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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th January 1877.*

No. 483. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th January 1877 :—

From J. R. DANIEL, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 4th January 1877, No. 4.

With reference to Board's Proceedings, dated 23th December 1876, I have the honor to point out that the Board have fallen into an error regarding the expenditure. The lakh of rupees sanctioned by the Board is of little or no use to me, and I must either stop payments upon the relief works or exceed the sanctioned amounts. The sums already sanctioned are Rs. 4,20,000, but up to date the sanctioned amount has been exceeded by Rs. 1,43,320-1-2½. The total amount expended up to date is Rs. 5,45,140-10-9½, as per statement enclosed, and Rs. 18,180 remain unexpended, though placed at the disposal of the divisional officers.

2. The Board have taken the figures from the weekly return, and calculate that the total expenditure is only Rs. 40,000. I wish it was so, but I am afraid that this is less by more than a half of the real expenditure.

3. The relief return from this office of December 16th shows an expenditure of Rs. 2,05,593, and I do not know where the Board have found the figures quoted in their Proceedings, Rs. 2,40,314; the expenditure of December 23rd is Rs. 2,80,812, so that even according to these returns the weekly expenditure is nearly Rs. 80,000. The expenditure, however, shown in this column of the weekly return shows merely the sums expended in payment of wages to the coolies; there are other expenses connected with grain, and many miscellaneous matters, the totals of which are entered in the note, but are not included in the column from which the Board have taken their figures.

4. During the last month the estimates of expenditure framed at the commencement of the month were entirely falsified at the end. The coolies have increased so rapidly that each divisional officer is compelled to send in urgent requisitions for more money; these I must comply with, or payment will be stopped altogether. The Sub-Collector requires Rs. 3,00,000 this month, and it is ready for despatch; he is out of funds, and will have to borrow; if I send a small remittance, I merely increase the labor of every one, and incur the risk of leaving him destitute of funds. I must therefore take the responsibility of despatching this remittance in anticipation of the Board's sanction.

5. All the other divisional officers require remittances, and I fear that the estimate which the Board now consider excessive will be exceeded before the close of the month. In regard to the report called for as to the amount of work done for the money expended, I am unable to furnish at present any more information than is contained in the weekly returns. I am waiting for the monthly reports from the divisional officers. I shall then be able to furnish more information, but then I shall be unable to furnish the actual measurement of the works done. I shall, however, be able to show what works have been completed, and give the Board some idea of the return in work for the money expended.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.
STATEMENT showing the actual Expenditure on Relief Works from September to December 1876.

Taluqs.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total.	Remarks.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	Pay of establishments and officers and their travelling and extra allowances are not shown in this statement.
Budwail ...	...	374 0 0	2,077 6 0	5,824 6 0	8,235 12 0	
Prodtutoor ...	...	...	100 0 0	10,906 0 0	11,006 0 0	
Sidhout ...	...	...	3,120 0 0	8,037 0 0	11,157 0 0	
Pullampett ...	...	...	2,815 12 0	10,900 12 0	13,716 0 0	
Cuddapah ...	...	3,330 0 0	9,870 11 6	30,833 11 6	44,034 7 0	
Jammalamadugu ...	...	4,000 0 0	5,000 0 0	17,014 0 0	26,014 0 0	
Pulivendla ...	...	1,350 0 0	4,000 0 0	26,508 0 0	31,858 0 0	
Royachoti ...	...	1,663 11 0	17,000 0 0	65,008 0 0	82,008 0 0	
Kadiri ...	80 0 0	9,000 0 0	14,200 15 5	59,367 10 7	75,304 5 0	
Voilpau ...	...	8,331 4 0	31,108 12 0	77,003 0 0	1,07,003 0 0	
Madanapalli ...	...	...	...	81,064 15 7	1,20,564 15 7	
<i>Huzoor.</i>						
For making manoties ...	...	250 0 0	...	...	250 0 0	
Miscellaneous expenditure ...	...	200 8 8	863 7 5	413 0 11	1,477 1 0	
Paid to Mr. Johnston, Agent of Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., for carriage of grain sent by him to Curabura, &c., places ...	...	...	...	12,309 10 2	12,309 10 2	
Advanced for erecting a shed for storing grain ...	...	...	...	100 0 0	100 0 0	
Building a shed in the compound of the Civil Dispensary ...	...	...	...	85 0 0	85 0 0	
Total ...	80 0 0	28,493 7 8	1,11,237 0 4	4,05,375 2 9	5,45,140 10 9	

Cuddapah,
4th January 1877.

(Signed) M. RAMASAWMY,
Dy. Collr., for Ag. Collr.

THE Board got the sum of Rs. 2,40,344 given as the outlay on relief works from the Collector's weekly report of the 16th December. The details are given in the margin, together with those in the report for the 30th December and the outlay on relief works as now given by the Collector as outlay to the end of December.

	16th December.	30th December.	As now stated.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Budwail ...	3,982	6,056	8,236
Sidhout ...	6,128	10,464	11,187
Voilpau ...	59,802	85,021	1,07,003
Pulivendla ...	9,787	14,433	31,858
Madanapalli ...	49,000	71,272	1,20,565
Royachoti ...	14,119	36,406	82,008
Proddatur ...	6,861	15,476	11,008
Jammalamadugu ...	12,698	21,458	26,014
Pullampett ...	7,219	12,507	13,707
Cuddapah ...	31,230	44,018	44,034
Kadiri ...	39,518	82,239	75,301
Gratuitous relief ...	2,40,344 760	3,99,350 6,177	5,30,919
Total ...	2,41,104	4,05,527	

can hardly be avoided in statements prepared as they necessarily are, but it is very disgraceful to the Collector's establishment that returns containing such errors as are now brought to light should be sent out of the office. Some of the taluq returns are wrong to the extent of half a lakh of Rupees.

3. The outlay on sundry charges other than relief works now reported amounts to Rs. 14,222, and besides there is the outlay on special establishments, &c., as to which requirement the Board are afforded no information. The Collector must understand that the supply of funds for relief operations on the scale on which they are now in progress is a matter of very considerable difficulty, and that the officers at the Presidency who are charged with this duty must have accurate and carefully-prepared information from the districts on which to regulate the supplies. Applications for funds must in future be supported by complete evidence of the requirement; and the Collector will be good enough to see at once that the weekly reports are correctly framed.

4. The present report, however, shows that funds must be supplied, and the Board sanction a further grant of (3) three lakhs of Rupees for the district.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

4 *Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th January 1877.*

No. 484. ORDER THEREON, 17th January 1877, No: 216.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Accountant-General.
„ the Public Works Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

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Luddapah Collectors Office
4th January 1877.

No. 4. Hon. Mr. Daniel Esquire
Acting Collector of Luddapah

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

Sir,
With reference to Board's Pro-
ceedings dated 28th December 1876, I have the
honour to point out that the Board fallen
into an error regarding the Expenditure -
The lac of Rupes sanctioned by the Board
is of little, or no use to me and I
must soon stop payments upon the
relief works, or exceed the sanctioned amount.
The sums already sanctioned are Rs 4,20,000,
but up to date the sanctioned amount
has been exceeded by Rs 1,43,320 - 1 - 2 1/2.

I am

The total amount expended up to date is Rupees 54,5740 - 10. 9 1/2 as per statement enclosed and 18180 remains unexpended though placed at the disposal of the Divisional Officers.

2. The Board have taken the figures from the weekly return, and calculate that the total expenditure is only Rs 40,000. I wish it was so, but I am afraid that this is by more than a half of the real expenditure.

3. The relief return from this office of December 16th shows an expenditure of 2,05,593, and I do not know where the Board have found the figures quoted in

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4. During the last month the estimates of expenditure framed at the commencement of the month, were entirely falsified at the end. The Coolies.

Coolies have increased so rapidly that each Divisional Officer is compelled to send in, urgent requisitions for more money - these I must comply with, or payment will be stopped altogether. The Sub Collector requires Rs 30,000 this month, and it is ready for despatch. He is out of funds, and will have to borrow - if I send a small remittance, I merely increase the labour of every one, and incur the risk of leaving him destitute of funds. I must therefore take the responsibility of despatching this remittance in anticipation of the Board's sanction.

5. All the other Divisional Officers require remittances and I fear that the estimate which the Board now consider excessive will be sanctioned

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Exceeded before the close of the month. In regard to the report called for as to the amount of work done for the money expended, I am unable to furnish at present any more information than is contained in the weekly returns. I am waiting for the monthly reports from the Divisional Officers. I shall then be able to furnish more information, ^{but then} I shall ~~then~~ be unable to furnish the actual measurement of the works done I shall however be able to show what works have been completed and give the Board some idea of the return in work for the money expended.

I have &c.

S. M. Ramaswamy.

By Collyer
for Acting Collector

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S. M. Ramaswamy
Acting Secretary.

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at the City of New York.

Dec: 27 1840
New York 11/11/40

Copy of the
original of the
letter of the
14 January 1840
at New York.

Statement shewing the actual expenditure on relief works from September to December 1876

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Talugs	September	October	November	December	Total	Remarks
Budwail	"	374	2,037 6	5,824 6	8,235 12	"
Produttoor	"	"	100	2,906	11,006	"
Lidhout	"	"	3,150	8,037	11,187	"
Pullampett	"	"	2,805 12	10,900 12	13,706 8	"
Cuddapah	"	3,330	9,870 11 6	8,833 11 6	44,034 7	"
Jammalmadugu	"	4,000	5,000	17,014	26,014	"
Pulivendula	"	1,350	4,000	26,508	31,858	"
Royachoty	"	"	17,000	15,008	82,008	"
Thadiri	30	1,662 11	14,240 15 5	20,367 10 7	75,301 5	"
Voilpand	"	9,000	21,000	17,003	107,003	"
Madanapally	"	8,331 4	31,168 12	1,064 15 7	120,564 15 7	"
For making namoties	"	250	"	"	250	"
Miscellaneous expenditure	"	200 8 8	863 7 5	413 11 1/2	1,477 1 1/2	"
Paid to Mr Johnston	"	"	"	"	"	"
Agent of Messrs Arbuthnot & Co for carriage of grain sent by him to Lumblum & place	"	"	"	3,309 10 2	12,309 10 2	"
Advanced for erecting a shed for storing grain	"	"	"	100	100	"
Building a shed in the compound of Civil Dispensary	"	"	"	85	85	"
Total	30	28,498 7 8	111,237 4	105,375 2 7/2	545,140 10 9 1/2	

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Cuddapah collector's office
11 January 1877

(Signed) M. P. Ramaswamy
Dy. collector for Ag. collector

(True copy)
H. Vidya
As Secretary

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 8th January 1877.

Read letter from the
Collector of Cuddalore dated
4th January 1877 N^o 4.

The Board got the sum of
Rupees. 240,344 given as the outlay
on relief
-management of distress work from

	16 th Decr	30 th Decr	undistributed	the Collector's
Budwail.	3982	6056	8236	weekly report
Sidhant	6128	10464	11187	of the 16 th Decem-
Voilpant	59,802	85021	107003	-ber. The de-
Paluvendur	9787	14,433	31858	=ails are
Madanpalli.	49,000	71,272	120,565	given in the
Rogacholi	14,119	36406	82008	margin, to-
Cuddalore	6,861	15,476	11,006	=gether with
gammalambay.	12,698	21,458	26,014	those in the
Pullampett	7,219	12,507	13,707	report for the
Cuddalore	31,250	44,078	44,034	30 th December
Kadisi	39,518	82,239	75,301	and the out-
	240,344	399,350	5,30,919	lay on relief
Gratuitous relief.	760	6177		works as now given by the Collector
	241,104	4,05,527		

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as outlay to the end of De-
-cember.

2. These figures show
that the collector's monthly
reports are wrong to the extent
of Rs. 1,30,000, and the Board
are much distressed to find
that these reports which are
intended as a guide and
basis of Government action
have been prepared with
such gross carelessness. Small
errors can hardly be avoided
in statements prepared as
they necessarily are, but it
is very disgraceful to the
collector's establishment
that returns containing
such errors as are now brought
to light should be sent out
of the office. Some of the daily
returns are wrong to the extent

of half a lakh of Rupees.

3. The outlay on sundry
charges other than relief works
now reported amounts to Ru-
pees 14,222 and besides there
is the outlay on special esta-
-blishments year as to which
by agreement the Board are
afforded no information.
The collector must understand
that the supply of funds
for relief operations on the
scale on which they are now
in progress is a matter of
very considerable difficulty
and that the officers at
the Presidency who are
charged with their duty must
have accurate and carefully
prepared information from
the Districts on which to
regulate the supplies. Applications
for

for funds must in future
be supported by complete
evidence of the requirement;
and the collector will be
good enough to see at once that
the weekly reports are correctly
framed.

4. The present report
however shows that funds
must be supplied, and
the Board submit a further
grant of 3 (three) lakhs of
Rupees for the District.

/ True Extract /

A. M. M.

Secretary

To

The Secretary to
Government P. D.
with Copy of Statement
and of Collector's letter

