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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th March 1877.

No. 586A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th March 1877, No. 1,148 :—

Read the following letter from G. D. LEMAN, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 2nd March 1877, No. 396.

I HAVE the honor to reply to G.O., No. 2,156, dated 23rd December 1876, communicated with Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 11,422, dated 26th December 1876.

2. My report, No. 2,176, dated 12th December 1876, referred chiefly to the Divi Division and the upland taluqs of the district situated on this side of the Kistna. A statement showing the particulars of dry cultivation and rainfall is given below :—

Taluq.	Early Dry Crops.		Average outturn.	Later Dry Crops.		Average outturn.	Rainfall in 1876.
	Extent.	Assessment.		Extent.	Assessment.		
		Rs.			Rs.		
Bander	14,201	21,098	3½	9,934	22,928	4½	28
Nandigama	81,770	78,498	4	31,204	31,638	4⅔	13
Bezwada	32,518	37,753	3½	5,000	7,500	3½	20

3. The Divi Division, though it is a part of the delta taluq of Bander, is a part of it to which the benefits of canal irrigation do not extend. The wet cultivation is under river-fed tanks, which solely depend upon the freshes of the Kistna. A few of the tanks which received their supplies by the freshes of August burst, while the rest received either indifferent or no supplies. The wet crop has therefore failed almost entirely. The early dry crops with a few exceptions were a failure; the best of them (maize) produced about a 4-Anna crop.

4. This division is thickly populated; the people are for the most part poor, and more than 2,000 are professional coolies who work in the fields, while there is such work to be got, and migrate in the hot weather to Bezwada and other places, where channel clearances are going on, when there is no work in their own locality. As the north-east monsoon failed, they were unable to find their ordinary work, and as prices increased some commenced to migrate to the places where they hoped to find employment, and the rest remaining at home were rapidly falling into a state of distress from want of sufficient and good food.

5. The circumstances of Nandigama were reported to be no better. Most of the tanks received no supplies, while the scanty supplies received by the rest were hardly sufficient to induce the ryot to raise any wet crop. The condition of the early dry crops was also bad. On the whole there was only a 4-Anna crop. The Head Assistant Collector was persistent in his reports that work and food must be at once found for the people, and the officer in charge of Hyderabad road informed me that the number of applicants for work was so great that he was unable to provide for them. All this led me to the belief that there was a real necessity to find work for the people, and my reasons for choosing the embankment work were given in paragraph 12 of my report.

6. About three miles have been completed in different places between Yenamallakudura and a little beyond Royur. The work has been commenced in several places, for separate camps were formed in expectation of larger numbers than have yet come to work; and, unless the embankment is strengthened continuously to some length, what is done will be of no use. It is therefore necessary that it should be continued until it is brought to Wallurpollem at least.

7. The number of laborers employed at the embankment work and the average prices of the chief food-grains in the taluqs of Bander, Bezwada, Nandigama, and Gudivada during the week ending 17th February 1877 are given in the margin. The later dry crops are not altogether bad, but this has nothing to do with the demand that did exist for labor. Agricultural operations have almost ceased, and the laboring classes have no work in the fields. It is likely that there will be larger gathering at the embankment work very shortly if we have no more cholera; but just now the work is deserted by nearly all but 500 Hyderabad tank diggers.

Number employed on 17th Feb. 1877—796.

PRICES PER RUPEE IN SEERS OF RUPEES 80 WEIGHT.

Taluqs.	Rice, 2nd sort.	Cholum.	Raggy.	Cumboo.
Bander	9·37	...	15·00	...
Bezwada	9·00	13·00	13·00	...
Nandigama ...	9·62	12·60	...	12·70
Gudivada... ...	12·00	...	...	...

8. I request that the Board will be pleased to sanction a further allotment of Rupees 10,000 for this work.

9. A statement showing the particulars of the amounts sanctioned and spent is enclosed.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Statement.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G.O., dated 23rd December 1876, No. 2,156, Revenue Department.

2. The Collector should have explained more distinctly why the work, once so necessary, has been deserted. The Board believe it to be due to the harvest which was lately being cut, and concur with the Collector in thinking it probable that the numbers will again rise.

3. A further grant of Rupees 10,000 is sanctioned for the work.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 586B. ORDER THEREON, 19th March 1877, No. 1,133A.

Miscellaneous.

THE additional grant appears necessary and is approved. The Collector should use every effort to prevent the work already done proving useless from want of continuity or weakness.

2. The Government desire to have the District Engineer's opinion on the quality of the work done, its probable usefulness, and the advisability of prolonging the embankment to Wallurpollem or even further.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Financial Department.

Rxd. A. F. Goodall.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 12th March 1877, No 1148

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To

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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 1877.

Read.

MARCH.

Nos. 586A-586B.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 776G.

Certain establishment work in the Kistna District.—Approving the additional grant sanctioned by the Board for—, and observing that the Collector should use every effort to prevent the work already done proving useless from want of continuity or weakness. Requesting the District Engineer's opinion on the quality of the work done, its probable usefulness and the advisability of prolonging the embankment to Wallerpollem or even further.

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Kistna District, Collector's Office.
Masulipatam, 2nd March 1877.

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(True copy & Extract)

J. Rustes
Secretary

To
The Addl. Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department
with copy of Statement.

For 1877 Mar. 7th 1880

Abstract of Receipts and Charges for the month of January 1877

Date 12th March 1877

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Abstract of Receipts and Charges for the month of January 1877

Collector's Office, Masulipatam the 19th March 1877.

The accounts of Krishna District for the month of January 1877 are submitted.

2. The following statement shows the progress made in the execution of the Irrigation works sanctioned during the year 1876-77.

Name of work.	Amount of Estimate	Allotment in 1876-77	Expenditure up to date By D. P. W.	Expenditure up to date By other agency	Expenditure up to date Total	Remarks and References.
	Rupees	Rupees	Rupees	Rupees	Rupees	
Excavation of the East Bank Canal.	1,50,850	10,000 *	11,256-11	-	11,256-11	* Revenue Board's Ro. No. 2969 Nov. 25, 1876.

	Rs. A. P.
* On Relief works -	6548-8-11
Gratuitous Relief Works	48-9-10
On account of rice supplied to the Range Officer - -	4668-14-2
†	11256-0-11

† Details - as per Return No 2 for week ending 24th February 1877 — 10840-4-7
Sums paid on account of rice supplied on 19th January 1877 - - - 415-12-4
11,256-0-11

Krishna District, Collector's office, Masulipatam, 23d March 1877.

(Sd) G. D. Leman
Collector.

(Sd) W. Rankin
Secretary.

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Abstract of Receipts and Charges for the month of January 1877 — Collector's Office, Masulipatam, the 19th March 1877 — Krishna District — Excavation of the East Bank Canal — Collector's letter, with enclosure, dated 19th March 1877 — Forwarding abstract of Receipts and Charges for the month of January 1877 — Irrigation works sanctioned during the year 1876-77 — Relief works — Gratuitous Relief Works — Rice supplied to the Range Officer — Details — Sums paid on account of rice supplied — Collector — Secretary — Despatched 30th March 1877

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