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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th July 1874.*

No. 54. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th June 1874, No. 1,586:—

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, 16th June 1874, No. 291:—

I HAVE just received the Board's Proceedings in manuscript of the 12th instant, communicating G. O. of the 8th instant, No. 704, Revenue Department, and as I was on the point of reporting to the Board the latest information in detail relative to the damage done to irrigation works along the valley of the Ponnai, I take the opportunity of replying at the same time, so far as I can, to the Proceedings above quoted.

2. The District Engineer has sent me in estimates for repairs to roads damaged by the late flood in the Ponnai, amounting to Rupees 15,326, and has shown me letters from the Range Officer in charge of No. 1 Range, reporting the damage done to the Ponnai river-channels. It appears that the flood rose to a height of 6½ feet above the crest of the Ponnai anicut near Trichalore and made a sweep round the northern end, destroying a great length of the embankment and the head sluice of the Pombay channel, and utterly obliterating that channel for a very considerable distance. The heads of the group of southern channels were saved from complete destruction by the activity of the Kottan in charge, but the river swept away the Mallattar embankment, and in its course down this usually dry river-bed it cut away the embankment of the Mallattar channel on the south side of the river for some distance, thus destroying that channel. It is considered by the District Engineer and Range Officer probable that if the Mallattar embankment had not gone and so relieved the rush of water down the Ponnai bed, the big Ponnai bridge close to Manjakuppam would have been destroyed. This is the only grain of comfort in this otherwise most lamentable series of disasters. The Allathur channel was so flooded that the bridge across it on No. 8 trunk road was destroyed, while 71 channel-heads were choked with sand for a considerable distance.

3. The rush of water down the Gaddilam river from the Mallattar was also extraordinary. A Department Public Works subordinate was standing on the northern wing-wall of the Trivadi anicut when the flood came down like a bore and rose, as he says, six feet in two minutes. The wing-walls were nearly topped. Had they been quite topped, the whole of the head works of the Palur channel would probably have been swept away. The southern wing-wall was completely turned.

4. The District Engineer, Mr. Sage, roughly estimates the damage done to irrigation works as follows:—

To the Ponnai anicut-channels	RS. 12,000
„ the Allathur channel	4,000
„ the Trivadi anicut	6,000
„ Seventy-one channels which will require repairing and clearing out	35,000
Total...	57,000

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to which if the damage done to roads be added, we have a total estimated loss of about 72,000 Rupees caused by this extraordinary flood.

5. As to the loss of cattle in Trinomallay, I have had no applications for relief or compensation, and think it very unadvisable to let any idea get abroad that Government have any intention of giving any until it can be carefully ascertained, as the Board suggest, what losses have really been incurred. I will have inquiries set on foot at once, and will report my opinion on receipt of accurate information in what form compensation, if any is necessary, should be given.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Board think a reward should be given to the Kottan or man in charge of the sluices, whose activity prevented so much mischief (paragraph 2). His pay is but small (the Board believe less than Rupees 10 a-month), and his duties require considerable promptitude and presence of mind at such a time as the Collector describes. The Board think six months' pay might be given.

3. The arrangements reported in paragraph 5 are approved.

No. 55.

ORDER THEREON, 8th July 1874, No. 847.

Miscellaneous

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor in Council approves and sanctions the proposal made by the Board in paragraph 2 of the foregoing Proceedings.

2. He awaits the result of the inquiry referred to in paragraph 5 of the Collector's letter.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 23rd June 1874.

Read the following—

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

C No. 2124

From Pro: Board of Revenue—
Dated 25th June 1874.

FOR ORDERS.

I would accept the order
been made then

MR
4/7.

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Yes: but I wd say we are
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was 5th of the collection
letter. MR 7/1

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MR. R. L. D. D. D. D.
MR 23/6

Govt. of 1874

REVENUE

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated July 8th

To

G.O. 314 July 1874 No. 317.

JULY

No. 5455.

Revenue Department, Madras.
The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been appointed to the various posts in the Revenue Department, Madras, for the year 1874-75.



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(True copy & Extract)

J. G. G.
Secretary.

To
The Secy. Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

By
J. H. Garstin

Negative Note—along
with of Russia sent in South
West District—Report of Mr.
on damage done to—by late
raids—submitted for information
of Government—Request of re-
ward of the Russian flag to Mother
in charge of dining—Pecuniary
and arrangements proposed;
by Mr. relative to grant of Pen-
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service of H. H. H. H. H.

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