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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Revenue. DEPARTMENT

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
[illegible] October 1875.

No. 10[illegible] Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th October 1875, No. 2,828:—

Read the following letter from [illegible] H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 6th October 1875, No. [illegible]91:—

I HAVE the honor to report, for the information of the Board, the existence of distress among the laboring classes in the western taluqs—Harpanhully and Huvinha[illegible]gally—in consequence of cultivation being almost at a standstill from the absence of rain.

2. In the latter part of August the Deputy Collector in charge of the Harpanhully Division brought the fact to notice, and I then addressed the District Engineer asking him to put in hand the road repair work, as far as possible, simultaneously over all the taluqs. He said he would do this, but that the grant allowed for the repairs was intended to be distributed in proper proportion throughout the year, and should not be exhausted at once. He suggested a special grant.

3. Just then, the early part of September, a slight fall of rain raised hopes that cultivation might be commenced again and so relieve the pressure. The fall, however, has in no way been sufficient, and so, on the further representation of the Deputy Collector, I submitted to the Local Fund Board a proposition to give a special grant of Rupees 3,000 for certain new road works recommended to be undertaken by the District Engineer, and they have sanctioned it.

4. The season for the south-west monsoon has passed, and, as far as those taluqs above mentioned are concerned, all that we have to trust to is the north-east monsoon rain expected at the latter end of this month. If that fails, I fear distress will continue through the next hot weather.

5. The fall of rain hitherto has been very scanty in the Bellary Taluq, Raidroog, and to the south of the district, but as yet no actual distress has been reported. The ryots of those taluqs are looking to the coming monsoon to fill their tanks, which are, many of them, empty.

6. The taluqs in the sub-division appear, most of them, to have received a sufficient supply as yet.

7. I beg to enclose copy of the correspondence which has passed between the Deputy Collector and myself on the subject.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From [illegible] H. MASTER, Esq., Collector and President of the Local Fund Boards, Bellary District, to the District Engineer, Bellary, dated 20th August 1875, No. 265.

DISTRESS has begun to be felt among the laboring classes in the western taluqs as, in consequence of the absence of rain, cultivation is at a standstill.

2. I have the honor, under these circumstances, as one means of alleviating the distress, to suggest that the repair of the roads should be put in hand, if possible, simultaneously and without delay in each of the taluqs comprising the Hospett Range, and that the works be proceeded with as far as the allotments will allow.

3. If [illegible], as it is hoped it will, next month [illegible] October [illegible] emergent [illegible] 61, [illegible] proceeded with, but it will be a great advantage if the [illegible] classes can be provid[illegible] till then.

4. I have the honor to request you will inform me whether you will be able to adopt the suggestions.

From V. VENKATACHELLUM PUNTULU, Deputy Collector, Harpanhully Division, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Harpanhully, 20th August 1875, No. 204.

I have the honor to bring to your notice that the rain fallen in Harphanhully in this month did not amount to one inch as yet [illegible] that the crop already sown is withering, while most of the black soil has not been sown for want of sufficient rain as will be seen from the extent of land cultivated up to the end of last month.

—	Area cultivated up to the End of July 1874.	Up to the End of July 1875.	Decrease.
	ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.
Harpanhully	65,180	35,471	29,709
Hudgally	82,979	29,759	53,220
Kudlighi	72,241	25,188	47,053

2. It is well known that the dry crop was not plenty in the last year on account of excessive rains, while the pits which contained grain of former years were damaged.

3. Of the population, there are several poor men and women who have no property but who subsist on their daily labor and the hire they get. As the cultivators have no cultivation work for want of rain, such poor persons have been suffering much for they have no means to get money.

4. The ryots suffered much loss this year by the death of their cattle.

5. Jonnalu are now sold at 22 seers a-rupee, while the rate in August of the last year was 41 seers. In the years 1865 and 1866 there was ample money in the country, as cotton was being sold then at 17 or 18 Rupees a-maund, while the present rate is less than 4 Rupees a-maund.

6. I, therefore, submit, for your consideration, the propriety of taking measures to construct roads so that all poor people might work and get hire for their subsistence.

7. The Police Inspector of this taluq having returned from his inspection work throughout the taluq, I requested him to report of what he has seen. I beg to enclose his report for your perusal.

8. I found in the newspapers that railway from Carwar to Bellary (264 miles) has been sanctioned. I submit that this is proper time for the commencement of the work as it will give work to several men.

From the same officer, dated Harpanhully, 23rd August 1875, No. 207.

I HAVE the honor to enclose, for your perusal, an arzi, dated 21st instant (received this day), from the Tahsildar of Harpanhully sending reports from the Village Munsifs of Woo[illegible], Ragimusalwadu, Nagalapuram, Vadanihully, Joladucutti, and Chigatari reporting that the laboring classes have been suffering for want of work as their is no cultivation work for want of rain.

2. I beg to report that a highway robbery was committed at four o'clock on the night of 20th instant while eight bandymen of this village were bringing rice from Mulnad. Four robbers attacked the bandymen in the road about seven miles to this village and wounded them with stones and took away their clothes, &c., valued Rupees 37-9-0. They did not take away the rice. The bandymen state that they did not resist as there were several other men at some distance to assist the robbers.

No. 10[illegible] [illegible]ER, Esq., [illegible] of Bellary, to V. VENKATACHELLUM PUNTULU, [illegible]uty Collector, Harpa[illegible] Division, dated 25th August 1875, No. 1,200.

IN reply to your letter, No. 204, dated the 20th instant, I have the honor to state that I have already on the 20th instant, addressed the District Engineer on the subject of setting work on all the roads in your division so as to give employment to the poorer classes.

On receipt of his reply, I will address you again.

2. I have heard nothing of the railway from Bellary to Carwar having been sanctioned.

If, however, you wish to recommend any particular work in any central place being taken in hand, I request you will let me know.

From the same officer, dated 10th September 1875, No. 1,323.

WITH reference to your letter, No. 207, dated the 23rd ultimo, and in continuation of my letter, No. 1,200, dated the 25th idem, I have the honor to forward copy of one received from the District Engineer, and with reference to it, and to the fall of rain which has subsequently taken place, to request to be informed whether you think any special measures of relief are still necessary. If so, what and where.

From V. VENCATACHELLUM PUNTULU, Deputy Collector, Harpanhully Division, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Harpanhully, 22nd September 1875, No. 236.

IN continuation of my letter of 14th instant, I beg to report that, there being no rains, the crops already sown have been withering.

2. I have authentic reports that several poor people are living on one meal per day. I have seen the Range Officer yesterday, who informed me that the work of bridges in Hudgally Taluq cannot be done at present as there is water in the river, and that he will commence road work for which he has not sufficient funds.

3. I beg to represent that there is urgent necessity to commence at once road works in all the western taluqs to relieve several poor men.

From the same officer, dated 23rd September 1875, No. 238.

I HAVE the honor to report that there has been rain in this village last night to the extent of eight ounces (two ounces less to one inch).

From the same officer, dated 27th September 1875, No. 244.

I HAVE the honor to enclose a copy of an arzi from the Tahsildar of Huvinhadgally, dated 25th instant, No. 333, reporting that the poor ryots of Magalum have been suffering for want of work.

Docket from the Collector of Bellary, to V. VENKATACHELLUM PUNTULU, Deputy Collector, Harpunhully Division, dated 29th September 1875, No. 1,440.

[*His No. 236, dated 22nd instant.*]

WITH reference to the above, has the honor to state that the District Engineer has this day been requested to spend Rupees 3,000 on the roads from Humpasagar to Huvinhadgally and from Kottoor to Ittigy towards Sovinhully in anticipation of the sanction of the Board of Revenue. These works will doubtless afford employment to many.

(Signed) J. H. MASTER,
Collector.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue D[illegible]
13th October 1875.

Docket from the same officer, dated 2nd October 1875, No. 1,[illegible]61.

[*His letter, No. 244, dated the 27th instant.*]

With reference to the enclosure received with the above the undersigned ha[illegible] the honor [illegible] observe that road work for the relief of the poor has already been ordered to be commenc[illegible] (*vide* this office docket, No. 1,4[illegible]0, dated [illegible]th ultimo).

(Signed) J. [illegible] MASTER,
Collector.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) J. H. MASTER,
Collector.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Board regret to learn that distress exists in the western taluqs of Bellary. In separate Proceedings they have sanctioned the allotment of Rupees 3,000 from local funds for certain road works proposed and commenced in anticipation of sanction. It is to be hoped that the distress will pass away with the approaching monsoon rains; but, if these fail, it will be much intensified, and a considerable outlay on relief works will be required.

3. The Collector should lose no time in preparing, in communication with the District Engineer, a scheme of works to be undertaken in the event of the distress continuing, so that everything may be in readiness to put them in hand as soon as the prospects of the season are known to be so bad that relief works must be opened. Early and liberal expenditure on works may avert the necessity for distributing charity, which should be avoided by every possible means.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 101. Order thereon, 13th October 1875, No. 1,496.

Miscellaneous.

The Board's instructions are approved, and the Collector is authorized, in communication with the District Engineer, to extend and maintain relief works so far as may be necessary to afford to the distressed laborers the means of earning wages. He should report his proceedings and submit an estimate of the funds immediately needed.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Collector of Bellary.
" the Public Works Department.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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Govt. of Madras.

REVENUE.

To
The BOARD of REVENUE,
&c. &c. &c.

Dated October, 13th.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 13th October 1875, No. 1,496.

OCTOBER.
Nos. 100-101.

Distress in the Western Talugs of the Bellary District. — Approving Board's instructions to avert —; authorizing the Collector to extend and maintain relief works so far as may be necessary to afford to the distressed laborers the means of earning wages; requesting him to report his proceedings and to submit an estimate of the funds immediately needed.

Bellary Collector's Office
20th August 1875.

No. 265

To
The District Engineer,
Bellary.

Sir

Distress has begun to be felt among the laboring classes in the western Talugs as in consequence of the absence of rain cultivation is at a stand still

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4. I have the honor to request you

will inform me whether you will be able to adopt these suggestions.

I have
(Sd) J. H. Master
Collector & President
L. F. Boards

No. 204.
Incl.

To
J. H. Master Esq.
Collector of Bellary

Sir

I have the honor to bring to your notice that the rain fallen in Harpenhully in this month did not amount to one inch as yet and that the Crop already sown is withering while most of the black soil has not been sown for want of sufficient rain as will be seen from the Extent of land cultivated up to the end of last month.

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Harpunhully Dn
Deputy Collector's Office
Harpunhully
20th August 1875

I have &c
(Sd) V. Vencatachellum Puntaloo
Deputy Collector

No: 207 Enc: 2.

Harpunhully Division
Deputy Collector's Office
Harpunhully
23rd August 1875.

To
J. H. Master Esqr.
Collector and Magistrate
of Bellary.

Sir

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I have &c
(Sd) V. Vencatachellam Puntulu
Depy Collector

No. 1200.

Bellary Collr's Office
25th August 1875

To
The Deputy Collector
Harpunhully Dn

Sir,

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(Sd) J. H. Master
Collector

No. 1323. Bellary Collr's Office
10th September 1875

To,
The Deputy Collector
Harpanhully Dn.

Sir,

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(Sd) J. H. Master
Collector

Harpanhully Dy Deputy Collr's
No. 236 Office Harpanhully 22nd Septr 75

To,
J. H. Master Esqre.
Collector of Bellary

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(Sd) V. Vencatachellum Puntulu
Deputy Collector
Harpunhully Dn Depy Collr's
No 238 Office, Harpunhully 23rd Septr/75

To
J. H. Master Esqre
Collector of Bellary

Sir,

I have the honor to report that there has been rain in this Village last night to the extent of 8 ounces (2 ounces less to one inch)

I have &c

(Sd) V. Vencatachellum Puntulu
Deputy Collector
No 244 En 1. Harpunhully Dn Depy Collr's Office
Harpunhully 27th September 1875

To,
J. H. Master Esqre
Collector of Bellary

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No 144

From,
The Collector & President
of Bellary

To,
The Deputy Collector
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Dated 29th September 1875

His No 236 dated 22nd Instant

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(Sd) J. H. Master
Collr & President

No 1461

From, The Collector of Bellary

To, The Deputy Collector
Harpunhully Dn

Dated 2d October 1875. His

J.H.'s letter No. 24 dated the 27th Instant

With reference to the enclosure received with the above, the undersigned has the honor to observe that that road work for the relief of the poor has already been ordered to be commenced Vide this Office docket No. 1440 dated 29th Ultimo.

(Sd.) J. H. Master
Collector

(True copies)

(Sd.) J. H. Master
Collector

(True copy)

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Acting Secretary

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Enclosure in Procd.
of the Board of Revenue to
the Secretary to Govt. R.D.
7/9th Octr. 75-

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Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue,
dated 9th October 1875. No. 2828

Read the following:—

No. 391

From
The Collector of Bellary

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue,

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2. In the latter part of August, the Deputy Collector in charge of the Harpanhally Division brought the fact to notice; and I then addressed the District Engineer, asking him to put in hand the road repair work, as far as possible simultaneously over all the taluqs. He said he would do this, but that the grant allowed for the repairs was intended to be distributed in proper proportion throughout the year, and should not be exhausted at once.

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He suggested a special grant.

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4. The Season for the South-west Monsoon has passed, and as far as those talugs above mentioned are concerned, all that we have to trust to is the North-East Monsoon rain expected at the latter end of this Month. If that fails, I fear distress will continue through the next hot weather.

5. The fall of rain hitherto has been very scanty in the Bellary Talug, Raidrug, and to the south of the District, but as yet no actual distress has been reported. The ryots of those talugs are looking to the coming monsoon to fill their tanks, which are many of them empty.

6. The Talugs in the Sub-division appear most of them to have received a sufficient supply as yet.

7. I beg to enclose copy of the correspondence which has passed between the Depy. Collector and myself on the subject.

I have, &c. &c.

Bellary Collector's Office
6 October 1875

(Sd) J. H. Master
Collector.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Board regret to learn that distress exists in the western talugs of Bellary. In separate proceedings, they have sanctioned the allotment of Rs 3,000 from local funds for certain road works proposed, and commenced in anticipation of sanction. It is to be hoped that the distress will pass away with the approaching Monsoon rains; but if these fail, it will be much intensified, and a considerable outlay on relief works will be required.

3. The Collector should lose no

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(True Copy & Extract)

H Ellis
Ag. Secretary

To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

with copy of correspondence

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 9 Octr. 1875.
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Submitting for the information of Govt. letter from the Collr. of Bellary, reporting the existence of distress in the Western Taluqs of the District.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 395

From Board of Rev dated 9 October 1875.

FOR ORDERS.

I would approve the Bd.'s instructions and direct the Collr. in communicn. with the Dt. Engr. to start & maintain relief works so far as may be necessary to afford the means of earning wages to the distressed

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No 1496 Revenue Dept.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 13 Oct/75
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of the Board of Revenue

Submitting for information, letter from Collr. of Bellary reporting the existence of distress in the western taluqs of the District } No. 8. 5th Oct/75

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