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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th March 1877.*

No. 654. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th March 1877, No. 1,077:—

Read the following letter from A. SUDARSHANA ROW, Acting Deputy Collector on General Duties, in charge of Naidur at Naidur, to F. R. H. SHARP, Esq., Acting Collector of Nellore, dated Naidur, 10th February 1877, No. 68.

I BEG to report on the condition of the Zemindari tracts under my charge up to the week ending Wednesday, 7th instant.

2. The Zemindari tracts in my charge consist of Venkatagiri and Polur Divisions forming a portion of Venkatagiri Estate. The area of these divisions is 781 square miles. They consist of 292 villages of various tenures with 84,342 population.

3. The season of the last year was not very unfavorable in the Zemindari tracts. Dry crops had yielded a fair outturn, while the wet suffered on the whole partially from scanty rains. This year (Fasli 1286) dry crops suffered much and the wet to the extreme. In "Makah Karty," or in the months of August 1876, the ryots have sown all their wet fields, as the soil was then moist enough for the purpose from the rains that had fallen in that month, and as such a catastrophe as the present one was not at all expected then. Subsequently, when I had inspected personally several villages, the crops which were at the height of a foot were fading from drought. Ultimately, of course, they had withered entirely from the same cause. Now the ryots repent much for having wasted seeds by sowing the lands imprudently.

4. The only crops now standing on the ground are raggy, chilly, &c., under wells on small patches of garden lands. They are, I am glad to say, thriving well at the cost of much labor and expense. The ryots seem to be in a dilemma as to the outturn of these crops, for fear whether the precarious sources of irrigation on which they depend would fail. The general complaint is that there is none to assist the ryots, by way of advancing money, to sink wells and encouraging by holding promises to remit the assessment on their uncultivated lands.

5. In the present awful state of the season the property of the revenue defaulters are attached indiscriminately for the balances due by them both for the last and the current Fasli, and applications are made for the sale thereof. I never disposed of any of these applications pending the receipt

* No. 20, dated 13th January 1877. of your instructions regarding a reference* made by me on the subject. There are, indeed, certain ryots who made considerable fortunes by the present famine prices. Like in other places, the well-to-do ryots in this Zemindari also had dispensed with the services of their servants and drove them away to our relief-works.

6. The village servants, such as Munsifs, Curnams, Kavalgars, Talayars, and Vettyars are suffering much from want of means of livelihood. I wrote to the Rajah some time ago requesting him to issue orders to pay Kavalgars and Talayars, who are members of the Village Police, their fees as soon as possible; but I never received any reply from him as yet. I trust he will arrange to pay the perquisites at once.

7. All the tanks in the Zemindari are now dry. I can say safely that all the wells have not yet arrived at that stage. From the fact of the cultivation having been carried under wells throughout the Zemindari it is evident that scarcity of water is not yet much felt. The village wells failed almost entirely already. Those in the

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8. Cattle indeed are suffering much. Many of them became extinct from want of fodder. The mortality among them is very great.

9. The Zemindari is not altogether healthy. Cholera is still peeping here and there. It is gratifying to observe that small-pox has not made its appearance as yet.

10. The poorer classes of people have no ground to complain of want of work, as so many State relief-works are in progress in the Zemindari. The Rajah was kind enough for some time to open certain relief-works, which were closed suddenly some two months ago. There are three poor-houses in the Zemindari, viz., one at Venkatagiri, another at Naidupett, and another at Salurpett. They are very costly, particularly the one at the former place.

No. 972.

FORWARDED to the Board of Revenue.

NELLORE,
28th February 1877.

(Signed) F. R. H. SHARP,
Acting Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

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3. The report of Mr. Crole, who has been deputed to report on the state of the Zemindar's country, is anxiously awaited.

No. 655.

ORDER THEREON, 20th March 1877, No. 1,168.

Miscellaneous.

THE Collector of Nellore will call the Zemindar's attention to the reported closing by him of the relief-works on his

estate two months ago, and convey to him the expression of the marked dissatisfaction of the Government at the conduct towards his ryots of so wealthy a Zemindar.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Collector of Nellore.
„ the Financial Department.

Ed. A. F. Goodall.

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 7th March 1877. No. 1077.

Read the following:-

No. 68.

From.

The Ag. Deputy Collector
in General duties in charge of
Kaidupett Division

To.

J. R. H. Sharp Esquire
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REVENUE.

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Dated March, 20th.

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G.O., 20th March 1877, No. 1,168.

MARCH.

No. 654-655.

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 793.

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I have etc
Deputy Collector
Nandipett 1877
(Signed) A. Sudarshana Rao
Deputy Collector

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Forwarded to the Board of

Revenue.

Settler.

Collector's Office

28 February 1877

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To The Secretary to the Board
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Substantiated

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True Copy and Extract

W. L. Lusk

Secretary

To The Adl. Secretary to Govt. R.D.

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20/3/79
J.H.F.

The following letter is the
communication from the
British & Foreign
Banking & Commerce
Company Limited
to the Bank of India
on 20/3/79

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Proceedings of the
Board of Directors

27th March 1877

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Copy. Report from
the Board of Directors
on the division of
profits in the Bank of
India

20 March 1877

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Removal of the
Institution of the
Bank of India

I would call your
attention to the
fact that the
Bank of India

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See no reason
delay disposal of this
taken. It is conform
the Board of Directors
the Bank of India
the usual way
be can deal
with the Bank of India
then Crook report comes
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The Bank of India
on the 14th Feb. says
that the Bank of India
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stopped suddenly
some 2 months ago,
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that the Bank of India
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preference. The

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Orders are requested

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