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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

15th May 1877, No. 1,724.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—
No. 284. From H. SEWELL, Esq., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to
J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue
Department, Fort St. George, dated 2nd May 1877, No. 41.

I HAVE the honor to call your attention to an inaccuracy in one of Sir Richard Temple's telegrams despatched from Trichinopoly on April 11th and quoted at page 979 of the *Gazette of India*, dated April 14th, 1877, in the despatch from the Government of India to the Secretary of State. The words to which I allude are: "The Cauvery and other rivers in flood." I cannot speak of the state of other rivers, but I can say most certainly that we have had no "flood" in the Cauvery for months past. We had at the time to which Sir Richard Temple alludes a good fresh in the Cauvery, *i.e.*, a stream of water, about two feet deep in the deepest part and spreading out across the sandy bed of the river to an extreme width of, perhaps, 50 yards; the river-bed itself being about one-third of a mile across at this town. It was what would probably be called a "froshet" in England. By a "flood" is commonly understood a body of water that fills the bed from bank to bank, and may be from 8 to 10 or 12 feet deep in the middle. This, of course, we never get except at the time when the monsoon is heaviest on the western ghauts and in the Mysore country.

No. 285. ORDER THEREON, 15th May 1877, No. 1,724.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED to be communicated to
the Government of India and to Sir
Richard Temple.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Trichinopoly.
" the Board of Revenue.
" the Financial Department.
" the Secretary to the Government of India.
" the Private Secretary to His Excellency Sir Richard Temple, Bart.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Copy of telegram from Sir Richard Temple to the Govt of India, dated 11th April 1877.

"Have visited part of Salem district. Am now en route to Nagapattinam to enquire concerning grain traffic thence, which is still very black. Proceed to North Madura. Good spring showers fallen in Mysore Province, Salem district and parts of Trichinopoly, Coimbatore, and Siminelly. The Cauvery and others rivers in flood. Ploughing in progress wherever rain has fallen, and numbers on relief decreasing in that neighbourhood. Condition of Madura uncertain. In districts above Ghat number decreasing. Bellary and Cuddapah. This is to be expected as season advances. Import grain trade in that quarter diminishing which indicates sufficiency of local stocks. Mortality from sickness still continues in some districts. Numbers on charitable relief increasing, and among these persons many are found wretched. If present prospect of showers is realized, there will be

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In forwarding a Telegram from Sir Richard Temple dated 11th April 1877, to the Secretary to the Government of India, the following telegram was forwarded from the Secretary to the Government of India to the Secretary to the Government of Madras:—

be no increase of distress in Southern India. Mortality at relief camps near Madras and in the city still continues. General aspect of affairs in whole Presidency more favorable than anticipation for middle of April."

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Trichinopoly, Collector's Office,
2 May 1877.

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I remain the bearer to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

R. Temple

Ag. Collector

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