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28th April 1876.*

No. 204. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th April 1876, No. 1,096 :—

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 22nd April 1876, No. 112.

THE Tahsildar of Pennakondah having made a remark in his season report for last month that the laboring classes in his taluq were badly off for the means of livelihood, I called upon the Head Assistant Collector to report on the subject with any suggestions as to remedy. That officer now reports that in fifty-two villages of the taluq the poorer classes of the people cannot find sufficient work so as to enable them to earn wages, and suggests that the repairs of certain irrigation works should be put in hand for their relief.

2. The amount required for the repairs of these works is roughly estimated at Rupees 6,825. A list of the works, together with a rough estimate as regards each, is herewith enclosed.

3. If these works are executed by the Public Works Department, it will take some time to put them in hand. I have, therefore, the honor to request that the Board will be pleased to obtain sanction, as a special case, for a grant for the execution of the repairs by the Revenue Department.

4. The Head Assistant Collector further suggests that masonry works on some roads to the amount of 3,000 or 4,000 Rupees might be put in hand, and some wells dug at the cost of Rupees 1,000 or 2,000; but, as the season is so far advanced, I do not think this necessary at present.

5. A copy of the Head Assistant Collector's letter is enclosed, and I request that I may be apprised of the sanction of Government by telegraph.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. A. DAVIES, Esq., Head Assistant Collector, to J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, dated Pennakondah, 13th April 1876, No. 77.

WITH reference to your docket, No. 450, dated 7th instant, I have the honor to submit a list of villages wherein distress is said to prevail to a smaller or greater extent in the taluq of Pennakondah. Of the seventy-five suffering villages, fifty-two, chiefly in the southern and western portions of the taluq, are reported to be the worst off. In large villages or towns, and in villages which are not dependent on tanks alone for cultivation, the poor find work and get on, though of course not so well as in favorable seasons. Raghi and cholam, the staple food of the poor, was selling this time last year at 40 and 32 seers respectively per rupee. Now only 26 and 24 measures can be got for the rupee.

2. To remedy the present state of things, I beg to suggest that the District Engineer may be requested to take in hand forthwith the repairs of the several Irrigation Works mentioned in the above list, the approximate cost of which is estimated by the Revenue Department at Rs. 6,825.

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3. As to roads, there being scarcity for water, I would not now recommend the raising of embankments and such like earthwork which, I think, should be reserved for a more favorable season. But to relieve the poor, masonry works on the several roads in this taluq or division which are greatly wanted might be put in hand to great advantage. I would, therefore, suggest that you would be good enough to apply to Government by telegraph for sanction to spend Rupees 3,000 or Rupees 4,000 over such works, which I strongly recommend should be executed by the Revenue Department, regular bills for the expenditure being submitted afterwards. Rupees 1,000 or Rupees 2,000 might also be granted for the digging of wells in villages where there is now a scarcity of water. If this money is placed at the disposal of the Revenue Department, I will undertake that it is spent economically and well.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. H. MASTER,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—List.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. It does not appear that the Head Assistant Collector has visited the villages in the Pennakondah Taluq in which "distress is said to prevail", and the Collector will be directed by telegram to order him to make a tour through the portion of the taluq said to be affected and report further without delay. It is reported that the laboring classes are "badly off for the means of livelihood." At this time of the year and until the setting in of the south-west moonson the demand for labor is always more or less slack, but if the price of the staple food grains may be taken as an index of the condition of the poorer classes, the Board do not consider that a case of distress calling for State interference has been made out. The laboring classes residing in remote villages live on the grain which they have stored up at the harvest, and it is only when this stock is exhausted that they are obliged to purchase in the market. The fact that Raghi and Cholum, notwithstanding a very indifferent harvest, are selling at 26 and 24 measures per rupee respectively is a fair indication that there has not been as yet a run on the markets owing to the exhaustion of local supplies, otherwise the above rates, which compare favorably with those reported weekly from the Cuddapah District, would not prevail. The Collector will submit a weekly list of the prices of the principal food grains prevailing in each taluq of the district till further orders.

3. From the very meagre information before the Board, it does not appear that there is any ground for assuming that matters have reached the stage at which State interference is called for, but no time should be lost in furnishing the Board and Government with more accurate information as to the state of affairs. Meanwhile, the Board recommend that to meet a possible emergency the funds applied for (Rupees 7,000 in round numbers) be placed at the Collector's disposal to be expended on relief works if, on further enquiry, assistance of this nature is found to be absolutely necessary.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

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No. 205.

ORDER THEREON, 28th April 1876, No. 555.

Miscellaneous.

SANCTIONED, Rs. 7,000, on the understanding stated.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Accountant-General.

W. J. Lewis

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
 Dated 25th April 1876
 No 1095
 Read the following:-

No 112

From
 The Collector
 Bellary

To
 The Secretary to the
 Board of Revenue
 Madras

Sir,
 The Tahildar of Penna-
 Kondah having made a remark
 in his season report for last
 month that the labouring
 classes in his Taluq were
 badly off for the means of
 livelihood I called upon
 the Head Assistant Collector
 to report on the subject with
 any suggestions as to remedy.
 That officer now reports
 that

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 THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
 Secy, Secy, Secy,
 Dated April 28th.
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 G.O., 28th April 1876, No. 555.
 APRIL.
 Nos. 204-205.
 Relief Works in Bellary District.—Sanction-
 ing Rs. 7,000 to be placed at the disposal of the
 Collector to be expended on — if assistance of the
 nature is found to be absolutely necessary.

that in 52 villages of the taluk,
the poorer classes of the
people cannot find suffi-
cient work so as to enable
them to earn wages; and
suggests that the repairs
of certain irrigation works
should be put in hand
for their relief.

2. The amount required
for the repairs of these works
is roughly estimated at
Rupees 6825. A list of the
works together with a rough
estimate, as regards each,
is herewith enclosed.

3. If these works are executed
by the Department Public
Works, it will take some
time to put them in
hand.

I have therefore the
honour to request that the
Board

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Board will be pleased to
obtain sanction as a
special case, for a grant
for the execution of the
repairs by the Revenue
Department.

4. The Head Assistant
Collector further suggests
that masonry works on
some roads to the amount
of three or four thousand
Rupees might be put in
hand, and some wells
dug at the cost of Rs. 1000
or 2000, but as the season
is so far advanced I
do not think this neces-
sary at present.

5. A copy of the Head
Assistant Collector's letter
is enclosed, and I request
that

that I may be apprised of the
sanctions of Government by
telegraph.

Shane &
Bellary Collector
22nd April 1876

No 77

To
The Collector of
Bellary

Sir
With reference to your
docket no 450, dated 7th "Instant"
I have the honor to submit
a list of villages wherein
distress is said to prevail
to a smaller or greater extent
in the Taluk of Purnakonda.
Of the 75 suffering villages
52 chiefly in the Southern
and Western portions of the
Taluk are reported to be
the worst off. In large
villages or towns, and in
villages which are not dependant
on

on tanks alone for cultivation,
the poor find work and get on,
though of course not so well as
in favourable seasons. Rugki
and Bokhara the staple food of the
poor was selling this time last
year at 40 and 32 Seers respec-
tively per rupee. Now only
26 and 24 Measures can be
got for the rupee.

To remedy the present state
of things, I beg to suggest that
the District Engineer may be
requested to take in hand &
forthwith the repairs of the
several Irrigation works men-
tioned in the above list, the
approximate cost of which is
estimated by the Revenue De-
partment at Rupees 6825.

As to roads there being
scarcity for water I would
not now recommend the
raising of embankments and
such like earth work which

I think should be reserved for
a more favourable season.
But to relieve the poor, many
works on the general roads
in this Taluk or Division
which are greatly wanted, might
be put in hand to great advan-
-tage. I would therefore suggest
that you would be good enough
to apply to Government by tele-
-graph for sanction to spend
Rs 3000 or Rs 4000 over such
works which I strongly recom-
-mend should be executed by
the Revenue Department,
regular bills for the expenditure
being submitted afterwards.
Rs 1000 or Rs 2000 might also
be granted for the digging of
wells in villages where there
is now a scarcity of water.
If this money is placed at the
disposal of the Revenue Department
I will undertake that it is spent
economically and well.

Perumakkudi
13 April 1875
I have &c
Supt. J. B. Davies
True copy
Supt. J. B. Davies
Collector
Submitted

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Submitted for the orders of
Government

2. It does not appear that the
Head Assistant Collector has visited
the villages in the Perumakkudi Taluk
in which "distress is said to prevail"
and the Collector will be directed
by telegram to order him to
make a tour through the portion
of the Taluk said to be affected
and report further without
delay. It is reported that
the labouring classes are "badly
off for the means of livelihood"
at this time of the year and
until the setting in of the
South West Monsoon the
demand for labor is always
great.

more or less slack but if the
price of the staple food grains
may be taken as an index
of the condition of the poorer
Classes, the Board do not
consider that a case of
distress calling for State inter-
ference has been made out.
The labouring classes residing
in remote villages live on the
grain which they have stored
up at the harvest and it is
only when this stock is exhausted
that they are obliged to
purchase in the market.
The fact that ~~the~~ Rathi and
Chohan

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Cholum notwithstanding a very
indifferent harvest are selling at
26 and 24 measures per Rupee
respectively is a fair indication
that there has not been as yet a
run on the markets owing to the
exhaustion of local supplies, other-
wise the above rates, which com-
pare favorably with those re-
ported weekly from the Buddapah
District, would not prevail.

The Collector will submit a
weekly list of the prices of the
principal food grains prevailing
in each taluk of the District
till further orders.

From

3. From the very meagre
information before the Board
it does not appear that there
is any ground for assuming that
matters have reached the stage
at which State interference
is called for, but no time should
be lost in furnishing the Board
and Government with more
accurate information as to the
state of affairs. Meanwhile
the Board recommend that,
to meet a possible emergency,
the funds applied for, Rupees 7,000
in round numbers, be placed at
the Collector's disposal to be
expended

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expended on relief works, if
on further enquiry assistance
of this nature is found to be
absolutely necessary

(True Copy & Extract)

Cal. Ctn
Sd Secretary

To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
with original list to be
returned.

Ed. M. S. P.
Sd Secretary

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the commanding Govt
to place the 7000 in return
numbers at the disposal of
the collector of Bellary to be
expended on relief works
if assistance of this nature
is found to be absolutely
necessary, withstanding that
the collector is to be
held responsible to make a
return of the disbursements
of the Government
Salary & report further on
the subject of calling for a
weekly list of prices of
principal food grains in each
taluk of the district.

Sanctioned: Rs 7000 in the
under heading stated.
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The Secretary to Government
or the Revenue and Forests
or the Public Works Department
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