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No. 573. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th November 1876, No. 2,962:—

Read the following letter from F. R. H. SHARP, Esq., Acting Collector of Nellore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 21st November 1876, No. 3,212.

I HAVE the honor to request that I may be supplied immediately with three Department of Public Works Overseers for employment on relief works under the Head Assistant Collector, the Assistant Collector, and the Deputy Collector on General Duties, respectively, as the appearance of the weather gives no hope that the necessity for relief works will soon cease in their ranges; on the contrary, we have to provide for a progressive increase in the number of those needing employment.

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5. With reference to the Board's remarks about the improvement of the village roads in their Proceedings, No. 2,764, of 7th instant, I very much regret that I could not feel satisfied in leaving the choice of coolies and their payment to Village Officers as a general rule. Moreover, we have lines of important roads in the district, since surveyed and some marked out upon the earth work, of which the poor may be profitably employed. But all village improvements will be carried out which can be superintended by the higher revenue officials.

6. I ask sanction for allowing the cultivation of beds of tanks on payment of suitable dry rates where there is no prospect of their receiving a supply of water. Many ryots in despair of getting water for their paddy have cultivated cholam instead upon their wet lands. I shall be glad to have this sanction accorded by telegraph, as this is just the season to commence such cultivation.

7. I consider I should now bring forward the subject of a supply of drinking water for human beings for the next hot weather. Last summer, the supply was extremely

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the rivers are low. So should we receive no greater supply of rain from the north-east monsoon than that we have already had (viz., 2 inches 4 oz.), I fear we may have

a most terrible famine of water next hot weather in the western taluqs. Chiefly to provide against such a calamity, I propose to offer a bonus of Rupees 100 for every new well constructed after the 1st December which shall have a fair supply of portable water in it available to the public during next year, or half the estimated value of the well not exceeding Rupees 100. All such wells to be constructed at sites approved by Collectors or Divisional Officers within half a mile of a public road, and to which the public shall have free access.

8. I propose a discretionary payment, not exceeding half the cost, by Collectors or Divisional Officers for the improvement of existing private wells in sites approved by them where they are satisfied the water-supply has been most materially augmented.

I propose the sinking by Government of new wells in suitable localities on high roads in those places where there is reason to anticipate most distress for water and least prospect of wells being sunk or improved by private enterprise. I would make it a proviso that no Government money is spent on any wells which are within three miles of fair supplies of drinking water.

9. While I desiderate the above improvements chiefly for the supply of drinking water, I anticipate also an augmentation of the food-supply of the district and a material assistance to poor ryots who have suffered from bad seasons and loss of cattle. I am procuring from the Superintendent of the Government Farm a model of the one bullock-lift for wells in use there, and I ask sanction for the cost of setting up the apparatus at a convenient well in Nellore for exhibition to the people to encourage them to the extension of well irrigation at this season.

10. Where feasible I propose charging water-rate at one rupee per acre for the use of the Government wells to be constructed.

11. The total amount I ask for expenditure in the above way for the present is Rupees 20,000, which I hope to distribute as follows :—

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(a.) Bonus for 75 new wells... ..	7,500
(b.) Do. for improvement of 150 old ones	7,500
(c.) Cost of 15 Government wells on an average of over Rupees 300	5,000
Total	20,000
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Benefits—average increased cultivation under 75 new wells at 5 acres... ..	375
Benefits—additional cultivation under old wells... ..	150
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3. The ryots should be encouraged to cultivate dry grains in their irrigated lands for which a supply of water has failed.

4. The Board do not approve Mr. Sharp's suggestions for the improvement of water-supply. His attention is called to Board's Proceedings, No. 2,897, dated 20th November 1876, informing him that he is at liberty to make advances under the Land Improvement Act and Rules to ryots for the purpose of digging wells. It will however doubtless be necessary to spend some Government money in providing wells in some places for public use, and the Board resolve to sanction a grant of Rupees 5,000 for the purpose; the work to be carried out as relief work. The selection of sites is left to the Collector.

5. The cost of setting up the model water-lift may be met from relief grants. It will be small.

6. The Collector is requested to report what sums provided for expenditure under Local Funds are or can be made available for relief purposes.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 574. ORDER THEREON, 29th November 1876, No. 1,853.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government approve the Board's views in paragraphs 2, 3, and 4. The Public Works Department will be requested to arrange for the supply of the three Overseers required by Mr. Sharp.

2. There may be some difference of opinion as to encouraging tank-bed cultivation; but the Government will leave the decision of the question to the discretion of the Board.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Public Works Department.
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„ the Inspector-General of Police.

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Minutes of the Board of Revenue—Approving
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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 24 Nov 76.

No. 2952

Read the following

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To

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