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No. 249. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th September 1876, No. 2,340:—

Read the following letter from J. R. DANIEL, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Jammalamadugu, 12th September 1876, Extra No. 2:—

I HAVE the honor to forward copy of another letter from the Sub-Collector in which he reports that there is reason to apprehend distress in the whole of the Kadiri Taluq and that it is necessary to open a relief work in a part of the taluq near the Papugnee—the road from Balasamudram to Obaladevara Cheruvu.

2. If the Board sanction the commencement of this work and place at my disposal the Rupees 10,000 I shall be able to give the Sub-Collector the Rupees 2,500 which he asks for.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. D. B. GRIBBLE, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to J. R. DANIEL, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, dated Poddapalem, 7th September 1876, Extra No. 4.

In continuation of my letter, Extra No. 3, dated the 5th instant, I have the honor to forward a further report regarding the condition of the remaining portion of the Kadiri Taluq.

2. The villages regarding which I have been able to collect information fall into three groups, for each of which I forward, herewith, a separate statement marked A, B, and C, respectively.

3. In Group A are included the villages situated near Kadiri, with the exception of the first village, Talapoola, which more properly belongs to the tract of country reported on in my former letter. The rain in this tract of country (A) has been somewhat better than elsewhere, as will be seen by the marginal statement taken

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10th „	0 1½		

from the cutcherry gauge. The crops, however, with the exception of those under the wells, will not yield unless there is more rain. They are now half grown, and further rain is indispensable. There is, however, no immediate danger, though I regret to say that since the full moon, on the 4th, the aspect of the weather has entirely changed. Instead of heavy threatening clouds the sky is now perfectly clear. It is doubtful whether any rain will fall until after the new moon, which falls on the 18th. This will, I fear, be too late to save a great many fields, but enough would be saved, I think, to prevent any actual distress, in this tract at all events.

4. Group B consists of four villages only. I did not visit this portion of the country, but was able to converse with the Reddies and Curnams. There are other villages similarly situated, and the Tahsildar has orders to proceed to this part of the taluq at once and report fully regarding its condition. There is, I think, grave cause for anxiety here, and if the rain holds off until the 18th a large portion of the crops now standing will be lost, and as there is said to be very little grain in stock a relief work will probably be necessary. A road has already been projected in this part of the taluq from Mulakanemula to Kurl, and is partly marked out. I forget whether this is entered as one of the relief works, but under any circumstances I would recommend its being undertaken should a relief work become necessary.

5. Group C is the one that gives me by far the most anxiety. You will observe that the amount of population affected is greatly in excess of any of the groups I have as yet discussed and the amount of cultivation more than double. This tract of country lies near the Papugnee, which is here almost dry, and the rain-fall appears to have been considerably less than at Kadiri. The only crops which are in a fair state are those under the wells, but even the condition of these is very critical, as most of the wells are reported to be running dry. There appears to be scarcely

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any grain in stock, and the majority of the inhabitants are said to have only enough food for a few days. These statements are, of course, possibly exaggerated, and must be received with a certain amount of caution; but my inspection has convinced me that even with rain there is very little of the crop which will be saved. As I remarked before, I do not expect rain for at least twelve or fifteen days to come. I am decidedly of opinion that steps should at once be taken to commence a relief work here. A road is entered in the list of relief works from Basamudram to Obaladevara Cheruru, and this will run through the country most affected. Almost the whole of the road has been marked out, and on a former occasion I have been over it. It presents little or no engineering difficulties.

6. My inspection of this taluq—and you will observe that the population of the tracts of country I have gone over is nearly half of the whole taluq—leads me to form the opinion that a certain amount of distress is inevitable, and that if the rain holds out much longer a considerable amount of distress is highly probable, which will last until the north-east monsoon sets in and wet crops can be planted. If the monsoon should again fail, this distress will be very great and continue for many months. Under any circumstances, even if there is a good monsoon, there will only be a Vaisakham, or second crop. The Kartikam, or first crop, has not been planted. I consider it necessary that I should be authorized to open relief works at once at the places I have mentioned, viz., Talakalva to Gowkanupully and Group C, and possibly in Group B, and at the village of Talapoola. For this purpose I beg that Rupees 2,500 may be placed at my immediate disposal for this taluq. Should the distress continue, this is only the first instalment of what I shall have to ask for. I think it possible that I may be able to purchase some grain from a rich merchant residing in the Madanapally Taluq (Sooba Reddy, of Tambulpully), who, I hear, has a large quantity in stock. If I can, I will at once let you know.

7. It is perhaps unnecessary for me to remark that the present critical state of the taluq could not have been previously ascertained. Though somewhat late in the season, there was sufficient rain for planting the dry crops, and the cultivation returns up to the end of July showed me that up to that date the cultivation throughout the subdivision was greatly in excess of last year. It is the last six weeks that has been the critical time; a good fall of rain would at any time have put everything right. My previous opinion as to where distress was most likely to occur appears to have been correct, since at those places where I proposed to establish relief works it would now appear that they are most necessary.

8. Cholera is still in the taluq, so that it is very inadvisable to collect a large number of workmen in one spot in particular. The relief works should be scattered over the country as much as possible.

9. I am now in the Madanapally Taluq continuing my inquiries, but from what I have seen the crops here are in a somewhat better condition than in Kadir, and there is no immediate cause for anxiety.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. R. DANIEL,
Acting Collector.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 2 to 4.—Statements.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 11th instant, No. 2,317.

2. The sum of Rupees 10,000 sanctioned by Government has already been placed at the Collector's disposal in the Proceedings above quoted, and Mr. Daniel is authorized to start the relief works specified. Mr. Gribble will see that the money is properly applied. As regards the suggestion that grain be purchased (paragraph 6 of

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the Sub-Collector's letter), the Collector will see from the Proceedings above referred to that the proposal is not approved.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 250.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd September 1876, No. 1,328.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 13th Sept 1876.

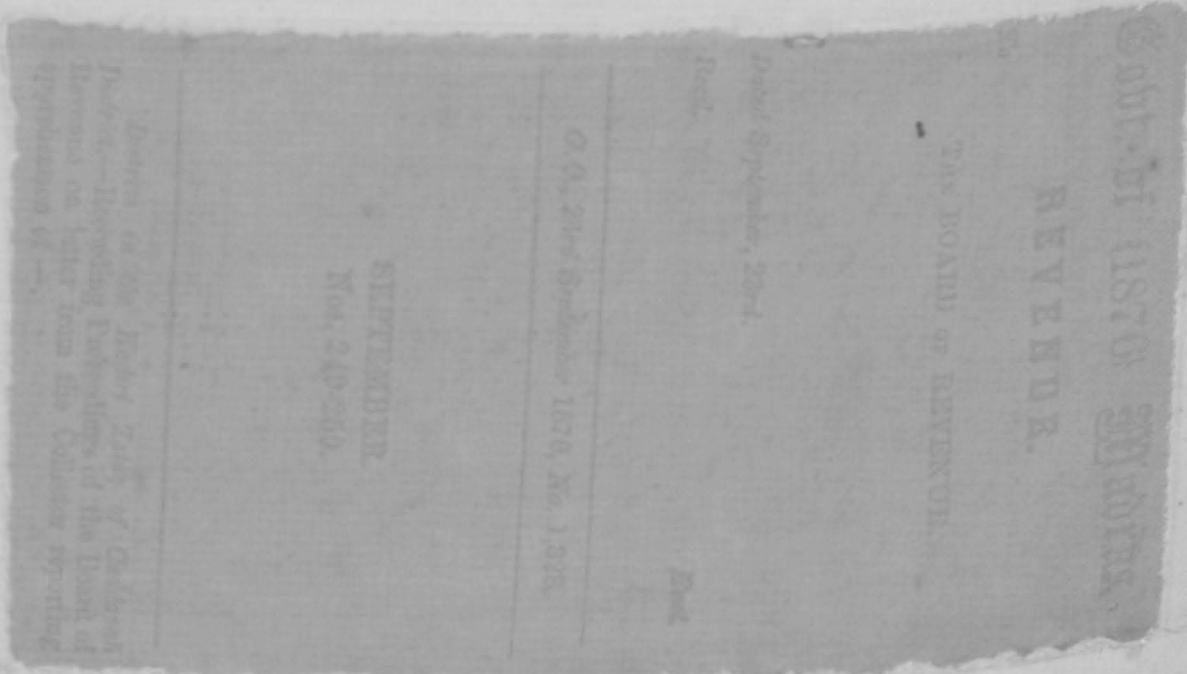
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Read the following

Order No. 2

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To L. A. Galton Esq
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 - ment of this work and place
 at my disposal the Rupees
 10,000 I shall be able to give
 the Subcollector the Rupees
 2500 which he acts for.

Luddapoh Civil Office, Chemu
 on file at Jammalamadugu / Sep / J. D. Daniel
 12th Sept 1896. } Sd/- Collector.

Submitted for the in-
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Agreement.

To / The Secretary to Government P.D.
 original letter from Sub-Collector, &
 with 3 statements to be
 returned.

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