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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th December 1876.*

No. 221. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th December 1876, No. 3,087:—

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, 29th November 1876, No. 2,077:—

I HAVE the honor to reply to the Board's Proceedings, dated 22nd November 1876.

2. The telegram, informing me of a grant of Rupees 10,000, has been duly received; but the Board will probably wish for an answer, explaining my reasons further for asking for this money.

3. And first of all it must be remembered that I have asked for and obtained See Board's Proceedings, No. 2,579 dated 12th October 1876. an extra grant from Local Funds, to be spent near Vinukondah, of Rupees 5,000, while I am also spending an allotment of Rupees 5,000 on the road from Chilakalurpeta to Peralakota. These, although not called relief works, are in fact such, for they give occupation to about 1,000 people in Vinukondah and Narsarowpeta.

4. I have no such money for expenditure in the Delta, while in the Delta there are far larger number of coolies than in the dry taluqs. The irrigation works that are going on, the usual repairs to channels, the work in fields—the Delta is much more closely cultivated than the dry taluqs—have attracted them, and they live absolutely by cooly work. Divi island is full of coolies, who regularly come in the dry weather and after the harvest for work on the canals.

5. By the failure of crop they are thrown out of work earlier than usual; repairs to channels cannot be undertaken till the rice crop is off the ground and the navigation channels closed, and it has become necessary that they should have something to do. Otherwise they would go away leaving the Public Works Department without coolies for their ordinary works; or if they stayed would in a little while become so reduced by bad and poor food as to be incapable, or nearly so, of work.

6. I cannot even think that the Board will consider me to have been premature in my application for money. There is no doubt in the mind of every district officer that the absolute necessity of work being provided had arisen when I commenced.

7. Major Hasted writes to me from Bezwada "We must give work at once."

8. I propose to send 200 Rupees of the relief work money sanctioned by telegram to the Deputy Collector at Vinukondah. He writes that in that part of the district a number of wandering beggars, Waddars, and people seeking work are continually coming from Cumbum and Nellore, and that they pester the townspeople who can ill afford it for food. There was a fear that one party had died, though as far as I can see, it was not well founded; and he has erected a shed at Vinukondah in which such people can sleep and cook without coming into the town and annoying as they do now on the pails among the townspeople. He will pay for the shed out of this money and will have a small fund to divide among the other five Tahsildars of his charge for the relief of the wandering poor when necessary.

9. I am informed that upwards of 700 people came seeking work to some Palnad villages the other day; it is necessary that some provision be made for the support of such people should they be destitute.

Memorandum to Government.

2. The Collector has a sum of Rupees 10,000 placed at his disposal, and has reported that he proposes spending it on the Kistna embankment. He can apply for more funds if more are wanted, making specific proposals.

(A True Copy and Ratifier.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,

Acting Secretary.

No. 222. Omdurman, 9th December 1876. No. 2,321.

Miscellaneous.

The Collector will be called on to submit a fuller report regarding the progress of providing relief works in the

Belga taluqs. The agricultural condition of the district and its prospects, as compared with the state of things in ordinary years, should be fully reported on.

2. It is desired that the Collector will have ascertained that the Commissioners Canal and other irrigation and drainage works have been put in hand for the employment of labor.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. E. CARMICHAEL,

Secretary to Government.

To the Secretaries to Government,
The Assistant General,
The Revenue Department,
The Public Works Department.

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 8th December 1876

Read the following—

No 2077

From

The Collector,

Kutia District

To

The Secretary,

Board of Revenue

Calcutta

Sir,

I have the honor to reply to the Board's
Proceedings dated 22nd November 1876.

The telegram informing me of a grant
of Rs 10000 has been duly received, but the Board
will probably wish for reasons and explanation
any reasons further for asking for this money.

And first of all, it would be pro-
per to mention that I have asked for and obtained
an extra grant from Local Funds to be spent
on the purchase of Rs 50000, which has been
also spending on purchase of Rs 50000 on the

in Board
20th Dec 1876
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the Road from Chibabuh to the ...
although not called, they are, in fact,
such, for, they give satisfaction to about 100 people
in Chibabuh and Karama.

5. I have no such money for expenses
either in the Delta, while in the Delta there
are far larger numbers of people than in the
dry lands. The migration works that are going
on, the work of repairing the canals, the work in
fields - the Delta is much more closely cultivated
than the dry lands. I have attracted them and they
are not likely to go away. (I am not sure)
I am full of people, who regularly come in the
dry weather and after the harvest for work
on the canals.

6. By the failure of people they are
themselves out of work earlier than usual, for
the work on the canals cannot be undertaken till
the rain is off the ground and the
migration channels closed, and it has become
necessary for them to have something
to do. Otherwise they would go away leaving
the Delta without workers for the ordinary
work.

works, or, if they stayed, would in a little while
become so reduced by bad and poor food as to be
incapable, or nearly so, of work.

6. I cannot even think that the British
will consider me to have been premature in
my application for money. There is no doubt
in the mind of every District Officer that the
absolute necessity of work being provided had
arisen when I commenced.

7. Major Hasted writes to me from
Bengal: "I am glad you work at once."

8. I propose to send 500 Rs. of the public
work money sanctioned by telegram to the
District Collector at Chibabuh. He writes
that in that part of the District a number of
wandering beggars, mendicants, and people
seeking work are continually coming from
Cannara and Nellore, and that they put
the townspeople who can ill afford it for
food. There was a fear that one party had
starved, though, as far as I can see it was
not well founded, and he has created a
at Chibabuh in which the people are always

and work without coming into the town and
staying as they do now on the fields among the
Irish people. He will pay for the sheet out of
this money and will have a small fund to
divide among the other two Subdivisions of his
charge for the relief of the wandering poor
when necessary.

I am informed that upwards of 400
people came seeking work to some of the
villages the other day, it is necessary that
some provision be made for the support
of such people, should they be shut out.

Richard D. Webb
Collector's Office } I have the
Manuscript } signed J. M. Leonard
29th December } Collector

Collected to Government

The Collector has a sum of \$1,000
placed at his disposal and he expects
that he will be spending it in the States
Parliament - He can only for some funds

if more are wanted, making specific pro-
posals.

(True copy returned)

W. L. Webb

At Secretary

The Secretary to Government R. D.

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