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

No. 48. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th December 1876 —

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 19th December 1876, No. 573.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that the various returns recently called for by the Board and Government of the prices of food-grains and of relief works in progress owing to the prevailing dearth have very considerably increased the work of this Office, especially of the Account Department. These returns have to be compiled and submitted to the Board weekly in the forms prescribed by them. Monthly progress reports of relief works received from the taluqs have to be scrutinised and bills prepared and sent to the Accountant-General from time to time as each relief work is completed. There are also several other miscellaneous duties to be performed with the utmost despatch. All this work involves much labor and unremitting attention.

2. The famine relief works are weekly increasing in magnitude and number, and the duty of checking and scrutinising the returns and preparing the reports, &c., required is so onerous as to be quite beyond the powers of the already over-worked Treasury and Account Departments. I beg, therefore, to request that the Board will be pleased to sanction the entertainment of one temporary clerk on Rupees 20 per mensem and one on Rupees 15 to be paid from relief funds as long as famine continues, in order that they may be specially entrusted with the performance of the works enumerated above.

3. In anticipation of the Board's sanction, I have ventured to employ a temporary gumastah on Rupees 20 per mensem, and trust that the Board will approve of my action in the matter. The other clerk I have abstained from employing until I receive the Board's sanction.

THE Board do not think that the necessity for special increase in the Collector's Office is made out.

2. The work of checking the labor accounts should be done in the divisional offices with aid, if necessary, from the taluq cutcherries. The question of the mode of providing for this work is under consideration, and further orders will issue. Meanwhile, the Board understand that the Director of Revenue Settlement is about to transfer to the Collector some hands from the Settlement Party, and these will doubtless suffice.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 49.

ORDER THEREON, 4th January 1877, No. 27.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED. The Board will use their discretion should need be made out later.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
.. the Financial Department.
.. the Accountant General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.
Dated 28th December 1876.

Read the following—

No. 543

From

W. J. Whiteside Esq^r

Collector of North Arcot.

To

H. C. Stokes Esq^r

Secy. to the

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To The Col. of N. Arcot
True Copy

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To The Secretary to Government P. B.

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