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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th March 1877.*

Famine Relief.

No. 320. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th February 1877, No. 619:—

Read the following letter from Colonel J. W. WOOLDRIDGE, Manantoddy, to W. LOGAN, Esq., Collector of Malabar, dated 30th January 1877.

With reference to my letter of the 3rd instant, addressed to the Deputy Collector through you to Government, I have the honor to explain that the money therein solicited as a loan is intended to be expended principally on the extension of irrigation.

2. I am firmly impressed with the belief that the very existence of coffee in Malabar, and consequently the revenue arising from it, is threatened by the prevailing drought which, if it continues, will not only destroy all prospect of this year's crop, but imperil the very life of the coffee trees and be the occasion of widespread disaster.

3. I have therefore tried to the utmost of my means to substitute artificial irrigation with the most promising prospect of success over 15 acres, and am most anxious to extend it over 20 to 25 more which this loan will enable me to do, and give full employment to my coolies.

4. I am more anxious to do this for the sake of the whole planting community as well as for myself, as I hope and believe it will inaugurate a new system of cultivation alike beneficial to the coffee planter and to Government.

5. Provision is made in Act XXVI of 1871 for "advances to land-holders for agricultural purposes," and although the cultivation of coffee may not come precisely under that head, the very near similarity to it may induce the Government favorably to consider my application under existing circumstances.

6. I have, therefore, the honor to request you will do me the favor of forwarding this with your recommendation.

SUBMITTED to the Board of Revenue, Madras, in continuation of this office letter, dated 20th January last, No. 12-A, with a request they will be so good as to say whether it is a case contemplated in the Act.

CALICUT,
5th February 1877.

(Signed) P. A. COLE,
Deputy Collector,
for Collector.

SUBMITTED to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 1st February 1877, No. —.

2. It is impossible on the information furnished to say whether the loan is one which the Act would apply. It may be intended for the construction of works for the storage and distribution of water for agricultural purposes, in which case it would come within the Act, or it may be intended for the payment of labor engaged in the distribution, in which case it would not. The latter view seems at present more likely to be correct.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th March 1877.*

No. 321.

ORDER THEREON, 9th March 1877, No. 1,008.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government do not consider that
Colonel Wooldridge's present application
can properly be treated as falling
within the purview of the Land Improvement Act and therefore decline to accede to
his request for a loan.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Financial Department.

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Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated. 13th February 1877.

No 619.

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Copy

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Assistant to the

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30 January 1877. *Wm J. Woodbridge*

True Copy submitted
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Resd. office of *Wm J. Woodbridge*
Calcutta. 6th Feb 1877. *Dy for Collector.*

Submitted to Government
in continuation of Board's Proceed-
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True Copy and Extract
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St *St*
The Additional Secretary to
Government R. D. —

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The Govt. have already
decided that Col.
Woodruff's application
must be rejected as
incompatible with
the principles which
regulate State Relief,
& the undersig. and
therefore ventures not
to consider the difficulty
to suggest that there
is very little real
difference between
a Tamiadan whose
country live
permanently on his
estate & to whom

alone from Famine
Funds has been made,
(vide Punganam and
~~Raman~~ cases) and
a coffee planter whose
labourers reside on his
domain, perhaps, only
half the year, under
ordinary circumstances,
but who, owing to the
famine, wish to stay
there now for the whole
year. The objection
to the case is to find
employment for the estate
labourers, so that if the
case is admissible in one
case it is difficult, it
is submitted, to see
why it should be refused in
the other. I should like to

Pungam can the
State is spending a
very large sum in
making roads through
the State.

Dr. Log and original
proposition was limited
to advances to planters
not exceeding 10000 N
in all. But he has
since been moved by
Govt. telegram to
trust. May the colonies
like the people of this
land? and to provide
up relief works for
them if necessary &
is doing so.

It seems ^{rather} doubtful whether
Ch. Woodbridge's present
application falls within
the scope of the loan
improvement Act and

if his colonies fund
employment on the
State Relief works in
Lynard. He will
probably not even
about pressing his
demand for the loan
further.

17/2/77 J.H.S.

From
Council

No I would not give the
loan - but the necessity of doing
with the loan is very much
greater than the inconvenience
of giving it. - Mr. 1008
Received Feb 25

I think we had better
decline the loan to let
Hobbs - leaving the
his duties suggested -
in the meantime - Mr. 1008

I do not understand
that a plan is
given the loan
23/2 Mr

The committee of this
house the Gov. can
circulate for the purpose
of the members of Council
22/2/77 J.H.S

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