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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

20th November 1877, No. 3,281.

Read the following paper:—

No. 203. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th November 1877,
No. 4,966.

Read the following letter from C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem,
to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated
Salem, 8th November 1877, S.N. No. 614-3,189.

I HAVE the honor to report, for the information of the Board and Government,
that owing to a heavy flood on the night of Sunday the 4th parts of Salem Town
were seriously damaged.

2. Although the rain-fall in Salem itself was not excessive, the hill-streams
swollen by days of continuous rain caused three mittah tanks to the north-east of the
town to breach, and the surplus water finding its way into the Salem river
resulted in an extraordinary high fresh, inundating the houses along the banks,
the water in several standing from 2 to 3 feet deep; but the occupants of the sub-
merged quarter (Mettuthervu) fearing a flood, had wisely left their dwellings
early in the night.

3. The flood rushing on completely carried away the western parapet walls
of the Salem bridge, and rose to the verandah of the travellers' bungalow.

4. By the breaching of the Vellakuttai tank situated near an eastern suburb
of the town (Kitchipolliem) the fine market and the houses surrounding were
considerably damaged. The people far removed from the river rested in fancied
security, but were roused at midnight by the noise of the waters upon them,
in endeavouring to escape met the force of the flood, and it was here that the
only loss of life reported occurred,—a woman and two children being drowned, the
bodies were recovered. It is marvellous, considering the area over which the flood
extended and the great rush of water that more lives were not lost.

5. Prompt measures were taken to relieve the sufferers, and as much as
possible to guard against further damage. 127 private houses have been more or
less injured. The Relief Committee have distributed Rupees 1,000 amongst the
sufferers. The damage to Municipal property is estimated at over Rupees 3,000.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 209. ORDER THEREON, 20th November 1877, No. 3,281.

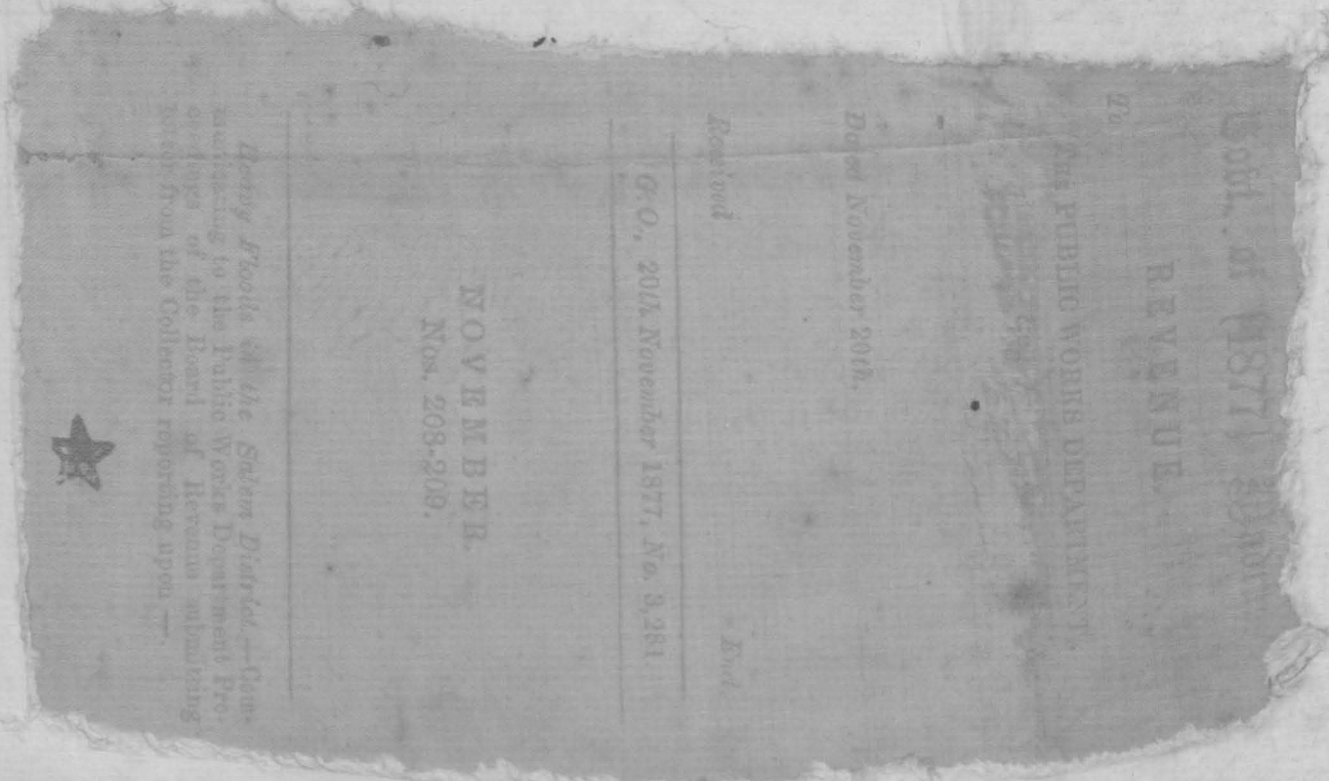
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COMMUNICATED to the Department
Public Works.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
.. the Board of Revenue.
.. the Financial Department.
Exd. F. R. Bantleman.



Rev. Department

N. 4966.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 10 Nov 1877.

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Salem Collect Office } I have
Salem 8th Nov 1877. } (Sd) C. S. M. S.
Collector

Submitted for the information
of Government.

True copy & extract

W. S. S.
Secretary

To The Secretary to Government P. D.

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PM

