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3rd May 1877, No. 1,621.

Famine Relief.

Read the following papers:—

No. 199. Official Memorandum from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Collector of Bellary, dated Madras, 23rd March 1877, No. 516.

The undersigned is directed to call the attention of the Collector of Bellary to the small amounts which, according to the reports, have been advanced under the Land Improvement Act in the Bellary District. When the Board's First Member was in the district there were several hundreds of applications pending. The Board would be glad of some explanation on the subject.

(By Order,)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

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No. 199. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th April 1877, No. 1,809.

From J. H. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Somandapalli, 14th April 1877, No. 275.

With reference to the official memorandum of the Board of Revenue, No. 516, dated 23rd ultimo, I have the honor to state that on the receipt of the Board's Proceedings, No. 3,329, dated 29th December last, I issued instructions that applications for advances up to Rupees 200 were to be received and *disposed of* by the Tahsildars, and that payments were to be made on the sanction of the *division officers*. Some of the division officers and Tahsildars appear, however, to have misunderstood this, and thought that the advances were not to be paid until certificates, granted under the Land Improvement Act, are issued in the names of the persons receiving the advance.

2. Under this impression, I imagine correspondence has been going on *previous* to payment between Tahsildars, division officers, and this office, regarding the information to be entered in the first and second schedules of the certificates and regarding the stamp-duty payable on them, and their being registered, &c.

3. Many cases are, therefore, still pending, and payments have been made only to a small amount. I have now pointed out to all officers that these advances can be paid on their being satisfied that sufficient security has been given, and on an agreement from the person asking for the advance without the observance of other formalities. I have also instructed them to dispose of the cases as soon as possible.

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The Board observe that Tahsildars exercise all the powers of a Collector under the Act up to a limit of Rs. 500 not Rs. 200 (G.O., 12th February 1877, No. 640). The divisional officers need not do more than generally supervise. The principal thing for the Tahsildars to look to is the *bona fides* of the application and the adequacy of the security.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

*Revenue Department, 9th May 1877, No. 1,681.*

No. 200. ORDER THEREON, 9th May 1877, No. 1,681.

Miscellaneous. RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
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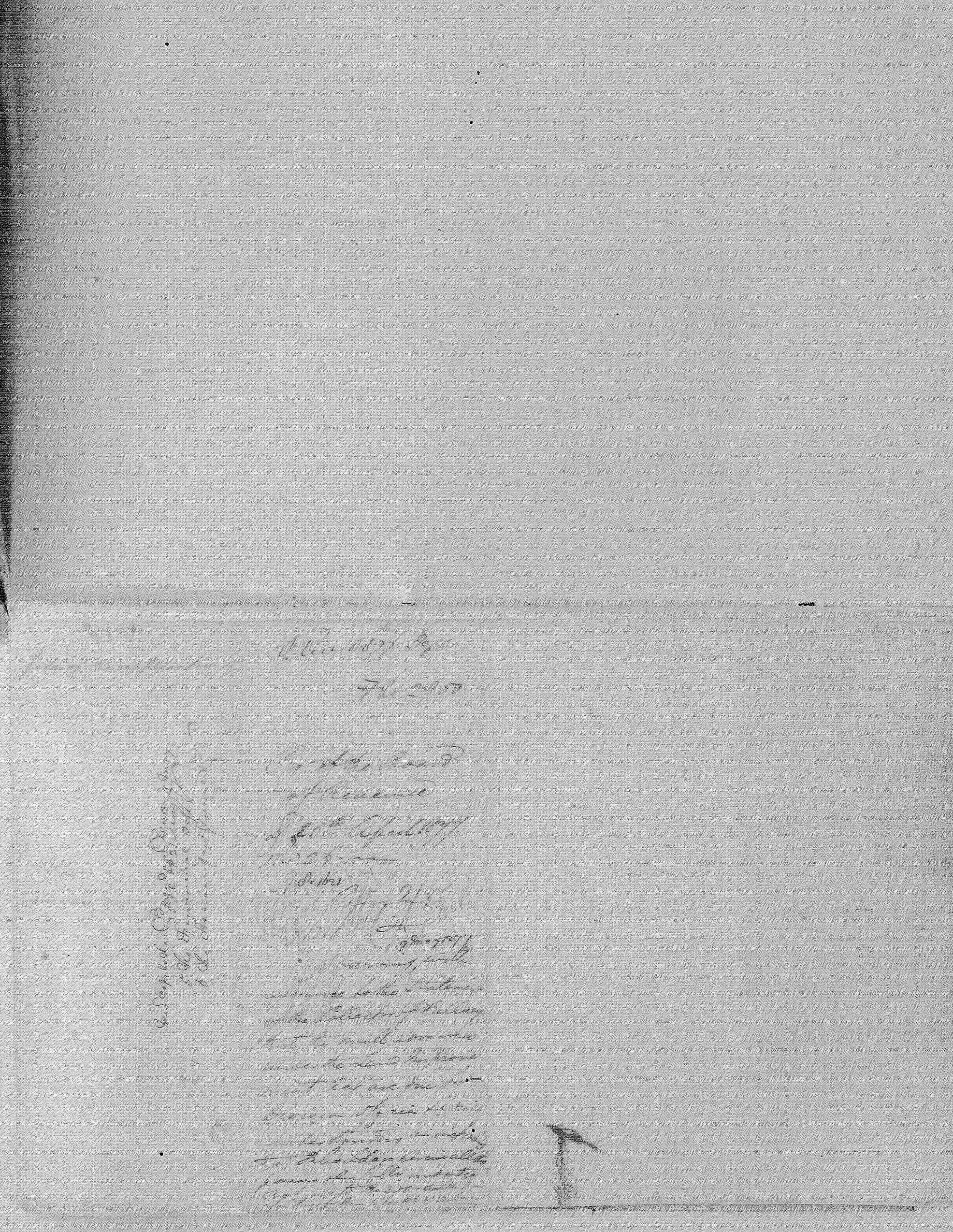
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