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No. 194. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th August 1876, No. 2,007:—

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 2nd August 1876, No. 282:—

IN continuation of my letter, No. 247, dated the 13th ultimo, I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter received from the Deputy Collector of the Harpenhully Division, No. 192, dated the 25th ultimo.

The Deputy Collector has inspected a few villages, but he will doubtless proceed to inspect the rest.

2. There was a fall of rain, amounting to nearly one inch on the 25th and 26th ultimo. This was at Harpenhully itself; whether it extended to other villages in the taluq is not yet known; but, unless it is followed by more, it will not prevent the necessity of relief works.

3. I have told the Deputy Collector, with reference to his 11th paragraph, that he is at liberty to open relief works, when really necessary, at any village, reporting the same, and furnishing the particulars required in the Order of Government, No. 728, dated the 1st June last.

4. I have also requested him to furnish the particulars required by the Government Order with regard to the works, he has already proposed.

5. The Government Order sanctioning the further grant of Rupees 12,000 has been received, and the road works, which have afforded employment to so many persons in the taluqs of Huvinhadgully and Harpenhully during the past twelve months, will be continued independently of the local village works.

6. I have also the honor to enclose a letter from the Deputy Collector of the Bellary Division with regard to the state of affairs in the Kudlighi Taluq. I have requested him to go and personally satisfy himself of the truth of the reports.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From V. VENKETCHELLUM PANTULU, Deputy Collector, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Harpenhully, 25th July 1876, No. 192.

With reference to your memorandum, dated 20th instant, appended to the Board's Proceedings, of 15th instant, requiring me to inspect the villages where distress is reported to exist,

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| 1. Timmalapuram. | 5. Bhatra Ghalapuram. |
| 2. Vadarhully. | 6. Tippunaikenhully. |
| 3. Codi Yellopuram. | 7. Adivihully. |
| 4. Mootig. | |

I have the honor to report that I inspected the villages noted in the margin. In these villages most part of the red soil has been sown. Some ryots ploughed black soil, while others were not able to plough such land for want of rain.

2. In all these villages the ryots represent that there is no fodder for the cattle, which are dying daily.

3. Persons whose cattle have been impounded do not wish to pay the fine and get their release, because they are unable to maintain them.

4. The ryots represent that they have as sufficient food. Poor ryots are eating leaves and Eata guddalu. As relief works have been opened,

In Harpenhully one Anna per seer. persons who live by coolly are getting some means of livelihood. Jonnalalu are being sold at Annas 1-2 a seer in the villages.

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5. The Police Inspector having returned from his inspection and told me the distressed state of the villages he has seen, I asked him to write a report for it; and he having done so, I beg to enclose a copy of it for your perusal.

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| 1. Maggigery. | 6. Mattoor. |
| 2. Araimajigery. | 7. Yeraball. |
| 3. Baivinhully. | 8. Alagilavada. |
| 4. Koonchoor. | 9. Telligi. |
| 5. Halavagud. | |

6. It will be seen from it that distress prevails in the villages noted in the margin.

7. I beg to enclose a copy of an arzi from the Tahsildar of Harpenhully, dated 24th instant, sending copies of the reports received from the villagers of Mydoor, Telligi, Ragimasalavada, and Alagilavada, representing the distressed state of their villages.

8. All the villages of this taluq, with the exception of very few, are in a worse condition because there was no good crop in Fasli 1284 on account of excessive rains, and because there was failure of crop last year for want of rain.

9. The Range Officer has sent me a cheque for 1,000 Rupees, of which I sent 600 Rupees to Harpenhully and 400 Rupees to Hadgully.

Nulagandy	Rs.
Koolabully	30
Mydoor	60
Mootigi	30
Chigatairy	50
Gavanahully	20
Cheeranahully	20
Daggavutty	100
Vadairahutty	50
Timmalparam	10
Ragimasalavada	10
Harpenhully	50
Implementa	88
	82
	600

10. The Tahsildar of Harpenhully sent the sum noted in the margin to the villages where relief works have been commenced. I request that Department of Public Works may be asked to remit the balance without delay.

11. I request that permission may be granted to open some relief work at any village where there may be great pressure for poor persons.

12. In the event of there being good rain there will be no necessity for further works, but,

if there be no rain, I think there will be urgent necessity for more works being taken up.

13. I think it will be great relief in the present time if Department of Public Works continue the road works already sanctioned.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. H. MASTER, Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From N. MURUGESAM, Deputy Collector, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated 25th July 1876, No. 216.

I HAVE the honor, in continuation of my letter, No. 201, dated 11th instant, reporting the distress to which the poor in some of the villages of Kudligi Taluq were driven by failure of rains, south-west monsoon, to forward, herewith, in original, Kudligi Tahsildar's Arzi, No. 303, of the 22nd instant, which is a reply to my order of the 11th instant calling on him to inquire into the truth of the allegation made in season reports, &c., that the poor were using tamarind seeds and date fruits for their food. He has made the report after personal inquiry accordingly, and urges the necessity of putting in hand at once some of the famine road works already proposed towards the mitigation of the reported distress among the Oddes, Lumbanies, Boyas, Madigas, &c., in Jerimala and Kottoor range villages. In addition to these he proposes to open relief-houses to feed such of the poor as are physically unable to work as coolies on roads, &c., for which an estimate of Rupees 4,000 is made.

2. It is to be regretted that the report is alarming and a source of great anxiety. Now that the rains have held off most persistently, water is reported to be insufficient for man and beast. I would respectfully propose, for your consideration and orders, that the Department of Public Works be at once asked to open road works to afford cool labor for the able-bodied poor in the vicinity of the affected villages, and to place a moderate sum of money at the disposal of the

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Tahsildar to open relief-houses in a few necessary circles. The necessary instructions will be given for their management and report of their working in due course, if the proposal meet with your approval.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. H. MASTER, Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. With the foregoing letter the Collector submits reports from the Deputy Collectors in charge of the Bellary and Harpenhully Divisions in regard to the distress amongst the poorer classes said to be prevailing in the Kudlighi, Harpenhully, and Huvinnadgully Taluqs. As it appeared from the reports to which the Collector's letter, printed with Board's Proceedings, dated 15th ultimo, No. 1,824, gave cover that the Divisional Officers who submitted them had not satisfied themselves by personal inspection that the alleged distress had real existence, they were directed in the Proceedings above quoted to proceed at once on a tour in view to testing the accuracy of the information which they had submitted at second hand.

3. The Collector now transmits subsequent reports forwarded by the Deputy Collectors of the Bellary and Harpenhully Divisions, and the Board are constrained to remark that they are to the last degree meagre and unsatisfactory. The Deputy Collector in charge of the Bellary Division does not appear to have moved from his Head-quarters at the Huzoor station (for which no explanation is afforded), and he bases his recommendations for the opening of relief works in the Kudlighi Taluq on an arzi of the Tahsildar which is not submitted with the Collector's letter. As at present informed the Board are by no means satisfied that the necessity for exceptional measures of relief in this taluq really exists.

4. In regard to the Harpenhully Division the Board observe that the Deputy Collector's inspection was confined to seven villages in the immediate vicinity of the cusbah at Harpenhully, although the Board were led to believe from previous reports that the distress was spread over the two taluqs of Harpenhully and Huvinnadgully. Paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 of the Deputy Collector's report are bare statements, the reliability of which in the absence of personal investigation on the part of the Divisional Officers there is reason to doubt.

5. The Board desire to impress upon the Collector that whilst they are prepared to give the most cordial support to all well-considered measures having for their object the relief of *bonâ fide* distress amongst the poorer classes in unfavorable seasons, it is essential that the necessity for such measures should first be established beyond the possibility of doubt, and this can only be done by District Officers testing by personal inquiry the accuracy of the reports which may be furnished to them by their subordinates, and no expenditure of public funds can be permitted until this has been done. In seasons when there is apprehension of a scarcity of food, Divisional Officer should be constantly on the move within the limits of their charges and so far as his other duties will admit of it, the Collector should do the same. The presence of the superior District Officers will stimulate the efforts of their subordinates where distress really exists, and will put a stop to the submission of exaggerated reports.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

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18th August 1876.*

No. 195.

ORDER THEREON, 18th August 1876, No. 1,130.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government endorse the observation of the Board and look confidently for great personal vigilance at the hands of District Officers of all grades.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Ed. A. Grubert

Kurupahally Division
Dy Collector's office
25 July 1876

192.

From V. Venkatesh Kumar Pantulu
Deputy Collector
J. H. Master Esq
Collector of Bellary.

Sir,
With reference to your
letter dated 20 instant appen-
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of 15 instant, requiring
to inspect the villages, where

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| 1. Trinivola Puram. | } district is reported to
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| 2. Vaidarhully | |
| 3. Gudi Mellopuram. | |
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| 5. Bhakra Obalapuram. | |
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| 7. Adivihally. | |

In these villages most part
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Some spots ploughed black

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2. Abai Naggijim	
3. Bannabally	
4. Koushoo	
5. Holovajal	
6. Mattor	
7. Perabell	
8. Chagilavada	
9. Tellegi	

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Yours &c

Sd/ V. Venkateshullem Pundarik.

Deputy Collector

/True Copy/

Sd/ J. S. Master

Collector

/True Copy/

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Secretary

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No. 216. Bellary Division Deputy
Collector's office - 25 July 1876

To J. H. Marker Esquire
Collector of Bellary

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Enclosure with
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I have the

Sd/- Mr. Murgessam

By collector Bellary Dn

/ True Copy //

Sd/- J. H. Masker

Collector

/ True Copy //

G. G. Allen
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Copy of Bellary Division Deputy Collector
dated 25 July 1876, No 216

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Revenue Department.

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3. I have told the Deputy Collector with reference to hissi para, that he is at liberty to open relief works when really necessary, at any village, reporting the same, and furnishing the particulars required in the Order of Government, No. 28, dated the

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W. C. Allen
Secretary.

The Secretary to Government R.D. with
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