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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
2nd January 1877.*

No. 19. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th December 1876 :—

Read the following letter from J. R. DANIEL, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Cuddapah, 25th December 1876, No. 360.

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th instant, No. 3,152, I have the honor to

|                                   | Rs.      |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Sub-Collector ... ..              | 2,72,000 |
| Head Assistant Collector ...      | 45,000   |
| General Duty Deputy Collector ... | 26,000   |
| Temporary Deputy Collector ...    | 17,500   |
| Cuddapah Taluq ... ..             | 33,000   |
|                                   | <hr/>    |
|                                   | 3,93,500 |

state that a sum of Rupees 3,93,500 having already been placed at the disposal of the Divisional Officers for relief works in this month as particularized in the margin, I request the sanction of the Board of Revenue for the sum

of Rupees 1,43,500,\* distributed to them in excess of the sanctioned grant of Rupees 2,50,000.

2. This excess over the grant is owing to the Divisional Officers not having correctly estimated the amount actually required by them in the beginning of this month.

3. A statement required by the Board in their Proceedings above quoted will be sent as soon as information is received from the Divisional Officers.

4. Referring to Government Order,\* dated 11th December 1876, No. 1,993,

\* Communicated with Board's foot-note, dated 15th December 1876.

a statement of expenditure incurred and the quantity of work done will be submitted to the Board after the close of this month.

5. I estimate that a sum of Rupees 5,60,000, as shown in the margin, will be required for relief works in the next

|                                   | Rs.      |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Sub-Collector ... ..              | 3,00,000 |
| General Duty Deputy Collector ... | 60,000   |
| Head Assistant Collector ...      | 75,000   |
| Temporary Deputy Collector ...    | 25,000   |
| Cuddapah Taluq ... ..             | 50,000   |
| Do. Town ... ..                   | 50,000   |
|                                   | <hr/>    |
|                                   | 5,60,000 |

month, and a statement of the works on which it is to be spent will shortly be submitted to the Board. I request the sanction of the Board for this sum before the end of the month, as I propose to remit a greater portion of the amount to the Divisional Officers in the beginning

of next month when I receive funds from the Accountant-General.

6. I find it impossible until after the close of the month and the accounts are received from the various Divisional Officers to give the information required by the Board in their Proceedings No. 3,152, December 12th, 1876. I have not yet a complete statement of the works on which it is to be spent or the works already completed.

7. The only course to check the expenditure is to direct the Divisional Officers not to exceed a certain fixed sum, but if this be done it will be impossible to furnish employment to all who need it. The only means of estimating the amount of expenditure is by the number of coolies thrown out of employ. The relief coolies increase now very rapidly, and with this increase, the difficulty of finding them employment increases in the same proportion—estimates formed at the beginning of the month are almost certain to be falsified by the results.

8. The Divisional Officers are compelled to open works as the necessity arises, and, until their accounts are received, it is impossible for me to do more than estimate generally the amount of expenditure likely to be incurred in the next month.

9. In the present month, the expenditure has exceeded the amount sanctioned, because the number of coolies has increased far more rapidly than was anticipated and I have been compelled to comply with the urgent requisition of Divisional Officers for more funds to enable them to give employment to the starving. The excess amount does not represent the actual expenditure, but the amount placed at the disposal of the various Divisional Officers, and, until their accounts have been received, it is impossible to know what amount remains unexpended.

THE Board observe that up to date Rupees 4,20,000 have been placed at the Collector's disposal for relief works, and that the outlay according to the reports for the 16th and 23rd December has been Rupees 2,40,344 and Rupees 2,80,849. The cost per week seems therefore to be Rupees 40,000 at present, and the balance of the sanctioned grant is Rupees 1,39,151, or sufficient for more three weeks, from the 23rd instant. The sum applied for by the Collector is therefore excessive, but to prevent embarrassment from increased numbers and to allow of time to send the money, if necessary, to the several Taluqs, the Board resolve to place a further sum of Rupees 1,00,000 at the Collector's disposal.

2. Mr. Daniel is requested to submit without delay the report called for as to amount of work done for the money which has been spent. His attention is particularly directed to the necessity of providing strict supervision and enforcing a fair amount of work from the coolies. It is not intended that the works should be made attractive, and skulkers and idlers should be fined a part of their wages or dismissed the works. The numbers will not otherwise be kept within due limits and a proper return secured.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 20.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd January 1877, No. 10.

Miscellaneous.

The Governor in Council anxiously awaits the report called for from the Collector of Cuddapah on the amount of work done in his District for the expenditure incurred.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue,  
the Financial Department.

Ed. A. Raitt.

Gobi. of (1877) Madras.  
REVENUE.

To  
THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated January, 2nd.

Recd. Encl.

G.O., 2nd January 1877, No. 10.

JANUARY.  
Nos. 19-20.

Additional Grant for Relief Works in  
Cuddapah.—Awaiting the report called for from  
the Collector, with reference to his application  
for an —, on the amount of work done in his  
District for the expenditure incurred.

12-10-  
R.D.  
of 2 January 1877. Ret. No. 3/20/12/76. on  
Cuddapah Collect. letter No  
360. dated 25/12/76

h.o for approval

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2/1/77 H.G.

m.c. to B. & R. 27-3/1/77  
14 C. & R. 19 Jan 7  
to the Honorable Secy  
20/1/77

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 Calling for a report  
 from the collector of  
 Amisapah on the  
 amount of work  
 done since the  
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Despatch  
 M.

I am convinced that Exam<sup>n</sup>  
 with their confusion & waste  
 of money in the Uddahak  
 district - a stronger man  
 than Daniel is emergently  
 wanted there. M.

Confess I feel anxi-  
 -ety as how work is  
 being carried on - Daniel  
 has never left his head  
 so far as I have learnt  
 that he want to know  
 is how he is working - & has  
 shorn like a lion till us  
 in the mean time I fear  
 that for the reason stated  
 the M. or can not hold on  
 land - I express anxi-  
 -ety the earliest pre-  
 -paration of the acct. will  
 be 31/12 M.

R.D.  
 B.D. No. 428/12/76. on addnl  
 Coln's letter of 25/12/76. N. 860

Memo:

W. Daniel reports  
 on Christmas day that  
 the ~~expended~~ money  
 placed <sup>by him</sup> at the disposal  
 of his Dis. Officers for  
 relief work was Rs 55000  
 - excess of the sanctioned  
 grant - He asks for  
 an additional allotment  
 of 560000 Rs. as he wants  
 for January - He asks  
 the M. to place the sum  
 at his disposal in  
 anticipation of the  
 admission of estimation  
 & makes the singular  
 remark that the only  
 means of estimating the  
 amount of expenditure  
 is by the number of Coln's

The Bd. in their Rep.  
of the 25<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> (three  
days later) state that  
Mr Daniel had had  
42000 N. placed at his  
disposal for relief makes  
up to that date - that  
from the reports received  
his expenditure seemed to be  
about 40000 N. - as  
such, so that he was  
in funds for 3 weeks more,  
but give him an add.  
lakh -

Prd.  
I circulate the ~~paper~~  
with this memo. in  
case the members of Govt.  
shd. wish to make any  
remarks on them or on  
Mr Daniel's letter.

If they do not - the Prd.  
will be simply recorded

30/12/20

J. H. S.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue  
dated 28 December 1876.

Read the following:

N<sup>o</sup> 360

From J. N. Daniel Esqre  
Ag. Collector of Cuddapah  
To H. E. Stokes Esqre  
Ag. Secretary to the  
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Rd 2 January 1877  
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Bd's foot-note  
of 15 Dec<sup>r</sup> 76.

|                            |                |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| Sub. for                   | 3,00,000       |
| Genl. Est. by              | 60,000         |
| Corr.                      | 60,000         |
| H <sup>d</sup> Asst. Comm. | 75,000         |
| Tranf. by Comm.            | 25,000         |
| Cud. d. p. h. Taluk        | 50,000         |
| D <sup>o</sup> Town        | 50,000         |
|                            | <hr/> 5,60,000 |

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Quadrupah Collector's office }  
25<sup>th</sup> December 1876

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[Sd] M. Ramaswamy  
Deputy Collector  
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(True Copy & Extract)

/signed/ H. E. Stokes  
Ag. Secretary

To The Collector of Ludhiana.

/True Copy/

H. E. Stokes

Ag. Secretary

To The Acting Secretary to Government R. D.

*Adm*

Decr 1876: 22<sup>th</sup>

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Copy of Mr. R. R. R. R.  
Order in letter from Mr.  
of the Board of Revenue  
for additional grant  
for relief work.

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