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No. 152. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th July 1876, No. 1,824 :—

Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 13th July 1876, No. 247 :—

I REGRET to have to report that the monsoon rain, which generally falls by the middle of June, still holds off. In consequence, a large amount of land remains unsown, and where seed has been put in, it has very generally failed to germinate.

2. This following upon last year's bad season, necessarily is a cause of great anxiety. I have already received reports from the Deputy Collector of the Hurpanhally Division (copies enclosed), that distress has begun to be felt in the Hurpanhally and Hadgally Taluqs, and I have received an application from the Deputy Collector of the Bellary Division to open relief works in the Kudlighi Taluq.

3. I have the honor to report that, under the circumstances, I have authorized the works proposed in the Hurpanhally and Hadgally Taluqs being put in hand at once. These have been selected as being near the houses of the distressed population, according to the opinion of the Board expressed in their Proceedings, No. 3,010, dated the 29th October 1875.

4. A total sum of Rupees 15,000,* *vide* Board's Proceedings, No. 3,385, of the 20th December 1875, was allotted for relief works in these taluqs. Of this, up to the end of May, Rupees 8,800 and odd

have been expended on roads, and these works must on no account be now stopped.

5. The Deputy Collector's present demand is for Rupees 6,400, and as the matter was urgent, I requested the District Engineer to grant a cheque for Rupees 3,800 as a commencement, promising that I would apply for a further allotment. This he has done.

6. I earnestly request that a further allotment from Provincial Funds may be made for these relief works.

7. A sum of Rupees 12,000 will suffice for a time.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From V. VENKATACHELLUM PUNTULU, Deputy Collector, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Hurpanhally, 3rd July 1876.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt, on this date, of your letter of the 29th ultimo, requiring me to propose the opening of relief works, and beg to enclose, for your orders, a copy of an Arzi from the Tahsildar of Hurpanhally, dated 1st instant, reporting the distressed state of the taluq, and sending a list of works to be undertaken immediately for the relief of the suffering villagers.

(True Copy.)

(Signed)

J. H. MASTER,
Collector.

List of Famine Works recommended to be executed in the Hurpanhally Taluq during the year 1876.

Names of Villages.	Description of Work.	Estimated Amount.			Names of Villages whose people will be benefited.
		Rs.	A.	P.	
1. Hurpanhally	1. Repairing a Well	542	4	0	1 Dypanaikahally.
	2. Repair of Road in front of the old Cutcherry	271	0	0	1 Anantahally.
	3. Constructing a Chuttrum for Travellers	402	8	0	1 Tippaiahahally.
	4. Making a Road in front of the Cutcherry	63	3	5	1 Dadigavanahally.
	5. Filling in Pits near the Travellers' Bungalow and thereby preventing accumulation of water	105	15	0	1 Davara Tinnalapur.
	6. Making a Road from Corner's house to Bellary Road	26	0	0	1 Madupur.
	7. Making a Road from Kumbarkery to Bakrikeri	50	7	8	1 Bangaly.
	8. Cleaning Bommariah's Well	100	0	0	Total ... 13
2. Batru Obalapuram	1. Constructing a Dam across the jungle stream which runs into the Village	202	10	0	1 Adaviahally, 1. Tippaiahahally, 1. Moothy,
3. Tellicherry	1. Constructing a Chuttrum for Travellers	238	6	0	1 Kody yellopur, 1. Dypanaikahally.
4. Raghy Masahood	1. Making a Road in the Village	95	0	0	1 Raghy Masahood, 1. Chirtahally, 1. Ingelagondy,
5. Arskery	2. Filling in Pits	27	11	7	1 Yedehally, 1. Tinnalapur.
6. Davara Tinnalapur	1. Repairing Road in the Village	75	8	0	Hurpanhally and the villages in No. 1.
7. Neelgond	1. Making a Road near the Village	92	3	0	Itagoody Neelgond and Bavenhally.
8. Koolhally	1. Repairing Road to Itagoody	185	8	0	Koolhally, Bangaly Bundy, Kasuahally, and Chikka-
	1. Repairing Supply-channel of Tank	100	0	0	kolunganukutta.
9. Benuhally	1. Making a Road in the Village	73	3	0	Proothwaswaram, Beda Markapuram, Salaswaram,
10. Mydoor	1. Filling in Dung Pits	185	2	0	Neelviniy and Kripapuram.
11. Moothy	1. Repairing a Houdon or Well	100	0	0	Chigtary, Mydoor, Kuserhally and Kenchamanahally.
	2. Making a Road to Nithapore about 1½ mile	300	0	0	Moothy, Adivihally, Nithapoor, Proothwaswaram,
12. Bangaly	1. Clearing a Well	100	0	0	Bandar, Murkapur, Solaswaram, Neelviniy, Hody,
13. Chigtary	1. Making a Road in the Village	50	0	0	Yellapur.
14. Almavesakary	1. Filling in Manure Pits	100	0	0	Bangaly, Kodihally, Singarthota, Dadigavanahally,
15. Govanahally	1. Clearing a Well	50	0	0	Chikkakalaganakatta, koolhally.
16. Churanahally	1. Clearing a Well and constructing it with stones	300	0	0	Chigtary.
					Govanahally Madlaghery and Dadapuram.
					1 Govanahally and 1 Oodehahall.
					Churanahally, Aldahally, Goodihally Moolchally and
					Nagurconda.
	Total...	3,836	9	8	

HURPANHALLY, 1st July 1876.

(True Translation.)

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From V. VENCATACHELLUM, Deputy Collector, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Hurpanhally, 6th July 1876, No. 169.

I HAVE the honor to bring to your notice that there is no rain as yet in this or Huvinhadgally Taluq, so as to enable the ryots in all villages to commence cultivation.

2. I beg to enclose a copy of an Arzi from the Tahsildar of Hadgally Taluq, dated 4th instant, No. 211, submitting a list of urgent works* to be commenced at once for the relief of the poor men in his taluq, and to request that sanction may be granted to such sum as is at your disposal. The Tahsildar reports that as the Department of Public Works pay to coolies once for a week, the poor men are not eager to go there. In the event of your seeing no objection, I request that you will be pleased to address the District Engineer to have the cooly paid every evening for the work done on that day. It will be sufficient if this mode is observed until the rains commence.

* Estimate Rupees 2,300.

(True Copy.)

(Signed)

J. H. MASTER.

Collector.

List of Relief Works proposed to be commenced at once in the Hurringhadgally Taluq as per Tahsildar's Arzi No. 211, dated 4th July 1876.

	RS.
1. Constructing Road from Hurringhadgally to Holloigoondy, 4½ miles, with tunnels	600
2. Constructing a Road from the village of Mangala to the river Toongabudra	150
3. Digging a new Well near Kanakappa's Temple on the Road from Mangala to Hara Hadgally	500
4. Repairing and clearing a Well under the Heerahadgally Tank	250
5. Extending the Coonta near Veerapuram	500
6. Digging a new Well on the Road between Mullenkera and Humpasagar	300
	2,300

(True Translation.)

From the same Officer, dated Hurpanhally, 8th July 1876, No. 176.

I HAVE the honor to enclose copies of an Arzi, dated 7th instant, from the Tahsildar of Hurpanhally, and its enclosure, which is a report from the Village Munsif and Curnam of Duggooty.

2. The villagers report that the poor people of the village have no means to subsist, and that some eat food once for one or two days. The Tahsildar recommends that sanction may be granted for Rupees 300 to repair a Houdum in the village, which will give occupation to several persons. I beg that early orders may be given, as the distress is on the increase in this taluq.

(True Copy.)

(Signed)

J. H. MASTER,

Collector.

From W. LEGGATT, Esq., A.I.C.E., Officiating District Engineer, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector and President of the Local Fund Boards, Bellary, dated 10th July 1876, No. 1,306:

With reference to your letter, No. 260, dated 7th July 1876, I have the honor to inform you that the amount available in the Hurpanhally Taluq Treasury is not sufficient to meet the payment of Rupees 3,800 in full. I have therefore instructed the Range Officer to grant a cheque

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in favor of the Deputy Collector, Hurpanhally Division, for such sum as can conveniently be spared at present. On the receipt of a supplemental credit which will be at once applied for by the Range Officer, a cheque for the balance will be issued.

2. From the subjoined statement it will be seen that the amount available for expenditure by this department, famine relief works during the current official year is Rupees 3,547, and I request to be informed, at your earliest convenience, whether the progress on famine relief works should be stopped after the utilization of this sum.

3. Adverting to paragraph 2 of the letter, I have to state that a portion of the outlay on the road alluded to was paid out of the sum of Rupees 15,000. See statement below:—

Names.	Outlay in 1875-76.			Outlay up to end of May 1876.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Road from Oojiny to Siruhally...	2,533	12	6	146	1	0
Do. Hamsagur to Hollal...	3,914	15	1	1,018	14	6
Do. Horihur to Mundy Bahoor.						
or						
Road from Mysore frontier via Hurpanhally to Trunk Road No. 18 at Govripoor, as per Range Progress Report ...	4,073	14	7	1,203	14	7
(As designated in the progress report.)						
Deduct maintenance allowance granted in the Budget of 1875-76 ...	2,870	0	0			
Amount to be paid to Revenue Department ...				3,800	0	0
				11,452	10	2
Famine Grant ...				15,000	0	0
Balance ...				3,547	0	0

Against this sum, Rupees 1,165 have been already expended.

(True Copy.)

(Signed)

J. H. MASTER,
Collector.

From N. MURUGASEN, Deputy Collector, Bellary Division, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated 11th July 1876, No. 201.

In forwarding, herewith, the Kudlighi Tahsildar's Arzi, No. 286, of the 8th instant, and his last weekly season report (original already before you), I have the honor to request your consideration and orders on the proposal made by the Tahsildar to put in hand certain public works in view to afford relief to the poor, said to be in distress in some of the villages.

2. Copy of my order to the Tahsildar to ascertain the truth of his hearsay report is enclosed for your information.

(True Copy.)

(Signed)

J. H. MASTER,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the early orders of Government.

2. The Government will remember that much anxiety was felt for the state of the western taluqs of Bellary last year; but a timely fall of rain prevented the entire loss of Cholum crop, and gave temporary relief. The same tract of country is now again threatened with scarcity, and the Collector proposes to spend the balance

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of the 15,000 Rupees then granted on relief works, and asks for a further allotment of Rupees 1,200. The list of works seems to have been framed with a view to affording relief near the houses of the distressed people and is generally approved. The Collector will, of course, bear in mind the instructions conveyed in G.Os., dated 1st June 1876, No. 728, and 11th July 1876, No. 929, as to the nature of the works to be undertaken.

3. It does not appear that the Divisional Officers have been to the villages where distress is said to prevail. Before the expenditure of any more money, these officers should at once proceed to the localities and satisfy themselves by personal inspections of the truth of the reports they have received.

(True Copies and Extract.)
(Signed)

C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

No. 253.

ORDER THEREON, 24th July 1876, No. 1,000.

Miscellaneous.

An expenditure of Rs. 12,000 to meet the existing distress is sanctioned accordingly. The map called for in such cases is not to hand.

2. The instructions of the Board and local officers are approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue,
the Financial Department.

Order in the Financial Dept. 12 Aug. 1876 No. 1454.

It is observed that application is about to be made to the Government of India in the Revenue Dept. for a specific allotment of funds for relief works.

Exd. W. H. French.

(True Extract)

H. V. Ramiah Coll.

Off. Secy. to Govt. of India.

for Chief Secretary.

*To, The Accountant General,
Revenue Department.*

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Rs., Rs., Rs.

Dated July, 24th.

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G.O., 24th July 1876, No. 1,000.

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Nos. 252-253.

Rating Works in the Bellary District.—Sanctioning an expenditure of Rs. 12,000 on— to meet the existing distress, and approving the instructions of the Board and local officers.

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