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Famine Relief.

No. 397-A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th April 1877:—

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17. This expenditure has been ordered to be deducted from the cost of the road and to be separately shown.

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22. The total length of the road is about eighteen miles, and it is intended to connect the south-west part of the taluq and the town of Vempalle, where there is a very important fair, with the north-west line at Yerraguntla.

23. The earth-work, 6,765 cubic yards, was finished by January 13th, and 2,000 cubic yards of metal had been broken and stacked by the end of the month at a cost of Rs. 4,700 for the two months.

24. *Item No. 7, Indukur or second Section of the above.*—The length of this section is about sixteen miles. Up to the end of January five miles of earth-work had been completed and one mile of road had been finished from the main line to the village of Indukur and 346 cubic yards of gravel and metal had been quarried and stacked.

25. The work was opened on November 29th, from which date to the end of January the expenditure amounted to Rs. 2,825 (December) and 1,687 (January) or a total of Rs. 4,512.

26. The supervision, which has now been changed considerably for the better, was very lax at first. Extensive weeding of the gangs was necessary, and task-work was most difficult to enforce at first, the people striking repeatedly *en masse.*

27. *Item No. 8, Devani-Cuddapah Road.*—This is a short cut, 1⅛ miles in length, between the village of that name and the Sidhont Road, which obviates the necessity of passing through the municipal limits and so paying toll.

28. The work was begun on December 5th and the earth-work was finished by the end of January, amounting to 4,075 cubic yards, at a cost of Rs. 977.

29. The estimate for earth-work and gravel, which has just been prepared, amounts to Rs. 2,053-10-11.

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31. The work was begun on November 27th and the earth-work was finished in January at a cost of Rs. 774.

32. The estimated cost at Department of Public Works rates for earth-work and metal amounts to Rs. 1,010-5-4, but I have closed the work with the completion of the earth-work as

there is no object in metalling a road which will never be much used and which it was a mistake to begin.

33. *Item No. 10, Booga Road.*—This is a short cut which will shorten the distance from Royachoti to the station by about two miles, and considerable traffic is expected along it.

34. The work was commenced by Mr. Ottey under the general supervision of Mr. Maclear, Assistant Engineer, on December 13th.

35. The progress during that month was slow, as cutting the approach to the Booga River, a formation of the road-way through its bed, took up a deal of time.

36. By the end of January two miles of earth-work had been finished and partly gravelled at an expenditure of about 2,600 Rs.

37. *Item No. 15, Bussireddy Tank-supply Channel.*—This work, an irrigation repair, was begun on November 6th and completed by the 25th of the same month.

38. It is an ordinary supply-channel of the Utkur Bussireddy Tank near Cuddapah.

39. The total cost was Rs. 276-4-3, which includes clearance of silt and sloping the banks at 1 to 1.

40. *Item No. 16, Bundreddy Calava.*—This is another river channel which supplies the Utkur Tank near Cuddapah.

41. Work began on November 27th, 1876, and was finished by the middle of January.

The cost of clearing and sloping was about Rs. 800.

42. *Item No. 17, Pallakalva.*—This is one of the numerous irrigation channels near Camalapur from the Papugni River. The work of clearing and repairing the slopes was completed between October [illegible] and November [illegible] from [illegible] at a cost of Rs. 1,07[illegible] [illegible] work done is now being measured up and estimated.

43. *Item No. 18, Pullampati Channel of Sadipirala.*—This is a similar irrigation repair and in the same neighbourhood as the above. The work was commenced on November 7th and was finished in January at a cost of Rs. 4,136 or about double the estimate.

44. *Item No. 19, Appayapalle Channel.*—This is a large spring channel near Camalapur for which the Department of Public Works estimate is Rs. 3,250. Work was commenced in December and about Rs. 5,000 were spent up to January 31st.

45. The work has been much delayed by persistent strikes in consequence of the rigid enforcement of task-work, but three-fourths of it was completed at the end of January.

46. *Item No. 20, Utkur Tank Supply-channel.*—This work was commenced on October 14th under the supervision of the Treasury Deputy Collector and was completed in December at a cost of Rs. 4,766.

47. The estimate at Department of Public Works rates amounts to Rs. 1,958-4-3, so that the work has cost something more than double the departmental rates.

48. *Item No. 21, Lingana Calça.*—This channel forms the main supply of the Dongalcheruvu Tank at Cuddapah and is an important work. It was commenced on December 9th under the supervision of the Treasury Deputy Collector and of Mr. Ottley, the latter of whom completed the work during January.

49. The expenditure was Rs. 1,275 and Rs. 1,423 for each month, respectively. About 7,000 cubic yards of earth-work was done.

50. *Item No. 22, the Bugga Channel.*—The items which succeed are all works situated within the municipal limits, which were begun and carried on under the orders of the late Collector.

51. This is the channel which supplies the Pata Cuddapah Tank from an anicut across the river near the jail.

52. Nearly 16,000 cubic yards of silt were removed from its bed and repair to the revetment was begun under the Municipal Overseer. I had an estimate prepared for this, amounting to Rs. 3,325-0-1 at Department of Public Works rates, but stopped the work as not being adapted to relief coolies and because the Department of Public Works intend to construct a head-sluice by which the supply can always be so regulated as not to injure the slope of the bank.

53. A great deal of good work was done with the spoil excavated in forming a roadway along the banks and filling up many hollows where water stagnated and bred malarious fevers.

54. *Item No. 23, Dengolcheruvu Tank.*—The repair of the bund was commenced on October 14th and was continued under Mr. Ottley. The expenditure up to the end of December was Rs. 2,382 and that for January was Rs. 1,515.

55. By the end of that month about one-half the outer slope had been re-formed and the bund strengthened to pave eight to ten yards in width. But little progress was made in December. Tasks were not set, and the coolies did pretty much as they pleased.

56. Item No. 24 is a well at Kondayapalli which needs no remark.

57. Items Nos. 25 and 26 are quarries which do not present any features of interest. The amount excavated in each is shown in the column of Remarks.

58. The other items need no special remark, the amount of work done being exhibited in the column for that purpose.

59. The earth-work of the new roads was pushed on and the Municipality left to gravel them at leisure as it was an object to reduce the town works as much as possible, scattered parties being also impossible to supervise efficiently.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

REPORT on Famine Relief Works in Cuddapah Taluq for the Months of December 1876 and January 1877.

Numbers.	Names of Works.	Distance in Miles.	Date of commencement of Work.	EXPENDITURE FROM THE COMMENCEMENT.		COOLIES EMPLOYED.		Name of the Officer in charge of the Work.	Rem[illegible]
				Up to December 1876.	In January 1877.	Up to December 1876.	In January 1877.		
				RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.				
1	Ring Road	2½ Miles	12th Oct. 1876.	1,134 0 0	......	11,167	......	The Deputy Tahsild[illegible] Cuddapah Town.	Th[illegible] old road. Repaired from Famine Funds between 12th October to 5th November [illegible]876. It was the first relief-work started in Cuddapah Taluq, being a Loc[illegible] Fund repair in abeyance for want o[illegible]unds. The cost, including sundries, w[illegible]s Rs. 1,134.
2	Pata Cuddapah Road ...	3½ Miles	17th ,, ,,	1,519 0 0	1,966 0 0	11,818	21,343	Tahsildar of Cuddapah.	This road is a short cut to the Penna[illegible]; useful also in enabling the ryots to [illegible] carts to their fields, which was before impossible in wet weather. The work was commenced under the personal supervision of the Tahsildar, and was continued under Mr. Elliot, an extra Department Public Works Overseer, who completed the whole of earth-work by the end of December. In the begining of January he was succeeded by a maistry, who has since been engaged in breaking and stacking metal and gravel, of which about 2,000 cubic yards were heaped by the end of January.
3	Chinnachowku Road ...	¾ Furlongs ...	6th Nov. ,,	432 0 0	598 0 0	4,856	6,137	Deputy Tahsildar of Cuddapah Town.	This is a connecting link between the Madras and Sidhout roads, and is a useful little work. The earthwork connected with this road was completed in November. Metalling was nearly finished in January, and it has since been entirely completed.

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4	Kassipet and Camalapur Road.	8 Miles	10th Nov. 1876.	3,440 0 0	3,559 0 0	3,768	39,046	Tahsildar...	This road is 8 miles in length, and intended to connect Kassipet with the line at Camalapur. Up to the end of January the following work has been executed:— 22,017 cubic yards of earthwork. 1,170 ,, metal and gravel spread, tamped. 1,750¼ ,, gravel and metal stacked. * 383½ ,, metalled road in Agraharam. * 997½ ,, metalled road in Sunkesula. *These are village impro[illegible]ents. Earthwork has been com[illegible]ed lately, and materials are now [illegible] collected to metal the remain[illegible]ortion of the road.
5	Chintakomma Dinna Road...	10 Miles ...	18th ,, ,,	1,550 0 0	1,584 0 0	8,444	17,023	Do.	This is a cross-road, [illegible]les in length, between the Kur[illegible]nd Vimpalle road, useful in op[illegible]p a communi[illegible]ver[illegible]ery thriving village. The progre[illegible] to the end of January is as follows:— 29,085 cubic yards of earthwork. 95 ,, [illegible]ravel carted to [illegible]e roadside. 3,847¾ ,, [illegible]vel stacked. 1,614 square [illegible] of prickly-pear [illegible]d. 288 cubic [illegible] metal broken. 935 ,, [illegible]metal laid. The earthwork and [illegible]ion of materials are still goi[illegible] the 5th mile 2nd furlong.
6	1st Section of Yerraguntla Vempalle Road.	2½ Miles	13th Dec. ,,	1,624 0 0	3,102 0 0	12,912	83,522	Do.	The whole of earthw[illegible], amounting to 6,765 cubic yards [illegible] finished by the 13th of January, a[illegible]p to the end of January 2,000 cub[illegible]ds of metal had been stacked, an[illegible]h work is still going on.
7	Indukur on 2nd section of the above.	15½ Miles ...	29th Nov. 1876.	2,825 0 0	1,687 0 0	31,588	19,041	Do.	Up to the end [illegible]ary the following work was exe[illegible] 5 miles of ea[illegible] from the south bank of Pa[illegible]yavaripalle. 1 mile of car[illegible] from this road to Urutur. 346 cubic yar[illegible]ravel and metal stacked.
8	Devuni Cuddapah Road ...	1½ Miles	5th Dec. ,, ...	522 0 0	409 0 0	5,449	4,264	Deputy Tahsildar of Cuddapah Town.	The whole of [illegible]ork, amounting to 4,075 cubic yard[illegible]as completed by the end of Januar[illegible]sting Rs. 977.
9	Condayapalli Road	4½ Furlongs ...	27th Nov. ,, ...	567 0 0	62 0 0	5,733	626	Do.	The whole of earthw[illegible]k, amounting to 2,395 cubic yards, [illegible]as completed by the end of January [illegible]a cost of Rs. 774.
10	Boogga Road	3½ Miles	13th Dec. ,, ...	1,853 0 0	1,970 0 0	13,876	14,159	Treasury Deputy Collector and Mr. Ottley.	*Vide* covering letter.
11	Road in Butche Row's Street.	1 Furlong ...	1st ,, ,, ...	713 0 0	632 0 0	7,728	5,962	Narayanasamy Naidu, Municipal Overseer.	6,311 cubic yards of [illegible]rthwork.
12	Vempalle Road	½ Miles	21st Nov. ,, ...	1,132 0 0	850 0 0	11,407	9,521	Do.	4,489 ,, of [illegible] ,, 1,324 ,, gra[illegible]el excavated and [illegible]acked.
13	Agady Road...	¼ Mile	23rd Dec. ,, ...	......	30 0 0	......	493	Do.	1[illegible]0 cubic yards of ea[illegible]work.
14	Filling and levelling ditches near Bellary Road.	......	22nd ,, ,, ...	......	39 0 0	......	839	Do.	[illegible]32 ,, of ,,
15	Bussireddy Tank Supply Channel.	......	6th Nov. ,, ...	276 4 3	......	3,161	......	Varda[illegible]azulu	The work was taken i[illegible] hand on the 6th November and was [illegible]mpleted by the 25th of the same m[illegible]th. It is an old supply channel of [illegible]kur Bussireddy tank. The total co[illegible] was Rs. 276-4-3, which includes clea[illegible]ng silt and s[illegible]ing the banks afresh at 1 to 1.
16	Bundreddikalva	......	27th Nov. ,, ...	574 0 0	233 0 0	6,242	2,457	Tahsildar...	It is an old river chan[illegible]el supplying the Utukur tank. Clearing and widening were completed by the 15th of January at a cost of Rs 97[illegible]7.
17	Tallakalva	......	25th Oct. ,, ...	1,678 14 9	......	21,391	......	Camalapur Deputy Tahsildar.	This is one of the numerous channels in the neighbourhood of Camalapur in need of repair. The clearing and reformation of the slopes cost Rs. 1,678-14-9. The work was completed by the 22nd November 1876.
18	Pullampett Channel of Sadiperala.	......	7th Nov. ,, ...	4,136 0 0	......	1,019	177	Do.	This is one of the numerous channels in the neighbourhood of Camalapur in need of repair. The clearing and reformation of the slopes cost Rs. 4,136. The work was finished by the end of January.
[illegible]	Appayapalle Channel... ...	......	Dec. ,, ...	......	......	,137	......	Do.	At the end of January the coolies struck work after the greater part had been finished. Most of the work has been executed by the end of January, leaving but little to do.

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20	Utukur Tank Supply Channel.	......	22nd Dec. 1876.	4,766 0 0	......	51,621	......	Treasury Deputy Collector.	*Vide* covering le[illegible]
21	Linganakalva	......	9th " "	1,275 0 0	1,423 0 0	12,580	12,977	Treasury Deputy Collector and Mr. Ottley.	Do.
22	The Boogga Channel	1 Mile	24th Oct. "	3,948 0 0	1,076 0 0	42,452	10,362	Narayanasamy Naidu, Municipal Overseer.	15,715 cubic yar[illegible] [illegible]work, 90 cubic yards of [illegible] [illegible]ork; 600 cubic yards of [illegible] collected; 2 drains, 2 step[illegible] dam constructed.
23	Dongalcheruvu Tank	1½ Embankment.	14th " "	2,382 0 0	1,515 0 0	24,728	11,120	Mr. Ottley	*Vide* covering let[illegible]
24	Condayapalle Well	......	17th Dec. "	86 0 0	......	354	......	Deputy Tahsildar of Cuddapah Town.	Finished in the [illegible] [illegible] January, the whole cost [illegible] [illegible].
25	Curry Coonta Mitta Quarry.	......	14th " "	367 0 0	713 0 0	3,573	5,653	Mr. Ottley	2,560 cubic ya[illegible] covering letter.
26	Makkapettpolliem do.	......	20th " "	264 0 0	1,029 0 0	2,502	8,424	Do.	2,144 cubic yard[illegible]
27	Removing silt in the wells situated on the other side of the anicut in Boogga Channel near Bommanavady.	......	27th Nov. "	158 0 0	23 0 0	1,543	203	Narayanasamy Naidu, Municipal Overseer.	827¾ cubic yards [illegible] [illegible]d cleansed Samy Iyer's we[illegible] 550 cubic yards d[illegible] [illegible]d cleansed of another larg[illegible] [illegible]beyond the anicut.
28	Filling holes in Gunta Bazaar and removing silt in Ramacharry's Well.	......	9th Dec. "	27 0 0	......	166	......	Do. do. ...	100 cubic yards [illegible] [illegible]work; 64 cubic feet remo[illegible] and baling water.
29	Deepening the Surplus Channel and raising the Streets in Sayipett.	......	18th " "	481 0 0	824 0 0	4,883	8,674	Do. do. ...	500 cubic yards [illegible] [illegible]work; 307 cubic yards remo[illegible] and baling water.
30	Strengthening dam across Boogga Channel.	300 Yards ...	" " "	443 0 0	421 0 0	4,595	4,299	Tahsildar and Madar Saib.	The object of thi[illegible] [illegible]s to retain a supply of wat[illegible] confluence of the Boogga a[illegible] [illegible]akes, which has been succes[illegible] [illegible]mplished.
31	Cleaning fresh-water springs at Sayipett.	......	3rd Jan. 1877.	......	105 0 0	......	1,284	Narayanasamy Naidu.	307 cubic yard[illegible] [illegible] silt and baling water.
32	Cleaning side drains, filling and levelling ditches at Almaspett.	......	22nd " "	......	40 0 0	......	500	Do. ...	292 cubic yard[illegible] [illegible]rk.
			Total ...	37,623 3 0	28,888 0 0	362,943	238,106		

(Signed) C. F. [illegible]
Special [illegible]ctor.

Extra No. 594.

Forwarded for the information of the Board of Revenue. Mr. MacCartie's report and its losure are both very creditable to him.

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2. The work seems to have been done at reasonable rates and within the estimates with a few exceptions, *e.g.*, items 19, 20, and 21. The Board are glad to note Mr. Price's testimony to Mr. MacCartie's efficiency.

3. He should be instructed to send in bills and completion certificates for the works which have been finished.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 397-B. **Order thereon**, 17th April 1877, No. 1,461-A.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Govt. of (1877) Madras

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16. The expenditure in each month was Rs 3440 and 3559 respectively in which is clubbed the cost of villages improvements

in the adjacent village of Sunkesula and the agraharam where 1380 running yards of road way were gravelled at a cost of annas 8 per cubic yard

17. This expenditure has been ordered tobe deducted from the cost of the road and tobe separately shown

Item No 5
Road from Chintakomma dinne to Vellatu
10 miles

18. This is a cross road between the Kurnool and Vempalle roads, useful in bringing several thriving villages into communication with Cuddapah and the Rail

19. The work began on November 18 and the details of progress appear in the Column of remarks. By the end of January between

4 and 5

4 and 5 miles of earth work had been finished one mile had been metalled, gravelled and tamped and about 4000 cubic yards of gravel had been excavated

20. The expenditure upto the end of January was Rs 3139 which shows pretty fair work as the Local Fund sanctioned estimate for the 1st mile and 1/3 of the road amounts to Rs 4500 in round numbers inclusive of a small masonry work or two

Item No 6
1st Section of Yerraguntla Vempalle road
2½ miles

21. This work was commenced under the Tahsildar on December 13th and continued under a Settlement Jaramdar who works very well.

22. The total length of the road

is about 18 miles and it is intended to connect the South West part of the Taluq and the town of Vempalle where there is a very important fair with the North West line at Yerraguntla

23. The earthwork 6765 cubic yards was finished by January 13th and 2000 cubic yards of metal had been broken and stacked by the end of the month at a cost of Rs. 4700 for the two months.

Item No 7
Indukur or 2d
Section of the above

24. The length of this section is about 16 miles. Up to the end of January 5 miles of earthwork had been completed and 1 mile of road had been finished from the main line to the village of Indukur and 346 cubic yards of gravel and metal had been quarried and stacked

25. The work was opened on November 29 from which date to the end of January the expendature amounted to Rs {2825 December
{1687 January
Rs 4512

26. The Supervision which has now been changed considerably for the better was very lax at first. Extensive weeding of the gangs was necessary and task work was most difficult to enforce at first. The people striking repeatedly en masse.

Item No. 8
Devuni Cuddapah road

27. This is a short cut 1⅛ miles in length, between the village of that name and the Sidhout road

which obviates the necessity of passing through the Municipal limits and so paying toll.

So far [illegible]
[illegible]
roads [illegible]

28. The work was begun on December 5th and the earth work was finished by the end of January amounting to 6075 cubic yards at a cost of Rs 977.

29. The estimate for earth work and gravel which has just been prepared amounts to Rs 2053-10-11.

Item No 9
Condayapalle
road

30 This is another short cut running parallel to the Chinna Chouku road (Item No 3) 4¾ furlongs in length

31. The work was begun on November 27th and the earth work was finished in January at a cost of Rs 774

32. The estimated cost at D.P.W. rates for earth work and metal amounts to Rs 1010-5-4 but I have closed the work with the completion of the earth work as there is no object in metalling a road which will never be much used and which it was a mistake to begin

Item No. 10
Booga road

33. This is a short cut which will shorten the distance from Royachoti to the station by about 2 miles and considerable traffic is expected along it

34. The work was commenced by Mr Ottley under the general supervision of Mr Maclean,

Assistant Engineer on December 13th

35 The progress during that month was slow as cutting the approach to the Booga river a formation of the road way through its bed, took up a deal of time

36. By the end of January 2 miles of earth work had been finished and partly gravelled at an expenditure of about 2600 R.

Item No. 15
Bussireddy
Supply Cha

37. This work an irrigation repair was begun on November 6th and completed by the 25th of the same month.

38. It is an ordinary supply channel of the Utkur Bussireddy tank near Cuddapah.

39. The total cost was Rs 276-4-3 which includes clearance of silt and sloping the banks at 1 to 1.

Item No 16
Bundreddi
Calava

40. This is another river channel which supplies the Utkur tank near Cuddapah.

41. Work began on November 27th 1876 and was finished by the middle of January.

The cost of clearing and sloping was about Rs 800.

Item No. 17.
Tallakalva

42. This is one of the numerous irrigation channels near

Camalapur from the Papagni river The work of clearing and repairing the slopes was completed between October 25th and November 22nd from famine funds at a cost of Rs. 1678-14-9. The work done is now being measured up and estimated

Item No. 18 Pullampati channel of Sadipirala

43. This is a similar irrigation repair and in the same neighbourhood as the above. The work was commenced on November 7th and was finished in January at a cost of Rs 4136 or about the double the estimate

Item No. 19 Appayapalle channel

44. This is a large spring Channel near Camalapur for which the D.P.W estimate is Rs. 3250. Work was commenced in December and about Rs. 5000 were spent up to January ~~1~~ 31st

45. The work has been much delayed by persistent strikes in [illegible] of the rigid enforcement of task work but 3/4 of it was completed at the end of January-

46. This work was commenced on October 14th under the Supervision of the Treasury Dy. Collector and was completed in December at a cost of Rs 4766

Item No 20 Utkur tank Supply Channel

47. The estimate at D.P.W rates amounts to Rs 1958-4-3 so that the work has cost something more than double the departmental rates.

48. This channel forms the main supply of the Buggal-cheruvu tank at Cuddapah and is an important work. It was commenced on December 9th under the supervision of the Treasury Dy. Collector and of Mr. Olley; the latter of whom completed the work during January.

Item No. 21 Lingana Calva

49. The expenditure was Rs 1275 and Rs 1423 for each month respectively. About 7005 cubic yards of earth work was done

Item No 22 The Bugga Channel

50. The items which succeed are all works situated within the Municipal limits, which were begun and carried on under the orders of the late Collector.

51. This is the Channel which

supplies the Pata Cuddapah tank from an anicut across the river near the Jail.

52. Nearly 1600 cubic yards of silt were removed from its bed and repair to the revetment was begun under the Municipal Overseer. I had an estimate prepared for this amounting to Rs 3325-0-1 at D.P.W rates but stopped the work as not being adapted to Relief Coolies and because the D.P.W. intend to construct a Head Sluice by which the supply can always be so regulated as not to injure the slope of the bank.

53. A great deal of good work was done with the spoil excavated, in forming a road way along the banks and filling up many hollows where water stagnated and bred malarious fevers.

Item No 23
Dongolcherum
tank

54. The repair of the bunds was commenced on October 14th and was continued under Mr. Ottley. The expenditure up to the end of December was Rs 2382 and that for January was Rs 1515

55 By the end of that month about ½ the outer slope had been reformed and the bund strengthened to pave 8 to 10 yards in width. But little progress was made in December. Tasks were not set and the coolies did pretty much as they pleased.

56. Is a well at Kondayapalle which needs no remark Item No. 24

57. Are quarries which do not present any features of interest. The amount excavated in each is shown in the column of remarks Item Nos 25 and 26.

58. The other items need no special remark. The amount of work done being exhibited in the column for that purpose

59. The earthwork of the new roads was pushed on and the Municipality left to gravel them at leisure, as it was an object to reduce the town works as much as possible. Scattered parties being also impossible to supervise efficiently.

I have &c.
Sd/ C. F. MacCartie
Special Asst. Collr.

Special Asst. Collr. Office, Camp
Cuddapah
26 March 1877

Extra No 594 (True Copy).

Forwarded for the information of the Board of Revenue. Mr Mac Carter's report and its enclosure are both very creditable to him.

Cuddapah Collector's Office
Camp Kuruguntapalli
28th March 1877

Sd/ J Frederick Price
Ag. Collector

Statement here

Submitted for the information of Government

2. The work seems to have been done at reasonable rates and within the estimates with a few exceptions, e.g. items 19, 20, and 21. The Board are glad to note Mr Price's testimony to Mr. Mac Carter's efficiency.

3. He should be instructed to send in bills and completion certificates for the works which have been finished

(True Copy & Extract)

H Elwin
Secretary

To
The Additional Secretary to Government R.D. with copy of statement.

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Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue
Dated 9th April 1877.
Recd 10th "

Dept 9

With Order

Submitting to Government
endorsement of the Ag.
Collector of Cuddapah on
the Special Assistant
Collector Mr Mac Carter progress
report for December and
January. –

G.O. 17 April 77 No 1146 a

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17th April 1877

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Report on Famine Relief Works in Cuddapah Taluq for the months of December 1876 and January 1877.

Numbers	Names of works	Distance in miles	Date of commencement of work	Expenditure from the commencement. Up to December 1876		Coolies employed Up to December 1876		Name of the Officer in charge of the work.	
				Up to December 1876	In January 1877	Up to December 1876	In January 1877		
1.	Ring Road	2½	12th October 1876	1134	"	12167	"	The Dy Tahsildar of Cuddapah Town	This is an old road. Repaired from Famine funds between 12th October to 5th November 1876. It was the first relief work started in Cuddapah Taluq being a local Fund repair in abeyance for want of Funds. The cost including sundries was Rs 1134.
2	Pata Cuddapah Road	3½	27th October 1876	1519	1966	16,818	21343	Tahsildar of Cuddapah.	This road is a short cut to the Pennair useful also in enabling the ryots to get carts to their fields which was before impossible in wet weather. The work was commenced under the personal supervision of the Tahsildar and was continued under Mr. Elliott an extra D.P.W Overseer who completed the whole of earth work by the end of December. In the beginning of January he was succeeded by a Maistry who has since been engaged in breaking and stacking metal and gravel of which about 2000 cubic yards were heaped by the end of January.
3	Chinnachowki road	4¾ Furlongs	6th November 1876	432	598	4,856	6,137	Dy Tahsildar of Cuddapah Town	This is a connecting link between the Madras & Sidhout roads and is a useful little work. The earthwork connected with this road was completed in November. Metalling was nearly finished in January and it has since been entirely completed.
4	Kasipet and Camalapur Road	8 miles	10th November 1876	3440	3559	36,768	39,046	Tahsildar.	This road is 8 miles in length and intended to connect Kasipet with the line at Camalapur. Up to the end of January the following work has been executed. C. yards. 22017 of earth work 1170 metal & gravel spread, tamped 1750¼ gravel & metal stacked. × 383⅓ metalled road in Agraharam × 997⅓ Do in Cunkisula. × These are village improvements. Earth work has been completed lately and materials are now being collected to metal the remaining portion of the road.

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Numbers	Names of works	Distance in miles	Date of commencement of work	Expenditure from the commencement. Up to December 1876	Expenditure from the commencement. In January 1877	Coolies employed Up to December 1876	Coolies employed In January 1877	Name of the Officer in charge of the work.	
5.	Chintakomma–Dinna road	10 miles	18th December 1876	1550	7584	16444	17023.	Tahsildar.	This is a cross road 10 miles in length between the Kurnool and Vempalle road useful in opening up a communication for several very thriving villages. The progress up to the end of January is as follows. 20085 Cubic yards of earth work 96 Do. Gravel carted to the road side. 3847 3/4 Do. gravel stacked. 1614 square yards of prickly pear removed. 288 Cubic yards of metal broken. 935 Do. of metal laid. The earth work and collection of materials are still going on at the 5th mile 2nd Furlong.
6	1st Section of Yerraguntla Vempalle road	2 1/2 miles	13th December 1876	1624	3100	17912	33522	Tahsildar.	The whole of earth work amounting to 6765 cubic yards was finished by the 13th of January and up to the end of January 2000 cubic yards of metal had been stacked and which work is still going on.
7.	Indukur or 2nd section of the above	15 1/2 miles	29th December 1876	2825	1687	31588	19041	Tahsildar.	Up to the end of January the following work was executed 5 miles of earth work from the south bank of Pageru to Iyyaripalle. 1 Do. Do. from this road to Eruteer. 346 Cubic yards of gravel and metal stacked.
8	Dinni Cuddapah road	1/8 mile	5th December 1876	522	409	5449	4264	Dy Tahsildar of Cuddapah Town	The whole of earth work amounting to 4075 cubic yards was completed by the end of January costing Rs 977.
9.	Cundayapalle Road	4 3/4 Furlong	27th December 1876	567	62	5733	626	Do.	The whole of earth work amounting to 2395 cubic yards was completed by the end of January at a cost of Rs 774.
10	Boogga Road	3 1/2 miles	13th December 1876	1353	1970	13876	14159	Treasury Dy Collector & Mr. Ottley	Vide covering letter.
11	Road in Butcher Row's street	1 Furlong	1st December 1876	713	632	7728	5962	Narayanasamy Naidu, Municipal Overseer	6311 Cubic yards of earth work.
12	Vempalle Road	1/2 mile	21st December 1876	1132	850	11407	9521	Do.	4489 Do. of Do. 1324 Cubic yards gravel excavated and stacked.
13	Agady Road	1/2 mile	23rd December 1876	"	30	"	493	Do.	180 Cubic yards of earth work.
14	Filling and levelling ditches near Bellary road	"	22nd December 1876	"	39	"	839	Do.	532 Cubic yards of earth work.

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15.	Bussireddy tank supply channel	"	6th November 1876	276-4-3	"	3161	"	Varadarazulu	The work was taken in hand on the 6th November and was completed by the 25th of the same month. It is an old supply channel of Ettikur Bussireddy tank. The total cost was Rs 276-4-3 which includes clearing silt and sloping the banks afresh at 1to1.
16.	Bundreddi Calava	"	27th November 1876	574-„-„	233	6242	2457	Tahsildar	It is an old river channel supplying the Ettikur tank. clearing and widening were completed by the 15th of January at a cost of Rs 977.
17.	Tallakalava	"	25 October 1876	1678-14-9	"	21391	"	Kamalapur Dy Tahsildar	This is one of the numerous channels in the neighbourhood of Camalapur in need of repair. The clearing and reformation of the slopes cost Rs 1678-14-9 The work was completed by the 22nd November 1876.
18.	Pullampatt Channel of Sadiperala	"	7th November 1876	4136	"	1019	177	Do.	Do. cost Rs 4136 The work was finished by the end of January.
19.	Appayapalle channel	"	December 1876	"	"	1137	"	Do.	At the end of January the coolies struck work after the greater part had been finished. Most of the work has been executed by the end of January leaving but little to do.
20.	Ettikur tank supply channel	"	22nd December 1876	4766	"	51621	"	Treasury Dy Collector	Vide Covering letter.
21.	Lingana Calva	"	9th December 1876	1275	1423	12830	12977	Treasury Dy Collector & Mr. Attley	Do.
22.	The Bugga channel	1 Mile	24th October 1876	3948	1076	42452	10362.	Narayanasamy Naidu Municipal Overseer	15715 cubic yards of earth work. 90 cubic yards of Masonry work. 600 cubic yards of rough stone collected 2 drains 2 steps and 1 road dam constructed.

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23.	Dongalcheruvu tank	1½ on bankment	14 October 1876.	2382	1515	24728	11120	Mr Attley —	Vide covering letter.
24.	Condayapalle well	„	17 Decr/76	36	„	354	„	Dy Tahsildar of Cuddapah Town	Finished in the early part of January. The whole cost being Rs 36.
25.	Curry Coonta Hill quarry	„	14 Decr/76	367	713	3573	5653	Mr Attley	2500 cubic yards. vide covering letter.
26.	Makkapett pollium	„	20 Decr/76	264	1029	2502	8424	Do	2144 cubic yards excavated.
27.	Removing silt Do in the wells situated on the other side of the anicut in Bugga channel near Bommanavady...	„	27th November 1876	158	23	1543	208	Narayanasamy Naidu. Municipal Overseer.	327¾ of deepened and cleansed Samy Iyer's well. 550 cubic yards Do of another large concern beyond the anicut.
28.	Filling holes in Gunta bazaar and removing silt in Ramacharry's well.	„	9th Decr/76	27	„	166	„	Do	100 cubic yards of earth work. 54 cubic feet removing silt and baling water.
29.	Deepening the surplus channel & raising the streets in Sayipett	„	18 Decr/76.	481	824	4883	8674	Do	500 cubic yards of earth work. 307 cubic yards of removing silt and baling water.
30.	Strengthening dam across Bugga channel	40 yards	Do	443	421	4595	4299	Tahsildar and Madar Sahib	The object of this dam was to retain a supply of water at the confluence of the Boogga & Rolla vunkas which has been successfully accomplished.
31.	Cleaning fresh water springs at Sayepet	„	3rd January 1877.	„	105	„	1284	Narayanasamy Naidu —	307 cubic yards removing silt and baling water.
32.	Do side drains filling and levelling ditches at Almaspett...	„	22nd January 1877	„	40	„	500.	Do	292 Do of earth work.
				37623-3-„	23888	3,62,943	2,38,106		

(Signed) C. F. Mac Cartie
Special Assistant Collector.

(True copy)
(Sd) J. Frederick Price
Ag Collector.

(True copy)
J. Ekstus
Secretary.

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Enclosure in Board's
Proceedings to the
Actg. Secretary to
Government. R.D.
dated 9th ~~March~~ April 1877.

In 72334.

G.O. 17 April/77 No. 1461 A

Report on Famine Relief works
in Cuddapah Taluq for
the months of December 1876
and January 1877.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
18th April 1877.

Read the following papers :—

No. 433. Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 5th March 1877, No. 934.

The Raja of Venkatagiri will be requested to put in writing the circumstances under which he obtained the two letters purporting to be addressed to his late Dewan by the present one, and which the Raja handed with two others to his own address, purporting to come from the same party, to the Secretary to Government. He will also be requested to give the reason he has for believing them to be genuine, together with any other circumstances which he considers important in connection with the case.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Offg. Chief Secretary.

No. 433-A. From Raja of Venkatagiri to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, dated 8th March 1877.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 5th March 1877, No. 934, calling upon me to put in writing the circumstances under which I obtained the two letters addressed to my late Dewan by R. Vencatakristna Row, requesting me also to give my reason for believing the letters to be genuine together with any other circumstances which I may consider important in connection with the matter.

2. Before giving the information called for, I beg to intimate, for the information of Government, that on the 4th instant I dismissed R. Vencatakristna Row from his office of Dewan for his misconduct, as will appear by the annexed copy of a letter I caused to be sent to him.

3. With reference to the Proceedings of Government in question, I beg to state that as I faintly remembered having been told by the late Dewan of frequent instances of R. Vencatakristna Row having attempted, and in some instances, obtained sums of money wrongfully out of me whilst he was in the service of Government, and having discovered similar conduct subsequently whilst acting as my Dewan, I caused my records to be searched, and I found amongst other letters, the two letters addressed to me which I gave up to you. I also traced, through accounts which had been submitted to me, the payment of moneys to him whilst he was the Sheristadar of the Collector of Nel[illegible]e by my late Dewan. Finding these entries, I wrote to my late Dewan an[illegible] him if he had any papers or letters relating to any of such payments, and, [illegible]ply, I received from my late Dewan certain letters, and amongst them were [illegible] two which I produced and left with you. These are the circumstances [illegible] which the letters in question were obtained by me.

4. The letters in question are [illegible]btedly genuine. I know R. Vencatakristna Row's hand-writing very wel[illegible] [illegible]an speak to these letters being in his writing. I can also produce many [illegible] to speak to these letters being in his writing and bearing his signature. I ca[illegible]so produce a large number of letters

for comparison [illegible] can also produce the accounts which will show payments corresponding with the items mentioned in these letters. All these circumstances lead me, without any doubt, to the conclusion that these letters are the letters of R. Vencatakristna Row.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From JOHN MILLER, Esq., Counsel for and on behalf of the Raja of Venkatagiri, to M. R. Ry. R. VENCATAKRUTNA ROW, dated 5th March 1877.

My client, the Raja of Venkatagiri, has consulted me with reference to your conduct as his Dewan in (amongst other things) neglecting your duties, disobeying his orders, and circulating wilfully false, malicious, and defamatory reports about him; and I have to inform you that for such misconduct the Raja has determined to dismiss you from your office of Dewan in his service as and from this date.

2. At the Raja's request, I have also togive you notice that you are so dismissed, and that you are hereby required to hand over charge of the office of Dewan and of every thing appertaining thereto to Tankasala Kristna Row, the Raja's Treasurer, who has been directed to take charge of same, pending further orders.

No. 433-B. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th March 1877, No. 1,190:—

Read the following letter from J. GROSE, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 9th March 1877, No. 1,018:—

I HAVE the honor to submit copy of a letter from Venkatakristna Row, late Dewan of Venkatagiri, informing me that the Rajah has dismissed him, and that he is coming back to his appointment as Huzur Sheristadar.

2. I am given to understand that more is known of the matter in dispute between the Rajah and his Dewan by the Board and Government than in this Office.

3. I shall be glad, therefore, to receive instructions, especially as to the late Dewan's reverting to his substantive appointment.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From R. VENKATAKRISTNA ROW, late Dewan of Venkatagiri, to J. GROSE, Esq., Collector of Nellore, dated Madras, 6th March 1877.

I BEG to enclose copy of a letter which I received yesterday from Mr. Miller stating that the Rajah dismissed me from that date. I beg also to enclose copy of my reply to him expressing my readiness to hand over charge.

2. I have arranged to return to Nellore on the 10th instant to await your orders for reverting to my substantive appointment of Huzur Sheristadar.

3. As already submitted by me personally on the 28th ultimo, I came here on the 26th, at the advice of Messrs. Sharp and Crole, to see t[illegible] Rajah who had previously refused to see me, and who promised those gentlemen to keep [illegible] in his service, and to give me an interview. Immediately on my arrival I reported myself [illegible]e Rajah, and requested permission to see him. But as I received no reply till the 4th instant, [illegible] wrote to him again yesterday the enclosed Telugu letter, which he returned unopened, and which I received simultaneously with Mr. Miller's letter.

4. I kept Mr. Sharp informed of the cause of misunderstanding between myself and the Rajah and of what took place from time to time between me and him. I shall, on returning to Nellore, submit a full report in writing for such notice as you may deem proper.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Collect[illegible]

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The services of Venkatakristna Row were placed at the disposal of the Rajah of Venkatagiri at his request, and the Board are of opinion that in thus summarily dismissing him without communication with Government, through the Collector, the Rajah has been guilty of great discourtesy, and that the disapproval of Government should be intimated to him. He should be called upon to state his reasons specifically for the consideration of Government.

3. The Board do not think that Venkatakristna Row can be permitted to resume his appointment as Huzur Sheristadar of Nellore until the circumstances of his dismissal by the Rajah are fully cleared up, but some delay must necessarily occur, and the Rajah should be informed that if it appear that the Dewan is without blame in the matter, he will be called upon to pay his salary during the time he is out of employ.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 433-C. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated [illegible] April 1877, No. 1,460:—

Read the following letter from J. GROSE, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 19th March 1877, No. 1,215:—

IN my letter of the 9th instant, No. 1,018, I reported that the Rajah of Venkatagiri had dismissed his Dewan, R. Venkatakristna Row, and asked for instructions as to his reverting to his post as my Sheristadar.

2. R. Venkatakristna Row appeared before me on the 10th instant, and claimed to be allowed to return to his post. Although I had submitted the matter to the Board I thought it would be the lesser of two evils to let him take up his old position at once. It seemed to me of vital consequence that I should have as my Sheristadar, so soon after my arrival in the district, a man who was likely to remain in the office, and that the services of Balaji Row were required elsewhere (as is explained in my letter of this date, No. 1,214). Moreover, there appeared to be nothing in the letter of dismissal which warranted me in refusing to allow R. Venkatakristna Row to return to his post.

3. I have now the honor to submit [illegible]er from the Rajah of Venkatagiri (to be returned), with translation, informing me [illegible]e dismissal of the Dewan. The letter adds nothing to what I know already as [illegible] R. Venkatakristna Row was dismissed. With regard to the other matters a[illegible]o in it I have only to remark that nothing or almost nothing is being done [illegible]ajah's name for the relief of the people in his Zemindari, and that I shall shor[illegible]e to submit proposals based on this state of things.

4. Of course, if the Board wish, Venkatakristna Row will again relinquish the post of Sheristadar temporarily and Balaji Row is on the spot to resume its duties.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Letter from Rajah.

ENCLOSURES No. Esq.—Translations of Rajah's letter and Enclosure.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 16th March 1877, No. 1,190.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 434. ORDER THEREON, 18th April 1877, No. 1,468.

Miscellaneous.

THE two letters purporting to be written by the late Dewan (—who has, it seems, returned to his post of Collector's Seristadar, Nellore District)—to his predecessor, while the writer was in the Government service; and the letter purporting to be written by the same party, while in the same position, to the Raja, will now, together with copy of the translations made of the same by the Secretary to Government, be transmitted to the Board of Revenue. The fourth letter, purporting to be written by R. Venkatakrishna Rao, while holding the office of Dewan, on some ordinary matters of business, is retained; it was put in as evidence of handwriting, should the genuineness of the other letters be denied.

2. The Board will transmit the whole correspondence to the Collector of Nellore, who will call upon the Seristadar for any remarks he may have to offer. These must necessarily be submitted before his restoration to the service, permanently.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Offg. Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

(TRANSLATION.)

TO THE SAHIB.

Ro.-Ven.—presents many salams. Yesterday at 9 o'clock I came to Venkatagiri. I did not halt at Mamuvōl, or Gollapalle. My band had passed those places; so I came here straight from Gudur.

Last evening I had audience of His Highness; he addressed me with much friendliness. Agreeably to your advice, I represented to him regarding the *Swāsthyam* and the 36,000. I respectfully said: "It is owing to your kindness towards me that you pardon me and perform (my wishes) even when I presume to enter upon a religious affair." To this he replied: "A certain *Swāsthyam* was vacant, so for some time I gave the proceeds of it—afterwards I made a change"

I said "the proceeds were received till lately." The Raja said he had written about the matter to you—and asked if you had not mentioned to me his having done so. I said "No"—he replied "he has intentionally omitted writing: he wished to keep it from you. About the second matter (the 36,000 Rupees, *i.e.*) the Raja said nothing: but from his countenance I discovered that it had his approval. On the whole you appear to enjoy his regard and confidence. You should enter upon no correspondence likely to give pain to such an individual. I mention this caution in a friendly way, owing to one or two remarks which the Raja let fall. I am confident that in your future letters to him you will avoid giving him any pain.

The Raja does not consider you and me as different persons. I am persuaded he is firmly confident that there is an undoubted friendship between you and me.

I intend to see the Raja once more this evening, and so go to Madras. When I get there, I will let you know where I put up.

It seems you altogether omitted to write to the Raja about my father-in-law. He wrote to you on the matter but you did not reply. Can you deceive me in this way—what reasons you have for doing so are best known to yourself; I cannot even guess them.

Please send the enclosed note to my son. You should occasionally send for the boy and inquire of his welfare. I am dissatisfied at leaving him by himself; but there was no help for it.

What you sent with the letter by Venkata Rangarow has reached me. If you *complete* the transaction, as you have promised, it would be very acceptable to me were it done *now*: I should return from Madras free from any pecuniary embarrassment. Whatever you do, remember that the satisfaction I shall have if the thing is done in time, that is in the time of my necessity, will not accrue, if the thing is done later on. What I said to you before about never asking you for anything again, may be relied on. I ask now because you yourself said you would *complete* the transaction. It is not my fault.

For the present address my letters to care of Kaudi Ram Rao. Consider what I have written. Signed Ro.-VEN., and dated 11th August 1873, from Venkatagiri.

Letter No. II, without date.

TO THE SAHIB.

Ro.-VEN. writes many salams.

I have received and read your letter of the 27th last month. I am sorry my letter was so annoying to you. In my then state of health, I dont know in what improper way I may have written. What I suffered for a month, 'tis impossible to describe. The Doctor told me yesterday that one day I was very bad, but he himself was alarmed, but that by God's mercy the bad turn had come right again. I knew nothing about it; for about a month I was in a kind of delirious state.

From what Chentsal Rao mentioned in conversation the other day, it seems I must give 3 or 4 thousand Rupees to the Doctor. Now if the fee were anything under 1,000, I might manage it without giving you any trouble; but as the amount is so large, I have written to you. I am much distressed you did not reply in the way that would have been agreeable to me. You know that a sick man gets very passionate. Can you write a reply to me with such severity instead of pardoning my mistakes? What more can I write to a man of your intelligence? Pray pardon me.

Your sincere friend,
Ro.-VENKATAKRISHNA RAO.

P.S.—I have been better the last 5 days. ittle. In a fortnight I shall be
recovered. Whatever happens, I am thankful t ch a fearful illness.
I have fetched it from Venkatasawmy Nai at first when angry. It is my
misfortune to have angered you so much. I w *Karakāya* fruit. What Appay
gave me is consumed.

No. III, dated from Nellore, Saturday, 22nd November, no year.

To His Highness the Raja.

I have occasion to go again to Madras next Saturday. The trouble my feet give me increases daily. It will cost me 1,000 Rupees to ge proper treatment. Besides, when I went to Madras lately, I incurred an expenditure of Ru[illegible]4,000. The Dewan looks askance at me; he shows great disregard for my wishes although I ha[illegible] frequently begged him to represent the matter to you. Therefore I myself write to you. You are the only source I can look to for rescuing me from the trouble of these debts. If in this matter you are pleased to be merciful towards me, please send your communication to me (*i.e.*, not through the Dewan), please consider this.

Your friend,

Ro.-Venkatakrishna Rao.

(True Translations.)

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

28th February 1877.

No. 1,190.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 16th March 1877.

Read the following letter from J. GROSE, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 9th March 1877, No. 1,018 :—

I HAVE the honor to submit copy of a letter from Venkatakristna Row, late Dewan of Venkatagiri, informing me that the Rajah has dismissed him, and that he is coming back to his appointment as Huzur Sheristadar.

2. I am given to understand that more is known of the matter in dispute between the Rajah and his Dewan by the Board and Government than in this Office.

3. I shall be glad, therefore, to receive instructions, especially as to the late Dewan's reverting to his substantive appointment.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From R. VENKATAKRISTNA ROW, late Dewan of Venkatagiri, to J. GROSE, Esq., Collector of Nellore, dated Madras, 6th March 1877.

I BEG to enclose copy of a letter which I received yesterday from Mr. Miller stating that the Rajah dismissed me from that date. I beg also to enclose copy of my reply to him expressing my readiness to hand over charge.

2. I have arranged to return to Nellore on the 10th instant to await your orders for reverting to my substantive appointment of Huzur Sheristadar.

3. As already submitted by me personally on the 28th ultimo, I came here on the 26th, at the advice of Messrs. Sharp and Crole, to see the Rajah who had previously refused to see me, and who promised those gentlemen to keep me in his service, and to give me an interview. Immediately on my arrival I reported myself to the Rajah, and requested permission to see him. But as I received no reply till the 4th instant, I wrote to him again yesterday the enclosed Telugu letter, which he returned unopened, and which I received simultaneously with Mr. Miller's letter.

4. I kept Mr. Sharp informed of the cause of misunderstanding between myself and the Rajah and of what took place from time to time between me and him. I shall, on returning to Nellore, submit a full report in writing for such notice as you may deem proper.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The services of Venkatakristna Row were placed at the disposal of the Rajah of Venkatagiri at his request, and the Board are of opinion that in thus summarily dismissing him without communication with Government, through the Collector, the Rajah has been guilty of great discourtesy, and that the disapproval of Government should be intimated to him. He should be called upon to state his reasons specifically for the consideration of Government.

3. The Board do not think that Venkatakristna Row can be permitted to resume his appointment as Huzur Sheristadar of Nellore until the circumstances of his dismissal by the Rajah are fully cleared up ; but some delay must necessarily occur, and the Rajah should be informed that if it appear that the Dewan is without blame in the matter, he will be called upon to pay his salary during the time he is out of employ.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with copy of Enclosure.

Copy to the Collector of Nellore.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

1877.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 16TH MARCH 1877, No. 1,190.

Encl.

Received

MARCH.
No. 1,190.

Venkatakristna Row—late Dewan of Venkatagiri, in Nellore District.—Submitting to Government letter from Collector regarding dismissal of —, and expressing opinion that he cannot be permitted to resume his appointment as Huzur Sheristadar until the circumstances of his dismissal are fully cleared up, and that the Rajah should be called upon to state his reason for consideration of Government.

No. 1,460.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 2nd April 1877.

Read the following letter from J. GROSE, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 19th March 1877, No. 1,215 :—

IN my letter of the 9th instant, No. 1,018, I reported that the Rajah of Venkatagiri had dismissed his Dewan, R. Venkatakristna Row, and asked for instructions as to his reverting to his post as my Sheristadar.

2. R. Venkatakristna Row appeared before me on the 10th instant, and claimed to be allowed to return to his post. Although I had submitted the matter to the Board I thought it would be the lesser of two evils to let him take up his old position at once. It seemed to me of vital consequence that I should have as my Sheristadar, so soon after my arrival in the district, a man who was likely to remain in the office, and that the services of Balaji Row were required elsewhere (as is explained in my letter of this date, No. 1,214). Moreover, there appeared to be nothing in the letter of dismissal which warranted me in refusing to allow R. Venkatakristna Row to return to his post.

3. I have now the honor to submit a letter from the Rajah of Venkatagiri (to be returned), with translation, informing me of the dismissal of the Dewan. The letter adds nothing to what I know already as to why R. Venkatakristna Row was dismissed. With regard to the other matters alluded to in it I have only to remark that nothing or almost nothing is being done in the Rajah's name for the relief of the people in his Zemindari, and that I shall shortly have to submit proposals based on this state of things.

4. Of course, if the Board wish, Venkatakristna Row will again relinquish the post of Sheristadar temporarily, and Balaji Row is on the spot to resume its duties.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Letter from Rajah.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 2 and 3.—Translations of Rajah's letter and Enclosure.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 16th March 1877, No. 1,190.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with original letter from Rajah to be returned, and copies of two enclosures.

Copy to the Collector of Nellore.

Exd J. Tulloch.

1877.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 2ND APRIL 1877, No. 1,460.

Encl.

Received

APRIL.
No. 1,460.

Venkatakristna Row—late Dewan of Venkatagiri in Nellore District.—Submitting to Government letter from Collector, reporting that he has permitted,—to revert to his post as Huzur Sheristadar.

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Reven
dated 16th March

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No. 1018

From

J. Grose Esquire
Collector of Nellore District

To H. E. Stokes Esquire
Secretary to the Board of
Revenue, Madras

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I have &ca.

Nellore Collector's Office 9th March 1877 } (signed) J. Grose
Collector

J. Grose Esquire
Collector of Nellore

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to time between me and him. I shall on returning to Nellore submit a full report in writing for such notice as you may deem proper.

I remain &ca.

Madras
6th March 1877

(Sd.) R. Venkatakrishna Row

Submitted for the orders of Government.

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Secretary

To

The Additional Secretary
to Government R.D.

Rev: 1877 Depts

No. 1881

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 16th March 1877

Recd 22 " "

G.O. 18-4-77 No. 1468.

Submitting to Government letter from the Collector of Nell[illegible] regarding [illegible] as to Venkata-krishna Row the Dewan of Venkatagiri [illegible] appointment

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No.

From Raja of Venkatagiri.

Dated 8th March 1877.

FOR ORDERS.

[illegible]

This is his reply to the G.O.

2. The case against his Dewan — or rather his late Dewan — for he has sent him a lawyer's letter dismissing him — is, primâ facie, very complete.

3. On looking more closely into the Penal Code — I find that the mere fact of obtaining, or attempting to obtain, a valuable present from any person having any connection with his official functions — is a penal offence in a public servant: irrespective of any proof that may be available as to the present being a motive or reward for showing favor.

S.165.
2 years simple impt, with fine.

4. Simple dismissal from the public service will not operate sufficiently as a deterring example — This kind of thing goes on all around us: and it is very difficult indeed to get such proofs as are here offered.

9-3/77

See over

I have already stated
my opinion (concurred in by
Mr Ellis) that an unusual
& embarrassing course has
been followed in this matter
and I still hold that
Govt. should refrain from
meddling in it — least of all
in the way of foregone con-
clusion. The Rajah has now
placed on record what
he has to say about the let-
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the Rajah a man so un-
scrupulous & ill-condit-
ioned that the Govt. almost
insisted on his removal
in favor of R. Venkoba-
Krishna Row — all appa-
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dress and relates to the
same time — If well
founded the matter is
an old story which took
place before the employmt.
of R. Venkobarow in the Ra-
jah's service and is now
revived out of spiteful
feelings — I myself

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for little & do not think
matters as a motive for Govt.
interference
However in the mean
time the Bd. of Rev (
dated 8 March) report on the
Collr. letter seeking instns.
about the re-employ-
ment of Rr. Venkoba Krishna
Row, say they think the
circums. of his dismissal
by the Rajah must be investi-
gated before re-instatement.
His Excy. approved & at
the same time transmitted
without comment — the Ra-
jah's original letter & the
original letters (which Mr Car-
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in that inquiry
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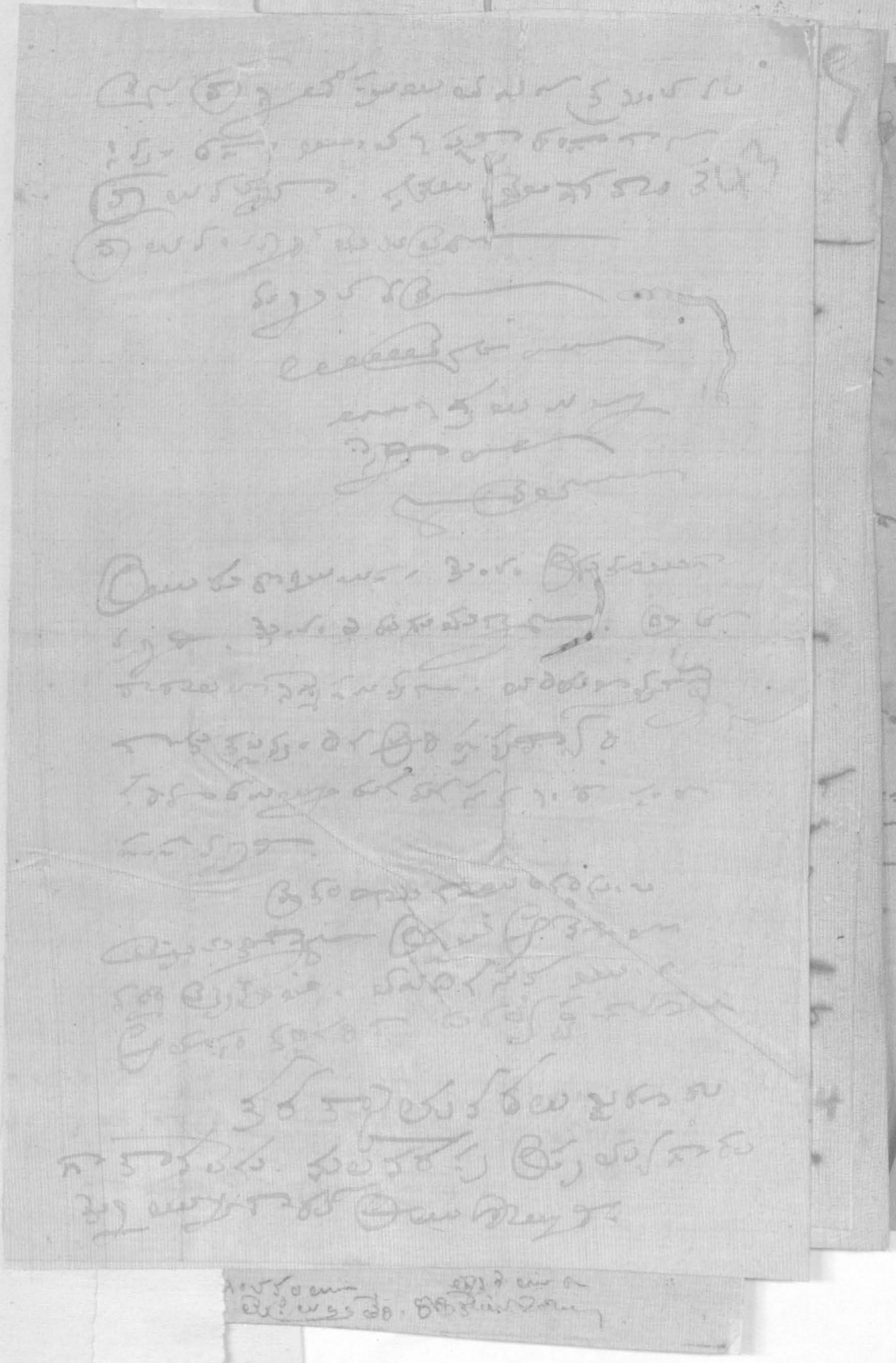

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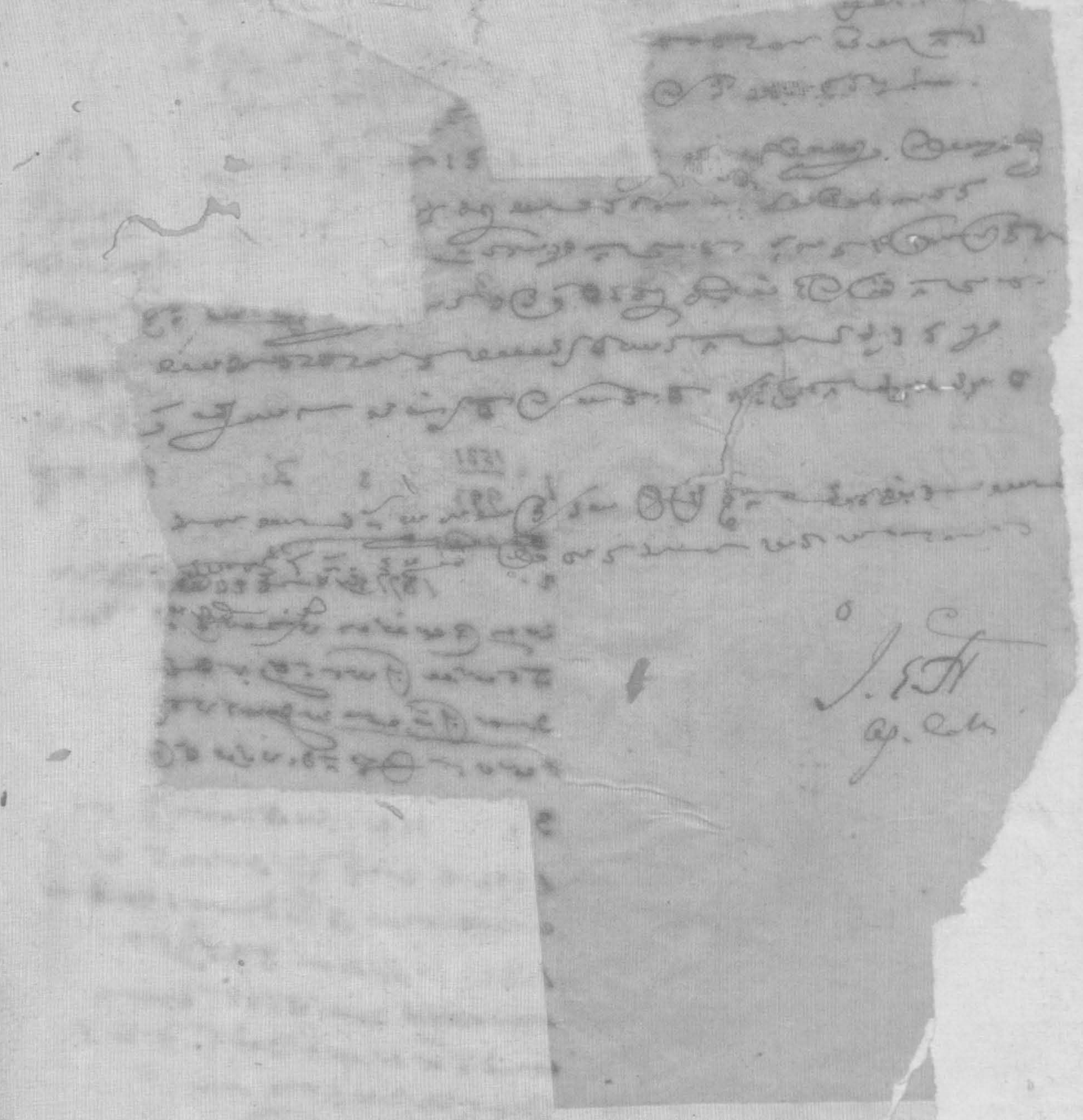

J. E. H.
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Mis. No. 625

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 27 April 1877.

Read the following letter from J. [illegible] Esqr. Collector of Nellore to [illegible] Esqr. Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated Nellore 25th April 1877 No. —

I received Board's Proceedings 21st April 1877 Mis. No. 5826, desiring me to call upon my Sheristadar for any remarks he might have to offer with reference to two letters purporting to have been written by him to Rahamtullah Saheb, when Dewan of Venkatagiri, and one purporting to have been written by him to the Rajah, on Monday Evening.

2. I sent for my Sheristadar on Tuesday and showed him the letters. He absolutely denies having written them. His answers to certain questions which I asked with regard to the

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contents of the letters and the remarks he wishes to offer will be found in Enclosure A.

3. Though not directed to do so, it seemed to me desirable to send for Rahamtullah Saheb.+ He has just been with me and the Treasury Deputy Collector was present to interpret between us. Rahamtullah Saheb denies all knowledge of the letters Nos 1 & 2 which purport to be written to him, and declares that he did not send them to the Rajah. Notes of my conversation with him will be found in Enclosure B.

+ the old Dewan.

4. My opinion is not asked by Government, but I think I may remark that the evidence against my Sheristadar is confined almost entirely to the handwriting and contents of the letters. The Rajah, it is clear from the dismissal of Venkata [illegible] Row from the post of Dewan, and from papers connected with that dismissal which are now before me and will shortly be submitted to the Board, entertained sentiments when he produced the letters which greatly weaken the force of his testimony.

5. The contents of the letters in so far as they relate to what I may call External circumstances, such as the journey of Vencata Kistna Row to Madras via Venkatagiri in August 1873, his illness and its treatment in Madras between August 1873 and January 1874, his resort to a Doctor and a Dentist, &c, are consistent with admitted facts, but then those facts are such as must have been generally known.

6. With regard to the handwriting I enclose specimens of Vencata Kistna Row's writing taken from the Records

(Enclosure C) The cogency of this part of the Evidence can probably best valued at Madras.

7. I return the 3 Telugu letters which were enclosed in the Proceedings of the Board.

Enclosures A, B, C.
Enclosure 4 = Packet containing three Telugu letters.

Submitted to Govt. with reference to G. O. 18th April 1877 No. 1468.

(A true copy and Extract).

H E Stokes
Secretary

To
The Officiating Chief Secretary
to Government, R. D.

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Rev: (1877) Deptt
No 2565

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27 April 1877 No. 6250 Mis.

Recd. 17 May 1877.

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Subject.

R. Venkata Kistna Row – Huzur Sheristadar of Nellore – Submitting to Govt. letters from the Collr. of Nellore regarding,

No 35 Pol

Lodged with reference G.O. 13th September 1879 No. 1866.

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Enclosure in the
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& Cons. No. 29.
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Proceedings of the Board of Rev.
d/2nd April 1877

No: 3

Read the following:-

Board's G.R. No. 3127

No. 1215.

From
J. Grose Esquire
Collector of Nellore

To
H. E. Stokes Esquire
Secretary to the Board of Rev.
Madras

Sir,

In my letter of the 9th Instant No. 1018, I reporte[illegible] the Rajah of Venkatgiri had dismissed his dewan, R. Venkata Krishna Row and asked for instructions as to his reverting to his post as my Sheristhadar.

2. R. Venkatakistna Row appeared before me on the 10th

Instant and claimed to be allowed to return to his post. Although I had submitted the matter to the Board, I thought it would be lesser of two evils to let him take up his old position at once. It seemed to me of vital consequence that I should have as my Sheristadar so soon after my arrival in the District a man who was likely to remain in the office, and that the services of T. Balajee Rau were required elsewhere (as is explained in my letter of this date No. 1214). Moreover there appeared to be nothing in the letter of dismissal which warranted me in refusing to allow R. Venkatakrishna Rau to return to his post.

3. I have now the honor to submit a letter from the Rajah of Venkataghiri (with translation) informing me of the dismissal of the Dewan. The letter adds nothing to what I know already as to why R. Venkatakrishna Rau was dismissed. With regard to the other matters alluded to in it, I have only to remark that nothing or almost nothing is being done in the Rajah's name for the Relief of the people in his Zemindary, and that I shall shortly have to submit proposals based on this state of things.

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4. Of course, if the Board wish, Venkatakrishna Rau will again relinquish the post of Sheristadar temporarily and Balajee Rau is on the spot

to resume its duties

Nellore
Collector's Office
19th March 1877

I have &c
(Sd) J. Grose
Collector

Submitted to Government with reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 16th March 1877 No. 177.

[illegible] 24 March

(True Copy & Extract)

H Erwin
Secretary

To
The Secretary to Govt
R.D.

with original letter from Rajah to be returned & copies of two enclosures.

Copied
A Parthasaradhy Naidu

M. S. & T. Wd. of Revenue 18-4-77 (confidential)

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G.O. 18-4-77 No. 1468.

Submitting to Government
letter from the Nellore
Collector with reference
to BoR Pros D/ 16th March
1877 No. 1190

A.

Notes of a conversation with L. Vencatakrishna Row, Sherishtadar of Nellore late on the 24th April 1877.

I. Answers to questions. I deny that the letters were written by me or that I had anything to do with them. I admit the translations to be substantially correct.

Letter No. 1. My first leave was privilege leave and lasted from the 9th August to the 7th November 1873. My next was sick leave & began on the 28th or 29th November 1873 and lasted till the 15 January 1874. When I took the leave which began on the 9th August, I went to Madras via Vencatagiri. I saw the Rajah, I do not recollect on what date, but believe it could not have been on the 10th. I did not talk to the Rajah in any way about any "Swastyam". I did not talk to him about a sum of Rs 30,000. My Father in law is V. [illegible] Row. He was a Tahsildar and afterwards a Sea Custom Superintendent & then a Cash-keeper in this district. I may have mentioned words

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-tioned him to the Rajah on this occasion but I don't remember doing so. I did ask Rahamtullah Saheb to get him an Amil's post soon after he retired, but I don't remember when that was — probably in 1870 or 1871. I did not try to get anything ~~for~~ him from the Rajah in 1873. My son was then in Nellore where Rahamtullah Saheb was at the time. I may have written to him then from Madras, but I don't think I could have from Venkatagiri for I was only there one day. I was friends with him so that I might have asked him to look after my son. Kandi Rama Row is a son of the Board's late Sheristadar Narasinga Row. I lived in the opposite house [illegible] the first ten days I was in Madras [illegible] should have been likely to get my letters sent to his care. Two of the Rajah's sepoys were sent with me to Madras. One was with me all the time I was there. There was a gumastah of Rahamtullah Saheb called Vencat Ramanaya —

pretty well — when he was Sarishtadar of the district.

his

his confidential man — still in his employ.

Letter No. 2. I was very ill during both my privilege leave and my sick leave. Doctor Joseph performed a surgical operation. He attended me twice a day for two months and once a day for a third month. I paid him Rs 2000. I beg that I may not be understood to complain that the fee was high. Vencatswamy Naidu was Messrs. Parry and Co's Dubash. I had one transaction with him. Ramtullah Saheb sent Rs 300 through him, and I paid it to a third party at the request of the man in Nellore to whom Rahamtullah Saheb owed the money.

Letter No. 3: When I was getting better the first time at the end of my privilege leave, Doctor Josep[illegible] me to Mr. Clerk the Dentist. I went to Mr. Clerk a second time about the beginning of January. I paid him Rs 500 some time afterwards.

4. R. Vencatakistna Row's statement in his own words. I would rather you took down what I have to say about those letters than left it to me to write. The Rajah found that everywhere gentlemen thought and spoke well of me and was anxious to damage my character. If he had had these letters he

would not have offered me money to resign. I can prove that he offered me Rs 4000 because his legal agent Ram Row was present when Tiruvengadachari, the Rajah's man, made me the offer. I can also prove the offer of Rs 6000 completely, but I wish not to mention the name of the person who communicated the offer unless it becomes absolutely necessary to do so. I have reason to believe that the Rajah was communicating secretly with Nellore in February and March getting accounts prepared to corroborate these letters.

I deny in the strongest way that the letters are in my ~~hand~~writing, that I know anything about them (except that I believe them to be forged) that I ever asked the Rajah for anything when I was Sheristadar here, and that I ever accepted anything from him except a present of cloth on one occasion when there was a ceremony in my house, and I acknowledged that in the usual way ~~way~~ by giving the bearer some cloth of smaller value.

(True copy)

J. Grose

Collector of Nellore.

(True copy)

H E Stokes

Rec: No. 1
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3.

Notes of a conversation with Ramtullah Saheb on the 28th April 1877.

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Answers to Questions after reading letter No. 1. I never saw this letter before. I never sent it to the Rajah. I know nothing about it.

Answers to Questions after reading Letter No. 2. I never saw this letter before. I never sent it to the Rajah. I know nothing about it.

(True copy)

J. Grose

Collector of Nellore

(True copy)

H E Stokes

Secretary.

Reg: No $\frac{2}{2585}$

C.

Three specimens of Vencatakistna Rows writing from amongst the Records.

J. Grose
Collector of Nellore.

(True Copy)
W Elliot
Secretary.

Rev: No 3/2505

H. B. Stokes
Secretary

Madras
5th March 1877

Mr. R. R.
K. Venkatakristnah Row

Sir,

My client the Rajah of Venkatagherri has consulted me with reference to your conduct as his Dewan in (amongst other things) neglecting your duties, disobeying his orders, and circulating wilfully false, malicious and defamatory reports about him, and I have to inform you that for such mis-conduct the Rajah has determined to dismiss you from your office of Dewan in his service as and from this date.

At the Rajah's request I have also to give you notice that you are so dismissed, and that you are hereby required to hand over charge of the Office of Dawan and of every thing appertaining thereto to Senkasala Krishna Rao, the Rajah's Treasurer, who has been directed to take Charge of same pending further orders.

Your obediently
(Sd) John Miller
Counsel for and in behalf of the Rajah of Venkatgherry.

(True copy)
(Sd) J. Grose
Collector.

(True copy)
Secretary

Copied
J. Naidu

No. 506/522

Enc: one

All complimentary terms omitted.

From,
The Rajah of Venkatagiri Estate

To
J. Grose Esquire
Collector of Nellore District

Sir, As my Dewan, Rozugirdi Venkatakistna Row Garu's misconduct, has, though patiently borne, been growing worse day by day, he is removed from the Office of Dewan from the 5th Instant.

I enclose herein copy of a letter sent to R. Venkatakristnarow Garu by Mr. Miller, Barrister. On perusal the matter will be known.

Pending further orders, I directed that the duties connected with the Dewan's Office, should be discharged by the Treasurer Ankasala Krishna Row, who has had a long experience in the matters of my Estate. A person who has experience in the Revenue & Civil Branches, who has good conduct, and in whom I could place confidence, will shortly be appointed as Dewan, and the fact communicated to you.

Rice worth Rupees 20,000 and 10,000 Rupees cash were placed at the disposal of

J.W. Naidu

of R. Venkatakristna Row Garu for relief works, with orders to do them quickly. No report has still been received from him of Works being opened on a large scale. I appointed and sent Yenamanchintla Sanjiva Row as Supervisor of the Northern Taluqs and Govinda Chendu Venkata Row as Supervisor of the Southern Taluqs to assist the Taluq Amils in carrying on the Relief works rapidly. Progress Reports will show that they are so done. And in the case of attachment made for arrears

to

who

to be paid by the Ryots in the Taluqs, the Amils have been instructed to release the property of Pauper ryots to recover something from the well-to-do Ryots and get documents executed for sums which cannot be realized, releasing their property and also to proceed, according to Law, in the matter of attachment of property of the well-to-do, who from obstinacy decline to act up to the terms of the Engagements. The two aforesaid Supervisors deputed for the Relief works, have also been ordered to proceed in the matter, as stated above, bearing in mind carefully that no trouble is given thereby to the Ryots. Dated Madras 8th March 1877

Mark of Seal

(True Translation)
(Sd) J. Grose
Collector

(True copy)
W Ennis
Secretary

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Enclosure in Board's
Pro: 27th April 1877
to Government
No. 9.

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adras 5th March 1877

M. R. R.
K. Vencata Kristna Row.

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Your Obediently.

(signed) John Miller

Counsel for and on behalf

of th yah of Veneataghrry

(a True copy.)

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No. 2182 R.D.

From

Raja of Venkatagiri

C.S.I.

To Secy to Govt

D/-8-3-7

R/ idem.

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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Inclosure to letter to the Bd of Revenue No 1215 of 19 March 77.

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[illegible]

R-d 3

Procs Bd Rev

d/ 27-4-7.

I have been waiting for the further letters or reports promised by Mr Grose, but they are not yet to hand.

The Sarishtadar says the letters put in by the Raja of Venkatagiri are forgeries – This is being too bold – with his handwriting before us for comparison, & numerous letters of his in the Raja's possession (as he tells us) on ordinary subjects. The scraps sent up by the Collector out of the Cutcherry records are also the same hand.

2. The Sarishtadar says triumphantly "If the Raja had these "letters of mine, why did he want "to bribe me to resign, as I can prove "he did" I suppose, because they could not come to terms.

3. Submitted that the inquiry must be pushed further, and that a Commissioner shd be appd by Govt to inquire & report into the matter.

F.S.A. 17/5/7.

[illegible]

This matter shd be transferred to the Revenue Dept =

Wd transmit to the Collr to call on the Rajah & prove his case

Mr Grose is thoroughly competent to hold full inquiry

I deprecate the appt of a Commr to inquire abt some letters that passed 4 years ago

18/5 [illegible]

Listening of the case shd. be kept in the Rev. Dt.

It does not appear to me that the 3 letters produced by the Zemindar are all in the same handwriting. Nos. 1 & 3 and folios thereafter seem to me in one hand. No. 2 is I think in a different hand.

I think we should propose to ask the Zemindar to formulate exactly his charges agst. the Manager & to produce any further evidence. I don't think he has very succinctly stated his case yet, or carried the proof very far.

He is not the most

[illegible] in [illegible] letters

demeanour of Mr. [illegible] Report speaks [illegible] & he is at daggers drawn with the Manager. —

The Venkatagiri Rep

Confidential

Case

Sent for further report

(Commr 22.5.77)

C. 18 May/77 d 21/5/77.

(Translation)

Ikram

To the Sahib.—

Ro—Venu—presents many salaams. Yesterday at 9 o'clock I came to Venkatagiri – I did not halt at Mamuril or Gollapalle. My bandies had passed those places; so I came here straight from Gudur.

Last evening I had audience of His Highness. He addressed me with much friendliness – speaking to you: advice. I represented to him regarding the swasthyam and the 36.000 – I respectfully said "It is owing to your kindness "towards me that you pardon me and perform (my wishes) "even when I presume to enter upon a religious affair." To this he replied "A certain swasthyam was vacant, so "for some time I gave the proceeds of it – afterwards I made "a change" I said "the proceeds were received tile lately" The Raja said he had written about the matter to you – and asked if you had not mentioned to me his having done so. I said "No" – he replied 'he has intentionally omitted writing: he wished to keep it from you' – About the second matter (the 36000 Rs i.e) the Raja said nothing; but from his countenance I discovered that it had his approval – On the whole you appear to enjoy his respect & confidence – You sh.d enter upon no correspondence likely to give pain to such an individual. I

mention his caution in a friendly way,
owing to one or two remarks wh the Rajah let fall—
I am confident that in yr future letters to him you will
avoid giving him any pain.
The Rajah does not consider you and me as different
persons. I am persuaded he is firmly confident ~~that~~ there
is an undoubted friendship between you & me.
I intend to see the Rajah once more this evening, & go to
Madras. When I go there, I will let you know where I put up.

It seems you altogether omitted to write to the Rajah
about my father in law. He wrote to you on the matter but
you did not reply. Can you deceive me in this way— what
reasons you have for doing so are best known to yourself; I
cannot even guess them.
Please send the enclosed note to my son— You shd occasionally
send for the boy & inquire of his welfare— I am dissatisfied
at leaving him by himself; but there was no help for it.

What you sent with the letter by Venkata Ramanayya reached
me. If you complete the transaction, as you have promised,
it wd be very acceptable time were it done now; I shd return
from Madras free from my pecuniary embarrassment.
Whatever you do, remember that ~~the~~ the satisfaction I shall have
if the thing is done in time, that is in the time of my necessity,
will not accrue, if the thing is done later on. What I had to

(Compared 22.5.77)

C. 18 May/77 d. 21/5/77

You before about never ask[illegible] you for anything again,
may be relied on— I ask no[illegible] because you yourself said you
wd complete the transact[illegible] It is not my fault.
For the present address my [illegible]ters to care of Thambi Rama Rao.
Consider what I have written. Signed Ro-Ven.
and dated 11th August 1873. from Venkatagiri.

Letter No II. without date.

To the Sahib — Ro-Ven written by my own hand.

I have recd & read yr letter of the 29th of last month— I am
sorry my letter was so annoying to you. Being then in a state
of health, I don't know in what improper way I may have
written. What I suffered for a month, 'tis impossible to
describe. The Doctor told me yesterday that one day I was
very bad, that he himself was alarmed, but that by God's
mercy the bad turn had come right again— I knew nothing
about it; for about a month I was in a kind of delirious state.

From what Chentsal Rao mentioned in conversation the
other day, it seems I must give 3 or 4 thousand rupees to
the Doctor. Now if the fee were anything under 1000, I
might manage it without giving you any trouble; but as the
amount is so large, I have written to you. I am much distressed
you did not reply in the way that wd have been agreeable to me.
You know that a sick man gets [illegible]ry passionate— Can you write

a reply to me with such severity instead of pardoning my mistakes? What more can I write to a man of your intelligence? pray pardon me. Your sincere friend. Ro. Venkata

P.S. I have been laid up the last 5 days. I get about a little. In a fortnight I shall be recovered. Whatever happens, I am thankful to have got over such a fearful illness.

I have fetched it from Venkatasamy Naidoo. I refused it at first when angry. It is my misfortune to have angered you so much. Twenty-some cakes of Karakáya fruit.

What appears for me is consumed.

No. IX. Dated from Vellore, Saturday, 22nd Novr. – no year.

To His Highness the Rajah.

I have occasion to go again to Madras next Saturday. The trouble my feet give me increases daily. It will cost me 1000 Rs to get proper treatment. Besides, when I went to Madras lately, I incurred an expenditure of Rs 4000. The Dewán looks askance at me; he shows great disregard for my wishes altho' I have frequently begged him to represent the matter to you. Therefore I myself write to you. You are the only source I can look to for rescuing me from the trouble of these debts. If in this matter you are pleased to be merciful towards me, please send your communication to me (i.e. not through the Dewán). Please consider this. Your friend Ro. Venkatakrishna Rá

(True translations)

D. F. C. 28/2/77.

(Corrected 22.5.77)

C. 18 May/77 R 21/5/77

Enclosure one.

To,

The Honorable
D. F. Carmichael,
Secretary to Government,
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 5th Marc 1877. No. 934, calling upon me to put in writing the circumstances under which I obtained the 2 letters addressed to my late Dewan by R. Venkata Krishna Row, requesting me also to give my reason for believing the letters to be genuine, together with any other circumstances which I may consider important in connection with the matter.

2. Before giving the information called for, I beg to intimate for the information of Government that on the 5th instant

I dismissed R. Vencatakristnarow from his office of Dewan for his misconduct as will appear by the annexed copy of a letter I caused to be sent to him.

3. With reference to the Proceedings of Government in question, I beg to state that as I faintly remembered having been told by late Dewan of frequent instances of R. Vencatakristnarow having attempted and in some instances obtained sums of money wrongfully out of me whilst he was in the service of Government and having discovered similar conduct subsequently whilst acting as my Dewan, I caused my Records to be searched, and I found amongst other letters, the two letters addressed to me, which I gave up to you. I also traced through accounts which had been submitted to me the payment of money to him whilst he was the Sheristadar of the Collector of [illegible] by my late [illegible]

Finding th[illegible]tries, I wrote to my la Dewan and asked him if he had any pa or letters relating to any of such paymen and in reply I received from my late Dewan certain letters and amongst them were the two which I produced and left with you. These are the circumstances under which the letters in question were obtained by me.

4. The letters in question are undoubted genuine. I know R. Vencatakristnarow's handwriting very well, and can speak to these letters being in his writing. I can also produce many persons to speak to these letters being in his writing and bearing his signature. I can also produ a large number of letters for comparison. I can also produce the accounts [illegible] will shew payments corresponding w the items mentioned in these letters. All these circumstances lead me without any d[illegible]t to the conclusio

that these letters are [illegible] letters of
R. Vencata Kristna Row.

Pulichery Veera Peru
=mal Pillay's Bungalow,
Gordonpett.
8th March, 1877.

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant.

[illegible]
[illegible] C.S.I.

No. 1368

R. D.

Read the following papers.

G. O. - 5th March/77 No 934.

Letter from Raja of Venkatagiri C.S.I.
D/ 8th March/77

Procs. Bd. Rev. d/ 16th March/77

+ Procs. Bd. Rev. d/ 2nd April/77

The two letters purporting to be written by the late Dewan (who has, it seems, returned to his post of Collis Sansthanam, Nellore distt.) to his predecessor [*] ; and the letter purporting to be written by the same party [*] to the Raja, will now, together with the official translations made of the same by the Secy to Govt., be transmitted to the Bd. of Revenue. The fourth letter, purporting to be written by R. Venkatakrishna Rao, while holding the office of Dewan, ~~to the Raja~~ on some ordinary matters of business, is retained; it was put in as evidence of handwriting, should the genuineness of the other letters be denied.

* while the writer was in the Govt. service

* while in the same position,

18th April 1877.

~~[illegible]~~
* preceeding the latter['s] before his restoration to the service, permanently. 18-4-77.

2. The Govt. will transmit the whole correspondence to the Collr of Nellore, who will call upon the Sansthanam for a [illegible] as he may have to offer [illegible] these [illegible]

R. D

e Nellore Saustan
Venkatagiri Dewan

C. N 2565 of 1877

Sir/

The enclosures of this are secured here, as they are important letters and have been written by the Dewan.

8/10/29

R. D

Enclosures

To Bot.

In 22. re Vellore [illegible]-dan, late Wenkatagiri Dewan

No. 1

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Enclosures to C.N. 2565 of 1877
referred to in G.O. 13th Septr 1879 No 1888 A.D.

Venkatagiri