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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
27th September 1876.

No. 315. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd September 1876, No 2,414 :—

Read the following letter from J. R. DANIEL, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Wonipenta, 20th September 1876, Extra No. 3.

I HAVE the honor to forward copy of a letter from the Sub-Collector in which he reports that distress is general throughout his division. I was afraid from the reports received by me from the Tahsildars that Mr. Gribble would find on his return to Madanapalli that the state of things in that taluq was very bad, and I heard demi-officially from him on his arrival that such was the case.

2. The crops in the sub-division are planted much earlier than in the main division, and now that the rain has failed the crops must also fail without any hope of replanting; in the main division the best time has passed away, but still in the greater part of it dry crops may still be planted, if only we have rain.

3. I annex a statement of the rain-fall in the sub-division for August kindly furnished me by Colonel Moberly.

In Royachoty Taluq the part about Goovalchervoo received nearly 5 inches in August; of this there was a good fall on August 27th; in the remainder there was about $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch.

In Voilpaud about Peclair there was 2·27, but 2 inches of this fell on 2nd August, and there has been none since; in the remainder the fall varies from 1 inch to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.

In Madanapalli there has been a general fall of nearly 3 inches, but the whole of this was on August 2nd and 3rd; there has been none since.

In Kadiri Taluq in one part, Molakavemula, there has been about $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches, but none since 4th August. In Kadiri itself and Obaladevarachervoo there has been between 2 and 3 inches, but none since 4th August.

About Kurli and Poolikoontah there has been less than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.

This shows that even in those parts of the sub-division where there has been even a moderate fall of rain, there has been a month and a half without any rain at all, just when the crops require it, and in the greater part there has been little or no rain at any time.

4. Mr. Gribble now asks for Rupees 10,000 for the works which he mentions. I feel sure that this sum is required. I have already placed at his disposal Rs. 2,500. I have recently written to the Board for Rupees 2,000 for the Jammalamadugu Taluq; it is possible that I may have to ask for still more, so that the Rupees 10,000 sanctioned by Government will not be sufficient if it is intended that we shall afford any real relief to the poorest classes.

5. There are signs of rain now; we had a good downfall last night, but the rain did not extend a mile to the west of this, the eastern part of Proddatur; it apparently was confined to this, Wonipenta, and a few villages on the east; whether they have had any at Jammalamadugu I have not yet been able to learn.

Names of Talaqs.	Names of Stations.	Amount of rain-fall.	Remarks.
Royachoty	Goovalchervoo	4·73	With a good fall on 27th August 1876.
	Sanipoy	2·76	
	Yaguvagottivaid	1·31	
	Royachoty	1·26	
Voilpaud	Peelair	2·27	Of this 2 inches on 2nd and none since.
	Gurrumkonda	·57	
	Killakada	1·06	
	Voilpaud	1·	
Madanapalli	Madanapalli	2·55	This on 2nd and 3rd and none since.
	Kothakota...	2·65	None since 3rd.
	Bocrakoilkota	2·30	None since 3rd; 19th little.
	Kundakur	3·	Little on 19th.
Kadiri	Poolikoontah	·10	
	Kurli	·45	
	Molakavemula	3·40.	But none since August 4th.
	Tanakal	·45	Do. do.
	Obaladevarachervoo... ...	2·10	Do. do.
	Kadiri	2·82	

ENCLOSURE No. 1

From J. D. B. GRIBBLE, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, *to* J. R. DANIEL, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, dated Madanapalli, 15th September 1876, No. 395.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Rupees 1,000 for relief work in Kadiri. Orders were at once sent to commence the road from Talakalvar to Gowcanapally.

2. I have made careful inquiries in almost all the villages of this taluq, and the story is everywhere the same. The crops standing on dry land are now almost past hope; even if rain falls when the new moon sets in on the 18th not more than from one-eighth to one-fourth will yield a small return. Only the raggy crops under the dry wells are in fair state, but these form a very small percentage of the acres under cultivation, and cannot yield enough food for one-tenth of the population. No first crop of rice has been planted under any of the tanks. There is still a considerable amount of paddy in stock, but this grain is too dear to form the staple food of the people who live almost entirely on sajja and raggy, of the former of which there is none and of the latter but very little in stock.

3. I have all along fixed the 15th of this month as the date within which, if rain did not fall, the failure of the crops might be considered inevitable. That date has now arrived and there has been no rain to signify in Voilpaud, Madanapalli, or Kadiri since the 2nd and 3rd of August. In a few parts of Royachoty they are a little better off, and between Peelair and the Palkondah hills some rain has been reported, and if, as may be expected, rain falls before the end of this month, the crops in those parts may give a half yield. As regards the remainder of my division I strongly urge that Rs. 10,000 be placed at my immediate disposal for relief works.

4. The works I propose to commence are —

1. Road from Madanapalli to Mushtoor and Voilpaud.
2. Do. from Mudivaid to Tamballapally.
3. Do. from Gurrumkonda to Peddapally.
4. Kundookur well.
5. Road from Obaladevarachervoo to Balasamudram.
6. Road from Molakavemula to Kurli.
7. Do. from Galivaid to Lakkireddypally.
8. Do. from Mabal through Maidcoorty to Kalkerri.

5. You are aware that I was most reluctant to raise an alarm before I considered there was real danger, but I have been over the greater part of my division within the last six weeks. I have made careful personal inspection and inquiries, and I am convinced that measures of relief cannot be any longer delayed.

6. Application should also, I think, be made at once for sanction of remission on dry crops.

(True Copy.)

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

SUBMITTED to Government.

2. The Board request that a further sum of Rupees 10,000 may be authorized for the Cuddapah District, in addition to that placed at their disposal in G.O., 3rd August 1876, No. 1,039. The emergency which has arisen in the sub-division requires that this sum should be made available. Of the former sum, Rupees 5,500 have already been appropriated.

3. The Board presume that the works now mentioned by Mr. Gribble are included in the list and map submitted to Government with Board's Proceedings, 31st May 1876, No. 1,440. The Collector should have submitted the prescribed statements regarding them (*vide* Board's Proceedings, dated 11th July 1876, No. 1,807.)

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 316. ORDER THEREON, 27th September 1876, No. 1,360.

Miscellaneous.

THE further sum of Rs. 10,000 is sanctioned for relief works in the sub-division of Cuddapah as proposed. A telegram will be sent to Collector.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

COPY OF 1870 PROCEEDINGS
OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.
SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 315-316.

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 22nd September 1870
No 2,514:-

Read the following

No 324 stn

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J. R. Daniel Esquire
Ag Collector of Cuddapah

To

C. A. Galton Esquire
Ag Secretary to the Board of
Revenue. Madras.

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Cuddapah Collector's Office. Ri. Circuit at Vanipenta 20th Sept 76

} I/C J. R. Daniel Ag Collector

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I/C J. R. Daniel
Ag Collector

Submitted to Government.

2. The Board request that a further sum of Rupees 10000 may be authorized for the Cuddapah District, in addition

to

to that placed at their disposal in Government Order, 3rd August 1876, No. 1039. The Emergency which has arisen in the Sub-Division requires that this sum should be made available. Of the former sum Rs 5500 have already been appropriated.

3. The Board presume that the works now mentioned by Mr. Gribble are included in the list and map submitted to Government with Boards' Proceedings 31st May 1876, No. 1440. The Collector should have submitted the prescribed statements regarding them (vide Boards' Proceedings 14th July 1876, No. 1807).

[True Copy & Extract]

A. Elton

Ag Secretary

To

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department with
Original Enclosure to be returned.

Appl. 3560 Dept.
Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue
Dated 22nd Sept 96.
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Submitting to Govt
with remarks letter from
the Collector of Cuddapah
reporting on the distress
in the Sub-Division.

No 1060
The further sum of
Rs 10,000 is sanctioned
for relief works in the
sub-division of Cuddapah
as proposed - A telegram
will be sent to the Dist
27 Sept 1876

Rec'd 25 Sept/96 R 26 Sept

Read Letter Board of Rev dt 27 Sept 1876
to the Collr and Govt Dt 12 Oct
the Financial Dept