section 513, Civil Procedure Code, to take steps to prevent any danger arising from it, and it is believed that steps were taken in accordance with the notice and no damage ensued.

13. The Arni trunk road and the road to Trivattur are also reported to be damaged in several places, and I would suggest that the District Engineer be addressed in view to the damages being repaired as speedily as possible to prevent inconvenience to passengers and traffic.

14. In Vellore town which I hastily inspected myself considerable damage seems to have been sustained. The compounds of several houses seem to have been flooded and the walls carried away, and the bunds of the nullahs breached in several places. The nullah said to have been constructed in 1872 to carry off the surplus water from the Jail tank was silted up nearly level with the bund in some places, and the bund breached to an extent of 20 or 30 yards. Another

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14. The rear of Major Johnson's house also breached in two places, the water escaping by one and re-entering the nullah by the other.

15. These breaches occurred within the Municipal limits of Vellore and Major Johnson and myself came to the conclusion that to obviate any risk in future the bund of this nullah should be strengthened and revetted from the point of the first breach which is at a bend in the stream up to a bridge on the road which crosses it (the name of which I do not remember), and which would include the second breach. As regards the other or surplus nullah, it, I believe, belongs to Local Funds, and steps will be taken to repair and strengthen its bunds as much as possible.

16. Besides these mishaps, several houses were more or less damaged, and some of the houses in the Sepoy Lines fell in, in consequence of which some of the Sepoys were obliged to be lodged temporarily in one of the Mahals in the fort. A portion of the Protestant Cemetery wall also gave way. This, I am informed, has done so on one or two occasions before. So it would seem advisable that steps should be taken to "build it on a more solid foundation" in future.

17. I am happy to say that no lives are reported to have been lost and but few cattle, while the rain has been most opportune and beneficial to the prospects of the season.

No. 318.

SUBMITTED to the Board of Revenue for information.

18th June 1874.

Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

No. 49.

ORDER THEREON, 8th July 1874, No. 844.

Miscellaneous.

A copy of these Proceedings will be furnished to the Public Works Department, in order that orders may be issued for the repair of the public works injured by the late rains as soon as possible.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department,
the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 24th June 1874.

Read the following

No. 1421

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Acting Sub-Collector of

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To

W. S. Whiteside Esquire,

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Camp Chittoor }
19th May 1874 }

No. 318.
Submitted to the Board
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Camp Punganur }
16th July 1874 }

Submitted for the in-
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True Copy & Extract

J. Grose
Secretary

To The Secy to Government
Revenue Department
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Capt. M. M. M.

N^o 2132.

Revenue 1874 Report.

Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

And 24 June 1874.

Revenue 24 June

Revenue 25 June

Submitted to
Court report from the
of M. West on effect
of recent storm in
out division of his
district.

West order

N^o 844.

A copy of these Proceedings will

be furnished to the District in order that
order may be issued for the return of

the District, where required by the late
name as soon as possible

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