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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

11th June 1877, No. 1,952-A.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper :—

No. 182. From H. T. BLANFORD, Esq., Meteorological Reporter to the Government of India, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated Calcutta, 24th May 1877, No. 393.

THE questions discussed in Dr. Hunter's recent pamphlet on the periodicity of drought and famine in Southern India is one of such importance, if Dr. Hunter's surmises are correct, as to make it very desirable to bring it to the test by the comparison, more specially of those rain-fall registers that extend over lengthened periods.

2. Having discussed those of Bangalore and Mysore for the last forty years, I find that the rain-fall of those stations does not fluctuate in the same manner as that of Madras, nor, indeed, do the registers show any well-marked periodical variation. But these stations receive the greater part of their rain-fall from the West Coast, and at a different season from that which chiefly brings rain to Madras. And, although it would appear, therefore, that Dr. Hunter's views do not hold good for Southern India generally, it is still possible, and even probable, that the rain-fall of the Carnatic and the Northern Circars may show a greater agreement with that of Madras.

3. Such long-established and important stations as Trichinopoly and Tanjore, Cuddalore, Arcot, Vellore, Cuddapah, Masulipatam, &c., if not the majority of Collectorate stations, probably have some record of the rain-fall for many years past, which, if not laying claim to the minute accuracy now demanded, may still give a very fair representation of the rain-fall of past years. I find, e.g., in Dr. Buist's Manual, rain-fall registers of Trichinopoly and some other stations for several years prior to 1850, and doubtless many others are extant either in the Office of the Board of Revenue or those of the Collectorates.

4. At a time when all civil officers must have their hands full of famine work, it would be unreasonable to ask that much time be devoted to a search for such registers. But if any are readily available, I would submit a request that His Excellency the Governor may be pleased to direct that the registers or copies of them should be communicated to me for examination.

No. 183. ORDER THEREON, 11th June 1877, No. 1,952.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Government Astronomer for report as to the information available at the Observatory, with the request that a statement showing the rain-fall for as many years as possible at the head-quarters of each district, and at each station in it where a register of rain-fall is kept, may be submitted to this Office for transmission to the Meteorological Reporter to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Government Astronomer.
„ the Board of Revenue.
„ the Financial Department.

Extd. F. R. Pantulu.

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To

THE GOVERNMENT ASTRONOMER.

&c. &c.

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No. 393 — 1952

From

THE METEOROLOGICAL REPORTER TO THE

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras

Dated Calcutta the 24th May 1877.

Sir,

The g[illegible] discussed in Dr Hunter's recent pamphlet on the periodicity of drought and famine in Southern India, is one of much importance, if Dr Hunter's inferences are correct as to make it very desirable to bring it to the test by the comparison of more extensive rainfall registers extended over lengthened periods.

2. Having access to those of Bangalore and Mysore for the last forty years, I find that the rainfall of these stations does not fluctuate in the same manner as that of Madras, nor indeed do the registers show any well marked periodical variation. But these stations receive the greater part of their rainfall from the west coast, and at a different season from that which is chiefly

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I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

J. Eliot

Meteorological Reporter

to the Government of India

No. 21 1877 [illegible]
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Rainfall Registers

From
Meteorological Reporter to Govt. of India

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Dated 2nd
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Requesting that he may be furnished with Rainfall Registers kept in the Districts of the Madras Presidency —

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Comm.d to the Rd. Bd. & with the request that a statement showing the rainfall for as many years as possible at the Head Quarters of each Dist. & at each Station where a register of rainfall is kept, may be submitted to this Office for transmission to the Meteorological Reporter to the Govt. of India.

Govt. Astronomer for report as to the information available at the Observatory.

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This Copy of the Rainfall Returns [illegible] of the Board of Rev.
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

12th June 1877, No. 1,953.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 184. From Brigadier-General H. O'CONNELL, Quartermaster-General, to Colonel J. MICHAEL, C.S.I., Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Head-quarters, Ootacamund, 2nd June 1877, No. 193-4123.

In forwarding the enclosed letter from the Commandant, Queen's Own Sappers and Miners, I have the honor, by order, to state that any information of the probable period that the B, E, and I Companies will be required to remain on famine relief-work, and whether they will have to move from their present to other localities, will be very acceptable both to the men of those Companies and to their families.

Enclosure No. 1.

From Colonel H. N. D. PRENDERGAST, V.C., C.B., R.E., Commandant, Queen's Own Sappers and Miners, to Brigadier-General H. O'CONNELL, Quartermaster-General, Fort St. George, dated Bangalore, 26th May 1877, No. 746.

I have the honor to request that you will favor me with the sanction of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief with information regarding the period that the "B," "E," and "I" Companies, "Queen's Own" Sappers and Miners, will be employed on famine relief-work, and the stations at which they will be posted? The men of the three Companies were sent hurriedly to relief-works, leaving their families at Bangalore, and it is desirable that information of their future disposal may be given to the Sappers as soon as possible, that they may make some arrangements for their families.

No. 3,273.

Transferred to the Revenue (Famine) Department for the consideration and orders of Government.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
5th June 1877.

(Signed) J. MICHAEL, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 185. Order thereon, 12th June 1877, No. 1,953.

Miscellaneous.

The two Companies, Queen's Own Sappers and Miners, at present employed on the East Coast Canal, will have to remain on that work until it is completed, though it may be necessary to move some men to the Commamur (Kistna Delta) works to near where those works join the Coast Canal.

2. The head-quarters of the Company dispersed in the Ceded Districts will not be moved, though the men of the Company will be.

3. Should rain come in the usual course, it is expected that relief-work will be over before Christmas.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Military Department.
,, Board of Revenue.
,, Financial Department.

Exd. A. Grubert.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

F. 4267

From Quarter master General

Dated 2 3/4 June 1877.

FOR ORDERS.

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1. The two Companies Engrs Emp Sappers & Miners at present employed on the East Coast Canals will remain on that work until it is completed though it may be necessary to move some Men & the Commandant (Delta) Works from where those will then be the Coast Canals.

2. The H.Q. Quarters of the Company destined for the Cauvery will not be moved through the Area of the Company until

3. The rain come in the usual course it is expected that ship boats will be used upon Christmas.

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12 June 1877

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No 1956. Bangalore 26th May 1877

From

Colonel H.H.D. Prendergast V.C. C.B. R.E.

Commandant Queen's own Sappers & Miners

Through Direct

To

The Quarter Master General

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honour to request that you will favour me with the sanction of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, with information regarding the period that the "B. E." and "Company" Sappers and Miners will be employed on famine relief works, and the Stations to which they will be posted. The men of the three Companies were sent hurriedly to Relief Works leaving their families at Bangalore, and it would seem advisable that knowledge of their future fate may be given to the Sappers as soon as possible.

That

that they make some arrangements
for their families.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Brevet Major Colonel H.C.
Commd.g 2d Battn 24th Regt

No. 440
Head Quarters Fort St. George
Bangalore 28th May 1799

A Agnew Lt. Colo.
Adjt. Gen.

No 7427

Thro Mysore Division

From Lt Col J.D. Gill
Comdg
The Commandant
R.E. Sappers & Miners
To
The Quarter Master General
Fort St George
No 1946.
Bangalore 26th May 1877

Regarding "B" & and "I"
Companies "Queen's own"
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Quartermaster-General's Office,
Head Quarters, Ootacamund,
2nd June 1877

No. 193.
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From

Brigadier-General H. O'Connell,
Quartermaster-General,

To

Colonel J. Michael, C.S.I.,
Secretary to Government,
Military Department.

Sir,

In forwarding the enclosed letter from the Commandant Queen's Own Sappers and Miners, I have the honor by order to state that any information as to the probable time that the R.E. Field Coy will be required to remain on famine relief work and whether they will have to move from their present to other localities will be very acceptable both to the men of those Companies and to their families.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant

H. O'Connell Brigadier
Quarter Master General

P.A.D.C.

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