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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
16th August 1876.*

No. 164. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th August 1876, No. 2,055:—

Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 8th August 1876, No. 298.

In continuation of my letter, N  
enclose copy of letters, Nos. 350, dated the 3rd, and  
from the Acting Sub-Collector.

2. He urges the putting in hand of a road from Singanamalla to Garladinna, and there is no doubt that this will give employment to a number of persons in that locality. It is to be feared, however, that applications for other works may ere long be received. I would therefore request that the Government would be pleased to sanction a present grant of Rupees 10,000 for works which may be necessary in the sub-division.

3. The reason why it is necessary to keep these grants distinct is that they are required for distinct Local Fund Circles, and, unless kept separate, confusion in the accounts will result.

4. The particulars required by the Board's Proceedings, No. 1,807, dated the 14th ultimo, have not been furnished. I have asked for them, and they shall be forwarded on receipt.

5. As regards the repairs to the Anantapore and Tadpatry road alluded to in the Sub-Collector's in his 15th paragraph, the District Engineer will be addressed.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From C. J. CROSTHWAITE, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Bundameadapally, 3rd August 1876, No. 350.

*My letter, No. 324, dated 25th July last.*

With reference to paragraph 3 of the above, the undersigned has the honor to state that the road from Singanamalla to the Bangalore High Road near Garladinna is estimated to cost about Rupees 3,150. It may cost even more from the description of laborers that may have to be employed upon it.

2. The Tahsildar's Arzi, No. 353, is herewith forwarded for information and subsequent return.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From the same Officer, dated Anantapore, 5th August 1876, No. 351.

In continuation of my letter, No. 343, dated the 31st ultimo, I have the honor to report upon the condition of the marginally-noted villages

as the result of personal inspection.

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| 1. Singanamalla.                           | 5. Peruvall.      |
| 2. Govindurajpett, hamlet of Singanamalla. | 6. Sodanapally.   |
| 3. Bundameadapally.                        | 7. Garladinna.    |
| 4. Sivapuram.                              | 8. Nagalaguddom.  |
|                                            | 9. Chakrayapetta. |

2. I will begin by saying that the Singanamalla tank is dry, which it has not been for the last six years, and that most of these villages

are to a great extent dependant upon its water for their livelihood.

3. Almost all the wet lands are waste, and where, as in a small extent, the soil was carefully cultivated and sown, the seedlings have withered for want of water.

4. Much of the dry land is waste or ploughed and left unsown for want of rain, and where seed has been sown either it has failed to germinate or most of the seedlings have become stunted and cannot therefore be expected to yield well even though rain should now fall.

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5. The Tahsildar thinks that if an abundance of rain were now to fall people might obtain a half crop in some of those fields where the seed has germinated; but the ryots do not admit as much, and I am disposed to agree with them that the outturn can hardly be more than one-fourth in such fields even under the most favorable circumstances of this season.

6. I have inspected the condition of the poorest classes in the villages, and though their condition is not so bad as it was some time ago and there are no special indications of insufficient food, their staple food—cholum—largely (செலும்) which grows at this season but is not used; and that if work is not placed within their reach very soon they will be unable to procure enough at all.

7. Where there are spring wells as in a few villages, cooly has been obtainable to some extent up to this, but even that will soon be all over.

8. The gathering of firewood for sale is said to bring in little or nothing as so many take to it that the supply exceeds the demand, and those who collect grass for sale cannot now find any to collect, and indeed all the occupations of laborers are slack owing to the straitened circumstances of those who usually employ them.

9. The owners of standing crops will not employ coolies to weed or care for them lest they should, so to speak, be throwing good money after bad; the prospects of a harvest being in any case doubtful, and their existing stores of grain being limited.

10. All the laboring classes now want is work and that without delay.

11. The Sowcars will no longer lend to any one. They say they have no chance of being repaid, as the prospects of the harvest are so bad and most of the ryots are already in their debt.

12. The case of the village servants is the hardest. They have to be specially vigilant in times of scarcity, and yet it is in such times as the present that their emoluments cease, inasmuch as these depend mainly upon the cultivation of the land. They think the Tahsildar should be made to advise the Sowcars to help them.

13. The village of Chakrayapetta is in a lamentable state.

14. Most of the houses are in ruins, the occupants having been ruined by Sowcar's claims, and many have recently been deserted owing to the bad season. The village is dependent on the Singanamalla Tank, the calingulah of which breached in 1874 and was under repair during the last Karthigam season, so that they had no water, and in the Veisagum they had little or no harvest as their crops were destroyed by disease. This season their lands are waste as the tank is dry. The ryots of the village clamour for an advance of Rupees 10 for each family till the tank receives a supply. They say they cannot otherwise get food, and they promise to repay such advance.

15. In reply to my statement that Government would give them work, they said they could not conveniently go to the roads which are under contemplation, as they are not near enough to their village and they must have an eye to their cattle and effects. Some of them expressed a voluntary wish that they might be employed in repairing the main road (from Anantapore to Tadpatry) which passes close to their village and at the sides of which gravel has been heaped but is not being spread. If I had authority to do so, I should set them to work at once upon this. The gravel ought to be spread at once, and the only working agency I have seen on this part of the road is that of one man and one woman whose work per diem seems to be almost nil. They are probably mile coolies.

16. I have mentioned the condition of village servants as being especially hard, but I have omitted to mention the fact that even though we give them work we cannot expect them to work by day and watch by night. When however a family is very large cooly might be earned by some of the members during the day while others patrolled by night, and I have not yet devised any more practicable way of relieving them.

17. I hope this report will be sufficient to show you how urgent is the necessity for the commencement of the road work already recommended by me.

18. I propose reporting again should I find it necessary to recommend any more special forms of relief.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) J. H. MASTER,  
Collector.

SUBMITTED to Government with the Board's recommendation that the further grant of Rupees 10,000 for expenditure in the sub-di.

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3. The Board do not think special grants for relief works should be treated as grants to particular Local Fund Circles as this course will entail a charge of 25 per cent. for Department of Public Works supervision whenever such agency is employed, and it is advisable that the Collector should not be fettered in his disposal of the money but should be at liberty to expend it whenever he thinks proper. Orders are requested on this point as the question was raised recently by the Examiner, Department of Public Works Accounts, in regard to the grant of Rupees 12,000 sanctioned last year, and he was instructed to treat it as a grant to Local Funds, the money having been so credited by the Accountant-General.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,  
Acting Secretary.

No. 165.

ORDER THEREON, 16th August 1876, No. 1,115.

Miscellaneous.

A FURTHER grant of Rs. 10,000 is sanctioned accordingly. The Government agree with the Board that the

Collector should be able to spend it as he thinks proper.

2. This order will be communicated by telegram.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,  
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.  
„ the Financial Department.  
„ the Accountant-General.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 12 August 1876

No 298 Read the following

The Collector - Bellary

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue  
Madras

Sir,  
In continuation of my letter, No 281, dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> instant, I have the honor to enclose copy of letters. Nos 350 dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 351 dated the 5<sup>th</sup> instant received from the Acting Subcollector.

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Bellary collector (signed) J. M. Macaster  
office 8 August 1896  
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Enclosures.

No 350.

Dated 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1896  
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