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28th November 1876.*

No. 536A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th November 1876, No. 2,870 :—

Read the following letter from G. D. LEMAN, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 10th November 1876, No. 1,947 :—

I HAVE the honor to report that I have returned from my tour in Vinukonda Taluq.

2. There is pressure both there and at Narsarowpet. The stores of grain in the villages and towns are not large, and the prices are very high. As reported to me yesterday, the chief food, jonna, is selling $8\frac{3}{4}$ * and $7\frac{1}{2}$ † measures for a Rupee; rice at $6\frac{1}{4}$ and 5.‡

* 17½ seers.
† 15 do.
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3. Still the people for the most part were unanimous in saying "if we get rain we shall be able to manage."

4. I have taken steps to open Local Fund works wherever there is an allotment and money to be spent, so that I shall hardly want any money from Government till the end of this month; but after that, if no rain falls in the interim, it will be necessary to find work for the village people and perhaps food.

5. The roads I propose to undertake are one from Chilakalurpad to Perala in Narsarowpet Taluq, and in Vinukonda the roads from Vinukonda to Cumbum and to Dāchepalli, on which I am now at work with Local Funds.

6. I am sorry to say that, if the rain does not come, I expect that I shall have to ask Government for money to be spent in other parts of the district besides here. A very large amount of the food grain in the district has been taken away by export to Madras, Kurnool, Nellore, and Hyderabad, and prices are everywhere high, and, it is said, the supplies are short.

7. There are four very important works belonging to the Delta project, which it seems it would be well to take up if the necessity should arise.

8. (a.) They are making the embankment of the river from Amravati to Sitanagaram.

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(c.) Strengthening the embankment on the other side of the river where necessary between Ibrahimpatam and Mopidevi.

(d.) Embanking the Budamer near its outfall into the Koller lake and improving the Divi Island embankment.

9. These works are all most useful, and there can be no scarcity of water for the people employed on them. The Superintending Engineer can manage to detail people especially to look after the work where large numbers are collected better than he can if we have a number of scattered works, and the work is easier and more congenial to the ryots than road-work.

10. If necessary, I would hut the people; a few palmyra sheds would give them sufficient shelter.

11. For the few people that would be left behind it is probable the villagers would find cooly-work, or, if not, I could find some slight work for them.

12. Should there at any time be a necessity to supply grain, I can manage to find a large assembly of people better than to a number of people scattered on different works.

13. Let the Government should not approve of this method of spending the money, I send a list of roads to be taken up, but I would strongly press on Government my preference for the other works.

14. If there be a want of work in the Palnad, and the river-work is found to be at too great a distance, I will take up the road between Tumrukota and Dachepalli for the people there.

15. The state of the district is at present this: In the dry taluqs the sujja crop has in places been almost a total failure; where it has been harvested the outturn has not exceeded one-fourth, and has been generally less. The Gidda jonna crop has been a bad one nearly everywhere. The Pedda jonna has in many places failed; where it is not yet cut, good rain may so revive it that a small outturn may be expected, but only a small one.

16. Rain will enable the people to put in the Verigi crop on which they depend chiefly for their sustenance till the next year's early crop; but, if there be no rain, not a seed will be put down.

17. In the few places where the ryots have wells and have watered their early dry crop, they will have, or have had, a fair outturn. In the upland taluqs no wet crops have succeeded. The tanks are all dry.

18. In the Delta the rice-crop will be generally fair. The river has never been so low at this time of year, and the difficulty of giving the ryots water has been very great, but generally there has been no loss of crop yet in lands irrigable easily by flow.

19. The apathy of the ryots is marvellous; in some places in Bapatla with rice that might have been saved if they would have put up a picottah to raise the water to the field, they have left it to die because there is no custom to use picottahs in that taluq!!!

20. I have received the Board's Proceedings directing me to telegraph for money when it is requisite.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Road Work that can be undertaken in the Kistna District if necessity should arise.

REPALLI TALUQ.—(1) Road from Nizampatam to Bapatla—new road. (2) Towpath from Nizampatam to Tidal Lock.

BAPATLA TALUQ.—(1) Road from Chilakalurpad to Perala. (2) Road from Appapuram to Canal.

VINUKONDA TALUQ.—(1) Road from Vinukonda to Cumbum. (2) Road from Vinukonda to Narsarowpet. (3) Road from Vinukonda to Karampudi. (4) Road from Vinukonda to Komalapad.

* Same as in No. 1 in Bapatla.

† Same as in No. 2 in Vinukonda Taluq.

NARSAROWPETTA TALUQ.—(1)* Road from Chilakalurpeta to Perala. (2)† Road from Narsarowpett to Vinukonda via Magalur.

GUDIVADA TALUQ.—(1) Road from Gudivada to Bandar. (2) Road from Gudivada to Panarru.

BANDAR TALUQ.—See above two roads.

NUZIVID AND TIRVUR DIVISIONS.—(1) Road from Nuzivid to Kesarapalli via Adurip. (2) Road from Tirvur to Mailavaram.

PALNAD TALUQ.—For in paragraph 7 of letter, No. 1,786, 6 October, and paragraph 14 of the present letter.

SATTENAPALLI TALUQ.—Road from Pedugurula to Sattenapalli.

NANDIGAMA TALUQ.—Repairs to Hyderabad Road.

BEZWADA TALUQ.—Nuzvid and Kesarapalli Road.

(Signed) G. D. LEMAN,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government with reference to G.O., dated 31st October 1876, No. 1,535.

2. The state of the district is critical, but no immediate necessity for extraordinary relief is apparent. The Collector will carefully watch the progress of events, and if necessary make his wants known by telegraph.

3. The works specified in paragraph 8 appear to be useful and well selected for the employment of large bodies of men. It seems very desirable that the embankment works mentioned by the Collector should be executed while the ground is dry and the water low, and the present is a most favorable opportunity. In the event of relief works becoming necessary, the Board would impress on the Collector the expediency of village improvements carried out under the supervision of village and taluq officials which would prove a lasting benefit to the people and prevent the adult members of families leaving the precincts of their homes. Small sums advanced from time to time to the Potails whose account might be checked by the taluq officials would provide work, which would be eagerly taken up by the villagers. Copy of Board's Proceedings on this subject will be communicated to the Collector.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 530B.

ORDER THEREON, 28th November 1876, No. 1,833A.

Miscellaneous.

The desirability of taking up the works specified in paragraph 8 of the Collector's letter will be considered in the Public Works Department.

2. The Government would press canal drainage and embankment work in this district before roads. Local and village works should be for infirm or elderly persons only.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

„ the Public Works Department.

„ the Financial Department.

„ the Inspector-General of Police.

Ed. F. B. Bantleman.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 17 November 1876

No 28705-

Read the following:-

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From G. D. Lemann Esquire

Collector of District

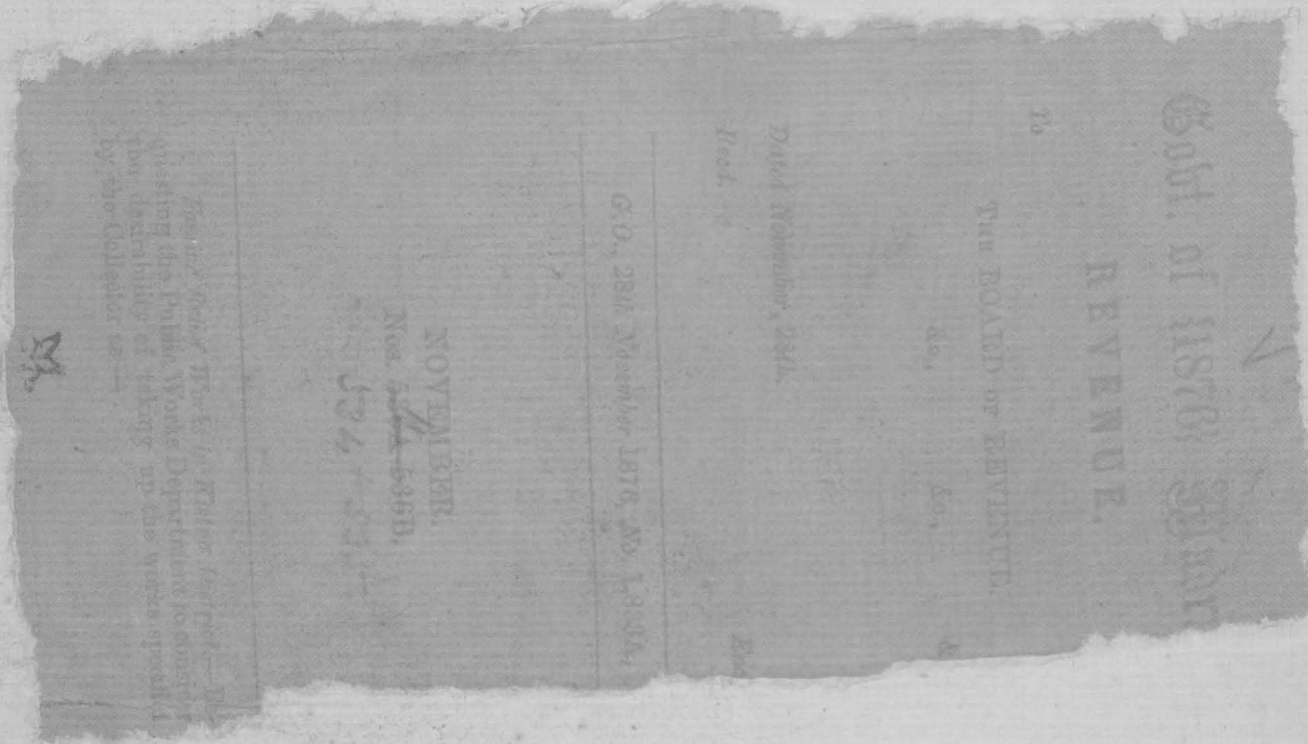
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Karsarupeta Talug 1. D^r from Chilakalupeta
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2 D^r from Karsarupeta to
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2. Road from Tiruv to
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Same as in No 2
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Palmad Taluq Provided for in Para
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Sattenapalli Taluq Road from Pidugurula
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Kandigama Taluq Repairs to Hyderabad
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To The Secretary to Government N. D.

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Additional facts
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