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No. 327. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th November 1876, No. 2,838 :—

Read the following papers :—

From J. G. HORSFALL, Esq., Acting Collector of Madura, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 7th November 1876, No. 409.

I REGRET to bring to the notice of the Board the extremely unfavorable nature of the season in this district. The monsoon has so far proved a total failure, and from all sides I am receiving reports that there is either no cultivation or that the crops are withering from want of rain. I trust that my season telegrams have sufficiently shown how adverse the season was, but even up to date I have been anxiously looking forward for the rain which usually falls in the month of October. Even now if rain falls within a week many of the paddy crops will be saved and some of the dry crops yield fully a half; but failing rain I can only anticipate a general failure of the crops both wet and dry, and this following a year which resulted unfavorably, and with other districts already suffering, leads me to fear that scarcity will before long begin to be severely felt.

2. The rain-fall of this year as compared with the rain-fall for the same months in the years immediately preceding 1866, 1868, and 1874, which are the most recent years in which scarcity has been severely felt, is shown below. It will be observed that it corresponds most nearly with that of 1865, succeeded as it was by the worst year that has been known for fifty years :—

Years.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	Total.
	INCHES.	INCHES.	INCHES.	INCHES.	INCHES.	INCHES.	INCHES.
1865	4·55	0·30	3·32	0·51	2·89	5·33	16·90
1867	2·11	0·07	2·14	1·54	1·19	6·65	13·70
1873	3·49	0.11	0·60	2·28	1·55	7·64	15·67
1876	2 00	0·73	1·19	3·16	2·41	2·91	12·40

3. The prices of grain for this year are also compared in the accompanying statement with those of 1866, 1868, and 1874; but with regard to this comparison it must be borne in mind that the scarcity in those years was the result of the deficiency of rain of the previous years, and that the effect of the failure of rain this year will be felt more particularly in the course of next year, though no doubt the adverse season has had considerable effect in raising prices excessively already, and this result has been further brought about by the large demand for other distressed districts, and by the ready means of exportation provided by the Southern India Railway. I must observe, too, that prices are now rising rapidly, and there is every probability of their continuing to do so, whereas in the years above referred to the downward tendency commenced in November or December at the latest. Prices may not rise so high as they did in 1866, but there is, as far as I can see, no probability of their becoming lower than they now are until next year's crops are safe, that is until this time next year.

4. I had been carefully watching the progress of the season for some time, but as rain usually falls here in the month of October—last year it was over fourteen inches in that month alone—I trusted that we should at least receive sufficient to keep the growing crops alive, but this has been, I am sorry to say, far from the case; the month commenced propitiously with a fall of nearly three inches, and since then, with the exception of a slight shower here and there, the rain-fall has been nil. The Acting Sub-Collector reports that the dry crops in the two taluqs at Dindigul and Pulni are withering and withered, and that should rain fall now the yield will not be more than from one-fourth to half an ordinary crop. He states that the people are suffering greatly from the present high prices, want of water and labor, and adds that immediate relief measures are necessary.

5. I have myself only this morning returned from a tour through portions of the Madura, Dindigul, and Melur Taluqs, and have been deeply impressed with the dried-up aspect of all the dry crops excepting in only a small portion of the Dindigul and Melur Taluqs, where the yield of dry crops, such as jonna, varagu, cumbu, and ragi, will be fair if only they receive a shower or two of rain within the next ten days; in the other portions I do not expect the yield to average one-fourth an ordinary crop. I propose in a day or two to travel through the southern portion of the Madura Taluq, Tirumungalam, and Periacolam. In the latter taluq I hear that they have had rain, and as the crops were looking well when I passed through in the last week in September I presume that they cannot be so badly off as in other places, though the Tahsildar does report that they are withering and withered.

6. With regard to wet crops the aspect of affairs is still more unfavorable. Not nearly one-half of the lands have been sown, and almost every where what has been sown is withering from want of rain, and will be lost if we do not have a good down-pour within ten days. This morning coming into Madura from the Melur side but in the Madura Taluq, I rode through miles of country in which the land was uncultivated or the paddy sown was withered, and this, I fear, is the case generally.

7. The reason for this is not far to seek. The rain-fall this year has been totally inadequate, and as all the wet lands in the district depend upon rain-fed tanks or upon tanks fed by the Vigay, which has scarcely once been in fresh this year, and as these tanks hold only from fifteen days' to two months' supply of water, the tanks are now as a rule quite dry and the crops under them perishing from want of water.

8. With a view to ascertain more accurately the probable outturn, I have already directed the Divisional officers, Tahsildars, and Revenue Inspectors to make a careful examination without delay of both wet and dry lands, and trust shortly to be able to give detailed information of the result.

9. There is no doubt that relief is needed, and I propose at present the postponement of the collection of the first instalment of kist which falls due next month and the immediate prosecution vigorously of several roads in the district, and for this latter I must solicit the liberal assistance of Government. The Local Fund Board will I have no doubt readily sanction the expenditure of Rupees 12,000, the balance available under Grant III (*d*), for the deepening of tanks and wells, and

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I need not at present apply for assistance under that head. A list of these works is being prepared and will be laid before a special meeting of the Local Fund Board on Monday next.

10. I now proceed to enumerate the roads on which I consider work should be commenced at once and the amount I request that Government will be pleased to sanction for expenditure on each road. The list is a long one and the expenditure proposed very large, but looking at the history of previous years and at the prospects of the coming year, I do not consider it beyond the actual requirements of the district. In order to carry out these works it is absolutely necessary that additional Overseers be appointed, and that they be authorized to disburse money daily to the people employed on the works.

Description.	Amount required.	Remarks.
	Rs.	
1. Road from Vadamadura to Vedasendur *via* Eriode (sixteen miles) to be continued to Pulkanuth— Amount of estimate ... ... Rs. 17,900 Deduct probable expenditure up to date ,, 6,900	10,000	In Dindigul Taluq.
2. Road from Ooppiliaputti towards Dharapuram in the Coimbatore District, about twenty miles.	10,000	In Pulni Taluq. Estimate has been promised for a portion of this road.
3. Road from Pulni west to Kumaralingam, about ten miles.	10,000	In Pulni Taluq.
4. To metal roads from Dindigul towards Madura, Pulni, and Caroor.	20,000	In Pulni and Dindigul Taluqs.
5. Madura to Nuttum (twenty-two miles) ... ... Estimate ... ... Rs. 26,690 Actual expenditure up to date ... ... ,, 18,450	6,000	In Madura and Melur Taluqs.
6. To metal road from Madura to Melur, about eighteen miles.	15,000	Do.
7. To metal road from Madura to Tirumungalam, twelve miles.	10,000	In Madura and Tirumungalam Taluqs.
8. To metal road from Tirumungalam to Tinnevelly limit (thirteen miles).	13,000	In Tirumungalum Taluq.
9. To metal road from Melur to Tiruchuly *via* Tirupuvanam, about twenty-two miles.	10,000	In Ramnad and Shevagungah Zemindaries.
10. To metal road from Permagudy to Ramnad, twenty-three miles in length. Amount of estimate ... ... Rs. 1,14,100 Probable expenditure up to date ... ,, 25,000	10,000	In Ramnad Zemindari.
11. Reconstructing and metalling road from Ramnad to Devipatam (ten miles).	20,000	Do.
12. Constructing a road from Kamuthi towards Virduputty *via* Arappucottah (Railway feeder, about eighteen miles).	10,000	Do.
13. Metalling road from Tirumungalam to Oosilamputti (sixteen miles).	20,000	In Tirumungalam Taluq.
Total ...	1,64,000	

I request further that sanction may be accorded by telegram for the two first works at least. Copy of this letter has been sent direct to Revenue Secretary to Government.

Enclosure No. 1.—Statement.

From C. W. W. MARTIN, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to J. G. HORSFALL, Esq., Acting Collector of Madura, dated Doddanampatti, 6th November 1876, No. 451.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that the result of my inspection of a considerable tract of country is to leave on me the impression that the sowing season this year in this taluq must have been fairly favorable, and that it was largely taken advantage of; light rains occurred at intervals during every month up to October, and, if there had been any thing like a monsoon, we should have been well up to the average in the punjah crop, but it is now the 6th November and not one drop of rain has fallen since the 17th October (except a light shower covering a small area in Pulni Taluq), and up to that date in October there had only been 1·75 inches. No crops could stand such a drought, and rain now I am afraid is too late to do substantial good.

2. There will however be some outturn though very small, and the yield of cholum straw ought to be sufficient to save the cattle.

3. The cattle are beginning to be badly off for both fodder and water.

4. I have doubts whether it will be necessary to provide relief-*houses* in this taluq at all, and I certainly think that we may wait until there is more show of distress before we start relief works.

5. In order however that there may be no delay about the arrangement of the preliminaries in case we find matters go to extremes, I have taken for granted that the roads mentioned in my letter of the 4th instant will be accepted as proper relief works, and I have directed the Tahsildars to select places beforehand along their lines at intervals of about five miles where cooly camps can be formed at short notice near a good water-supply, so that the work of hutting can be commenced the moment it is necessary.

6. I would suggest that in order to be prepared the Deputy Conservator of Forests should state where fuel for such camps may be readily procured, and also that a standard plan of a camp with the necessary sanitary arrangements be prepared and kept in the Collector's Office. I have no fear but that I should be able to make arrangements for the food supply with the local merchants, and if the other preliminaries are settled beforehand I think we may put off longer than otherwise the actual commencement of relief measures.

7. I had bad accounts yesterday from the Pulni Taluq; prices had risen and were standing—

1st sort rice	5¼	Measures.
2nd do.	5¾	,,
3rd (very bad quality)	6	,,
Cholum...	7	,,
Ragi	9	,,

8. These are getting unpleasantly near famine prices, and it said that the markets are not well supplied; but as I am informed that there is importation beginning into the taluq from the rice country under the Amravathy, I have no doubt that there is no immediate fear of a failure of food.

9. As the Pulni Tahsildar is unavoidably absent, I have sent [the Sub-Division Sheristadar into the Pulni Taluq to keep me informed of the course of

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events, and I shall myself get through the Dindigul Taluq by the end of this week and lose no time then in proceeding to Pulni.

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No. 411.

SUBMITTED to the Board of Revenue with reference to my letter No. 409 of yesterday. I am of opinion that works should be commenced at once. The prices now ruling are beyond the means of the laboring class, and it appears to me only a question of time how long they will be able to bear the strain unless ample labor is provided.

MADURA, (Signed) J. G. HORSFALL,
8th November 1876. Acting Collector.

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Telegram from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Collector of Madura, dated 10 November 1876.

"Monsoon has burst. Do you still think relief works immediately necessary."

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Telegram from the Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 11th November 1876.

"No rain here. Relief is necessary."

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Telegram to the Collector from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 13th November 1876.

"Wire present retail prices. Second-sort rice, cholum, cumbu, ragi at Madura and Dindigul."

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Telegram from the Collector, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 14th November 1876.

"Second-sort rice 5½, cholum 8½, cumbu 11, ragi 10½ measures per Rupee. Sub-Collector will telegraph Dindigul. Bazaar prices direct."

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Telegram from the Sub-Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 14th November 1876.

"Present Dindigul retail prices per Rupee—Measures, second-sort rice 5⅝, cholum 7, cumbu 11¼, ragi 9½. Present prices Pulni market—Second-sort rice 5½, cholum 7½, cumbu 9¾, ragi 8½. Rainfall, October, at Dindigul 1·75 inches—at Pulni 2·75 inches, ditto up to present, November ·33 inches, ·20 inches.

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From J. G. HORSFALL, Esq., Acting Collector of Madura, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madura, 13th November 1876, No. 420:—

I HAVE the honor to report, for the information of the Board, that I proceeded by rail on Saturday to the extreme south of the district, returning by trolly. I regret to state that on this side the aspect of affairs is not more favorable than what I have already reported as to the general state of the district; and that the

dry crops are for the most part lost, the wet lands have not been sown, and the seed-beds are, with few exceptions, withered. The rain holds off unaccountably, notwithstanding that we have had dark clouds passing over for the past four days, and should rain fall hereafter it will do little, I fear, towards saving existing dry crops. It would no doubt enable the ryots to replant dry crops and to sow kodai, but I do not think that we can calculate upon this. Prices are universally high, and there can be no doubt that the laboring classes are suffering distress. I enclose copy of a letter just received from Mr. Martin as to the state of the Dindigul Taluq. Pulni is reported to be still worse. I propose to open to cattle the jungles referred to by Mr. Martin, and will endeavor to arrange with the District Engineer and the Contractor for the execution of work on the Vedasandoor road, for which I have already applied for a grant of 10,000 Rupees.

2. The fact that people are taking to use for food roots of plants contrary to their usual habit is a sure indication of the pressure that is being felt; and shows that relief is required. I forward for the inspection of the Board the sample received from Mr. Martin. The root resembles very much what is known in England as the catnut, or earth-nut, and has by no means a disagreeable flavor.

3. Mr. Nicholson, copy of whose letter I enclose, reports that there has been a rain-fall of about two inches at Ramnad, and throughout that division, and this will save the existing dry crops, but is not sufficient to enable the ryots to commence wet cultivation which is invariably much later in the Ramnad Division than elsewhere. Looking at the general failure of rain throughout, I regret I cannot share the hopeful view Mr. Nicholson takes of the coming prospects. It will be three or four months before much relief can be obtained from an expected crop, not yet sown, and meantime we are already drawing upon other districts for our supplies. I apprehend that prices will still continue to rise for some time. I am proceeding into the Tirumangalam Taluq to-morrow, and will report further on the state of that taluq in the course of a day or two.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Copy of Sub-Collector's letter.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Copy of Head Assistant's letter.

THE foregoing papers relate to the state of the season in, and present condition of, the Madura District. The Collector in the first letter read above reports that the rain-fall has been deficient, that the crops throughout a large portion of the district are withering, that prices are very high, that the laboring classes are in distress for want of employment, and that an immediate grant of Rupees 1,64,000, for expenditure on certain roads as relief works, is in the Collector's opinion necessary. The further papers furnish reports from divisional officers and information as to the prices now prevailing.

2. The Board have given careful consideration to the Collector's letter, and are of opinion that the application for a grant of Rupees 1,64,000 for relief works

is premature. The Collector lays stress on the extraordinarily high prices now prevailing and compares them with those ruling in previous years of scarcity; but on examination the prices, though high, do not appear to the Board to be indicative of very severe pressure. The prices reported by the Collector for October 1876 are compared below with those of October 1875.

Average Prices.

	October 1875. Madras Measures per Rupee.	October 1876. Madras Measures per Rupee.
Rice—second sort	8·0	7·7
Cholum	20·0	17·4
Cumboo	21·3	16·9
Ragi	21·5	17·1

The prices reported in the above telegrams as prevailing on the 14th November are, per Rupee

	Madura. M.M.	Dindigul. M.M.	Palani. M.M.
Rice—second sort.	6·2	6·0	6·2
Cholum	9·6	7·9	8·5
Cumboo	12·4	13·2	11·0
Ragi	11·6	10·7	9·5

There thus appears to have been a sudden and heavy rise in prices, especially of cholam, cumboo, and ragi, on which chiefly the people live; but those now prevailing are less than prices in Madras, and cannot be considered famine rates.

3. The divisional officers' reports show that the condition of the Sub-division Taluqs of Dindigul and Palani is bad, but as regards the Madura, Melur, and Tirumangalam Taluqs the Board doubt whether reason is shown for the extensive relief operation proposed. The report of the Head Assistant Collector shows that that portion of the district (Ramnad and Shivaganga) has benefited by the recent rains, some of the tanks having, it is said, received a two months' supply. The rains will, at any rate, have saved the dry crops on the ground and have enabled others to be sown. The Board are not anxious as to that division, usually the worst off.

4. It is observed that the allotments of Local Funds for expenditure on road works are considerable. They are detailed below and the expenditure against them to the end of August (the latest date up to which the Board have returns) indicates that there must be still a large sum available. Allowing for an expenditure of Rupees 60,000 in September and October, there must still be over a lakh of rupees available, of which a considerable portion must be under New Works. The expenditure of Local Fund grants should be pushed on, and unless the contract system has been largely adopted by the Public Works Department, as in the case of the Vadasandur road referred to by the Sub-Collector, will do much to provide employment for those in need of it. The Collector will ascertain and report what sums are available, and will arrange with the District Engineer for the works being pushed on. Rupees 12,000 more are available from Local Funds

for village improvements and works of water supply, and these will be very useful:—

Grants sanctioned.	Madura.	Dindigul.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
New Works	63,721	51,061	1,14,782
Repairs	66,210	52,442	1,18,652
Total ...	1,29,931	1,03,503	2,33,434
Outlay to August.			
New Works	19,218	13,599	32,817
Repairs	22,818	16,182	39,000
Total ...	42,036	29,781	71,817
Balance ...	87,895	73,722	1,61,617

5. The Board, however, think that the state of the Sub-division Taluqs, which are chiefly dry, is such as to require special aid, and resolve to recommend Government to sanction a grant of Rupees 30,000 for expenditure in Dindigul and Palani on such works as the Collector may suggest. His list includes a sum of Rupees 50,000 for these taluqs, but Rupees 20,000 is proposed for road-metalling, a form of work not very suitable for relief. Of the balance proposed by the Collector for allotment, no less than Rupees 98,000 are for work of this kind; and the Board think that other works should be selected. The Board suggest to Government that the present may prove a favorable opportunity for commencing the channels connected with the Periyar Project, which pass through the Madura and Melur Taluqs.

6. Beyond the grant which the Board have proposed for the Sub-division they do not think anything is required at present, though no doubt the state of other parts of the district is critical and requires to be carefully watched by the district officer. The Collector does not refer to increase of crime; he should report whether this has been observed. The suggestion that the Forest Conservancy Rules should be relaxed and the slopes of the hills thrown open for pasturing cattle is a good one, and the Board think that orders should be issued to the Conservator accordingly. Special precautions could be adopted to prevent danger to the forest from fires.

7. With reference to his proposal that the collection of the kist, which falls due next month, be postponed, the Board authorize him to suspend the issue of coercive process where he may think it necessary. In Dindigul and Palani perhaps suspension of all collection is required, and on this point the Collector will report, as well as regards punjah remissions which will doubtless be called for.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 328. ORDER THEREON, 18th November 1876, No. 1,722.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government are glad to observe that funds to so great an extent are available for expenditure from Local Funds.

2. The sum of Rs. 30,000 recommended for outlay on Dindigul and Palni is sanctioned. The Collector should submit a revised list of works, but may commence at once with No. 1 which is an important railway feeder.

3. The suggestion in regard to the commencement of the channels connected with the Perriyar Project must be negatived, the project not being decided on.

4. The Conservator of Forests will issue instructions to relax the Forest Rules, so as to allow cattle to graze on the slopes of the hills.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Collector of Madura.
„ the Conservator of Forests.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Inspector-General of Police.
„ the Public Works Department.

Rxd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of India.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

&c, &c, &c.

Dated November 1876.

Read.

Encl.

G.O. 1876 November 14th, No. 1,422.

NOVEMBER.

Nos. 827-828.

Office of Consulting Engineer for Railways.

MADRAS,

15. November 1876.

Dear Mr. Carmichael.

In the absence of Col.

Shaw Stewart I reply to

your note & thus.

The most important Rules

as Ranking Judges are

Nos. 1 and 12. These have

both been recommended

& the Ranking of Specs, High

in the absence of complete

information we have up

to the present time been unable to submit a statement to you.

I have this day ordered the Agent whether he can suggest any other road that would be accept

Yr. truly

A Worden

Hon. C. is said to be much needed.

Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 15 November 76.

Read the following:

Letter from the Collector, Madura, 17th November 1876, No: 409.

Docket, dated 8th November 1876.

Board's Telegram 10th November 1876:—

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Telegram from the Collector 11th November 1876.

"No rain here relief is necessary"

Telegram to Collector 13th November 1876

"Wire present retail prices, 2nd Sort price Cholum, Cumbu, Ragi at Madura & Dindigul"

Telegram from Collector, 14th November 1876

"2nd Sort price 5 1/2; Cholum 8 1/2 3 Cumbu 11; Ragi 10 1/4 measures per Rupee. Sub Collector will telegraph Dindigul bazaar prices direct."

Telegram from Sub Collector 14th Nov 1876

"Present Dindigul retail prices per rupee. Measures 2nd Sort price 5 3/8; Cholum 7; Cumbu 11 3/4; Ragi 9 1/2 3/present prices pulney market 2nd Sort, rice 5 1/2 Cholum 7 1/2: Cumbu 9 3/4: Ragi 8 1/2; rainfall

Nov No 796

From Consulting Engr

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6. Beyond the grant which the Board have proposed for the subdivision they do not think anything is required at present though no doubt the state of other parts of the district is critical and requires to be carefully watched by the district officers. The Collector does not refer to increase of crime; he should report whether this has been observed. The suggestion that the Forest Conservancy rules should be relaxed and the slopes of the hills where conserved should be thrown open for pasturing cattle

cattle is a good one and the Board think that orders should be issued to the Conservator accordingly Special precautions should be adopted to prevent danger to the forests from fires.

7. With reference to his proposal that the Collection of the kist which falls due next month be postponed, the Board authorize him to suspend the issue of coercive process where he may think is necessary. In Khidirpal and Pahri perhaps suspension of all collections is required, and on this point the Collector will report, as well as regards Punjah remissions which will doubtless be called for.

(True Extract)

H. Elton

Ag Secretary

To

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Deptt with 3 Enclosures
to be returned & copies of Collectors
letters

Revenue 1876 Dept.
No. 4939
Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue
Dated 15th Nov 1876.

Dep'd 15 ——
Rec'd 16 ——

Encl & Returned

Submitting Govt.
papers relative to the
Sepoy mutiny & the
present condition of
the Malwa District

With Order
Despatch

Encl to Resolution Dept No 30/ Nov 76 & Encl
Collector of Malwa No 18 of Dec 30/76
Commr. of Nerbudda " " " 30/76
Govt. Agent " " " 30/76
& Superintendent of Police " " 30/76

P.C. 25 Nov/76 R 28 Nov
23rd Nov/76 R 24th Nov
Govt. R 18 Nov

No 1722

The Government are glad to observe that funds to so great an extent are available for expenditure from Local Funds

The sum of Rs 30000 recommended for outlay on Dindigul and Salem is sanctioned - The Collr. should submit a revised list of works - but may commence at once with No I which is an important Railway feeder

2 The suggestion in regard to the commencement of the Channels coincident with the Periyar project will be considered in the P.W.D. Dept. [Cannot be negotiated, the project not having been decided on]

3. The Conservator of Forests will issue instructions to relax the forest rules so as to allow cattle to graze on the slopes of the hills &

See letter from Commr. Engr. Hd Pres directing inquiry to be made.

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