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No. 317. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd September 1876, No. 2,411:—

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Palmanair, 20th September 1876, No. 431.

I HAVE the honor, in continuation of my letter, No. 425, dated the 14th instant, to inform the Board of Revenue that I arrived here on the 16th instant, and find that the report of the Tahsildar as to the scarcity of water in and around this place is not exaggerated; for the last month there has been no rain whatever, and the wells which have been gradually getting lower and lower throughout this unusually bad season are now quite exhausted, and the utmost difficulty is experienced in procuring water even for ordinary domestic use.

2. When the Honorable Mr. Dalyell visited this district in the early part of last month I came here with him for a couple of days, and the state of the young crops in the neighbourhood was then extremely promising, but I am informed that from that time until now hardly a drop of rain has fallen, and the crops, which had hardly got hold of the ground, have in consequence begun to wither, and in some places have perished completely.

3. The result of this is that the grain-dealers have now raised their prices to such an extent that the very poorest classes are unable to afford to eat raggy, which, in ordinary times, is the staple article of their diet. A patti, equal to 60 Madras measures, of raggy, which in June last sold here for Rupees 10, has in the last fortnight advanced to Rupees 16, and the residents of several very poor villages in the vicinity of this place are now obliged to eke out their sustenance with the boiled leaves of trees and the hearts of aloe plants. They are also digging up an esculent root from the beds of tanks.

4. This suffering I am assured is not serious, and if a good fall of rain were to occur in the course of the next few days would disappear, for the prices of grain would fall at once and things resume their former condition.

5. I do not anticipate the necessity of having recourse to any extensive system of relief works, and if the showers which have fallen more or less plentifully all over the district had only visited this place there would have been no need of relief works at all. In order to afford means of livelihood for the present to the people who are now in want I have selected the works specified in the appended list. The Board will perceive that they are all designed for the improvement of existing wells, and the sinking of four new ones, of which one is in this town and the others in adjacent villages where want of water is much felt.

6. The total cost of these works is estimated at Rupees 2,770, of which Rupees 500 is for the purchase of tools, and this last outlay will eventually be recouped in great part by the sale of the implements. Should a good fall of rain, however, take place shortly even this outlay will be obviated, for as water rises in the wells now dug it will be difficult to go on working in them.

7. I request that the Board will be pleased to approve of my having ordered the commencement of these works in anticipation of sanction, and authorise the expenditure of the necessary funds.

8. I have not yet received from my Head Assistant any report as to the actual state of things in the outlying villages of Chendragherry where the Tahsildar has reported distress, and will address the Board again on that subject shortly.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

List of Relief Works sanctioned by the Collector.

	RS.
Repairing garden well	150
Do. well on the Ponganur road	100
Do. well in the Santa tope	150
Do. Mr. Bourdillon's well	20
Do. Nurjappah's well	20
Do. Cooppa Row's well on the Bangalore road	50
Do. Malapallem well	20
Do. three wells in Jowkoopollem, Palmanair	50
Sinking a new well in the bed of the small tank in front of the Taluq Cutcherry	400
Repairing a well in Ganginainapally	150
Do. do. near the 31st mile-stone on the Venkatagiricottah road.	150
Do. do. near Chinnapuram on the Lackanapally road	150
Do. the well at Nelliputla	50
Sinking a well at Kadapanathum	150
Repairing a well on the Round road	100
Do. do. on the Lackanapally road between Bireddipally and Ganginainapally	30
Do. do. in Kolamasanapally	100
Do. do. near Gangaveram	50
Do. do. on the ghaut between Gudiattum and Cuddapanattam.	50
Sinking a well in Pengamagunta	100
Repairing a well in Kygul	30
Sinking a well near Bipigaripally	150
Repairing a well at Pattikonda	50
Total	2,270
For the purchase and repair of tools	500
Total	2,770

(Signed) W. S. WHITESIDE,
Collector.

SUBMITTED to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, No. 2,363, dated 16th September 1876.

2. The Board approve the Collector's proposals, and request Government to sanction the grant of funds, Rupees 2,770, applied for by him.

(True Copies and Extract.)
(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

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

No. 318. ORDER THEREON, 27th September 1876, No. 1,361.

Miscellaneous.

SANCTIONED Rs. 2,770 as proposed, on the understanding that the repairs to wells are of the description stated in G.O., 11th July 1876, No. 929.

2. A telegraph will be sent to the 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.

Govt. of {1876} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 27th.

Recd. Encl.

G.O., 27th September 1876, No. 1,361.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 317-318.

Relief Works in the Palmanair Taluq, North Arcot District.—Sanctioning expenditure of R. 2,770 on certain — on the understanding that the repairs to wells are of the description stated in G.O., 11th July 1876. Ordering a telegram to be sent to the Collector.

Seal.

Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 22nd Sept. 1876.

No. 2411.

Read the following.

No. 431.

From W. S. Whiteside Esq Collector of North Arcot.

To C. A. Galton Esq Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue Madras.

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there has been no rain whatever, and the wells which have been gradually getting lower and lower throughout this unusually bad season are now quite exhausted, and the utmost difficulty is experienced in procuring water even for ordinary domestic use.

2. When the Honorable Mr Dalyell visited this District in the early part of last month, I came here with him for a couple of days, and the state of the young crops, in the neighbourhood was then extremely promising, but I am informed that

from that time until now hardly a drop of rain has fallen, and the crops, which had hardly got hold of the ground, have in consequence, begun to wither, and in some places have perished completely.

3. The result of this is that the grain dealers have now raised their prices to such an extent that the very poorest classes are unable to afford to eat raggy, which, in ordinary times, is the staple article of their diet. A patti= of Madras measures, of raggy which in June last

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in the vicinity of this place
are now obliged to eke out
their subsistence with the
boiled leaves of trees and
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They are also digging up
an esculent root from the
beds of tanks.

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and, if a good fall of rain
were to occur in the course
of the next few days, would
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of grain would fall at once,
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condition.

5. I do not anticipate
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relief works, and if the showers
which have fallen more or less
plentifully all over the Dis-
trict had only visited this
place there would have been
no need of relief work at
all. In order to afford means
of livelihood for the present
to the people who are now in
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villages where want of
water is much felt.

6. The total cost of
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of my having ordered the commence-
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authorize the expenditure
of the necessary funds.

8. I have not yet received
from my Head Assistant
any report as to the actual
state of things in the outlying
villages of Kendrapara where
the Tahsildar has reported

distress, and will address the Board again on that subject shortly.

Thanks &c

N. Arcot Collr's Office
Camp Palmanair
20th Sept. 1876 -

(sgd) W. S. Whiteside
Collector

To
C. A. Galton Esq
Ag Secy to the Board of Revenue
Madras.

Submitted to Government Continuation of Board's Proceedings No. 2363 dated 16th Septr. 1876.

2. The Board approve the Collector's proposals and request Govt. to sanction the grant of funds Rs. 2770 applied for by him.

(True Copy and Extract)

H Elton
Ag Secretary.

To
The Secretary to Government R. D.
with original enclosure to be returned.

Exd
C.B.

Sanctioned Rs 2770, No 1361, as proposed, on the understanding that the repairs to wells are of the description stated in G.O. 11 = July 1896 No 929 –
A telegraph will be sent to the Collr.

27 September 1896

Mdl copy to the Board of Rev. on 27 Sep. – 14 Branch copy on 9 Oct
to the Accountant General on 9 Oct
to the Financial Dept

C. 25 Sept 96 R 26 Sep

No 3561
Rev: 1896 – Dept
Sanctioning of the
Board of Revenue

Dated 22nd Sept 1896
Dept 22d
Rec'd 25th

No 1361 – 27 September 1896
Submitting to Govt. letter from Collr of N. Arcot, with remarks, reporting on the state of season in Palmaner Taluq and requesting sanction for an expenditure of Rs. 2770 for certain relief works in that Taluq
With note