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had been made for this number before I arrived in Bellary. Latrines were provided and an establishment for cleansing them and removing the refuse was entertained.

11. *Thirdly*, the work alluded to under this head is, I presume, the construction of a deep koonta or reservoir in the bed of the Bellary tank. It was incorrectly described in the words used in the Government Order in the letter of a newspaper correspondent.

12. The construction of a reservoir of this kind has, I am told by Mr. Master, long been desired by the Municipality. The tank does not hold water long, and it was thought that by digging a large deep reservoir in the bed a supply of water would be maintained long after the tank had dried. It was intended to raise the banks above the level of the water in the tank, so as to prevent the waves of the tank-water from washing the soil into the excavation.

13. When the coolies came in in such numbers they were put on this work, and it has been completed up to a certain point. It is perhaps of unnecessarily large extent, but it was laid out on that scale to admit of large numbers working on it. I have consulted the District Engineer about it, and he thinks if the bund is completed and the top gravelled to prevent erosion, it will be a desirable and useful work. It is proposed to maintain a moderate number of coolies, say, 2,000 on the work until it is completed. A deep well will be dug in the middle and the gravel taken therefrom will be spread on the bund.

14. The continued increase of coolies on the works near Bellary is not easy to explain, as in other quarters where distress is as great numbers are tolerably steady.

15. The attraction of the well-supplied bazaar has something to do with it. No doubt, too, at the first rush the pay was obtained for very little work. As better discipline is introduced near Bellary, and as grain-payments are adopted on more distant works, I believe the numbers will cease to increase, but we must be prepared to provide for vast numbers for the next eight months certainly, and I would respectfully but very earnestly urge that further application be made to the Government of India for permission to proceed with the Guddak Railway. The line runs where employment is much wanted, and the works would draw men from the most distressed parts. Without some great work of that kind the pressure on the ordinary works of the country will be very great: the expenditure on relief must be enormous, and it seems a pity that some of it should not go to the construction of a work which would tend to mitigate similar evils in future, and would add greatly to the prosperity of the country.

No. 135. ORDER THEREON, 9th November 1876, No. 1,619.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED: the information is
satisfactory.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To G. Thornhill, Esq.
the Board of Revenue.
the Financial Department.
the Inspector-General of Police.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Bellary 6th Nov. 1876.

1619/3

From,
G. Thornhill Esquire,
First Member of the Board
of Revenue, Madras.
To, The Secretary to Govern-
ment, Revenue Department,
Madras.

Sir, I have the honour to acknow-
ledge the receipt of G. O. 30th Octo-
ber 1876, No 1529 and, with re-
ference to the points specially
referred for my consideration
in Para. 6, to state
2. (1st) That measures had al-
ready been adopted by the Col-
lector, before my arrival in
Bellary, to disperse the large
numbers of labourers who had
flocked into Bellary for work.
3. Work was first opened at Bel-
lary itself early in October. upon
the first few days the numbers
increased in moderate pro-
portions only. The work provided
was suited to employ 5000 or 6000
persons; but towards the middle
of



Govt. of 1876 Madras.

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Secy. Secy. Secy.

Dated November, 9th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O. 9th November 1876, No. 1,619.

NOVEMBER.
Nos. 134-135.

Diaries and the Relief Works opened out in
Bellary. - Recording letter from Mr. G. Thornhill
reporting on the and observing that the
information furnished is satisfactory.

ments are made in coin:
but arrangements are being
made to pay in grain soon.
Grain is very abundant in
Bullary, but the prices are
very high.

8. Many of the parties go to
their villages at night, others
camp on the ground,
& some no doubt still go into
the town; but it is Mr. Price's
aim to get them all provided
with food &c on the ground
so as to prevent their frequenting
the town unnecessarily. As
the works advance further
from the town, this will be-
come easier.

9. The Government will thus
see that measures have been
devised for clearing the great
bulk of the coolies from the
town and that from the
nature of the work their
distance therefrom will
daily increase. The numbers
in and around Bullary have
reached 42000.

10. 2^{ndly} The numbers employed
in

in Bullary Town have been re-
duced to some 6000 and will
shortly be still further reduced
to 3000. Sanitary arrangements
had been made for this num-
ber before I arrived in Bullary.
Latrines were provided and an
establishment for cleansing
them and removing the refuse
was entertained.

11. 3rd The work alluded to under
this head is I presume the
construction of a deep Reser-
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Bullary Tank. It was incorrectly
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12. The construction of a reservoir
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by the Municipality. The tank
does not hold water long and
it was thought that by digging
a large deep reservoir in
the bed, a supply of water would
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in

of the month, these numbers began to swell so rapidly as to upset all calculations. They increased from 4000 to 15000 in a few days and then went on increasing at the rate of 2000 to 3000 daily till they reached 30000 before arrangements could be made for scattering them.

4. As soon as possible however Mr Master removed them in gangs of 5000 and 6000, on to the different lines of road diverging from Ballary. These roads all require repairs, and several of them are only made for a few miles out and beyond that distance have to be newly made. They will afford work for many thousands for months.

5. Existing roads are repaired by laying a thick coating of gravel on the road itself and by mending the slopes with earth. Bricks & pias are cleared where it is encroaching on the road. Existing wells are cleared and new

new ones are dug: and stores of gravel, which is every where found beneath the soil, for future use are heaped by the road side. Water is supplied by means of carts to the working parties, bazaar are being organized as fast as possible on the works and latrines are provided at short intervals, although it is at present difficult to get the people to use them.

6. The general directions of all these works around Ballary is under Mr. Price, Additional Sub. collector, who is rapidly reducing the masses to order. The work is in all cases laid out by an Overseer of the D. P. W. under the direction of the District Engineer, and the Overseer also sees that work is properly done.

The general discipline, payment &c. is all under Mr. Price. he is assisted by the Tahsildar, by one European and a few native Superintendants or

7. Maistries. At present pay-
ments

in the tank so as to prevent the waves of the tank water from washing the soil into the excavation.

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distress is as great numbers are tolerably steady.

15. The attraction of the well supplied bazaar has something to do with it. No doubt too at the first rush the pay was obtained for very little work. As better discipline is introduced near Ballary and as grain payments are adopted on more distant works, I believe the numbers will cease to increase, but we must be prepared to provide for vast numbers for the next 8 months certainly, and I would respectfully but very earnestly urge that further application be made to the Government of India for permission to proceed with the Gnddake railway. The line runs where employment is much wanted and the works would draw men from the most distressed parts; without some great work of that kind
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 to mitigate similar evils
 in future, and would add
 greatly to the prosperity
 of the country.

I have the honor to be,
 Sir,

your most obedient servant,

J. Kemble

First Member of the Board
 of Revenue

1 G. Thomhill Esq. 18-11/67
 14 B. P. Esq. 18/11
 5. H. Esq. 18/11
 5. Esq. 18/11

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From

G. Thomhill Esq.
 Secret Member of
 the Board of Revenue

Madras

Bellary

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The Secretary to
 Government Madras

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