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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th February 1877.*

Famine Relief.

No. 210-A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th February 1877, No. 486:—

Read the following letter from W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Collector of the Godavery District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 20th January 1877, No. 23:—

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram, dated the 15th instant, directing me to submit a complete report on the condition of the upland taluqs and Bhadrachallam, I have the honor to state that I have asked the Sub and Head Assistant Collectors to report fully on each of the points referred to in the telegram as regards the upland taluqs. I shall address the Board as soon as I get their reports.

2. I intend going to the Bhadrachallam taluq early next month, and after making personal inquiries into the state of things in that taluq, I will submit the report called for about that taluq. Meanwhile, I beg to submit copy of a letter (dated 11th January 1877) received from the Rev. Mr. Cain, at Dumagudem, giving a brief account of the state of the taluq.

3. I do not think that the distress brought to notice is so great as to render State relief necessary as yet. The relief works to be executed in the taluq, when such emergency exists, have however been lined out and estimated for, as directed in paragraph 2 of Board's Proceedings, dated 5th December 1876, No. 3,066.

4. The following is a list of the works proposed, and the cost roughly estimated:—

	Rough Estimate.	RS.
1. Road from Parnasala to Dumagudem		2,100
2. Repairs of the distribution channels to the Gangole tank..		313

Besides the two works mentioned above, Mr. Hope directed the Tahsildar to make inquiries as to whether the extension of the road along the river bank down as far as Kunavaram is practicable. He replied that it is not possible to make the road along the bank as there are many streams or Vagus in the way. I shall see this place when I go to Bhadrachallam and let the Board know whether the road can be made.

5. I have also directed the Tahsildar to prepare estimates for repairing the wells in the new village of Gangole near Dumagudem.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Copy of letter from Rev. Cain.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. It would have been more satisfactory if Mr. Foster had reported regarding the prices ruling in the place. If distress prevails the works proposed will not go far, and as there appears to be some nunjah cultivation it would seem advisable to undertake repairs of irrigation works in preference to roads. The utility of the roads proposed should have been explained.

3. Mr. Foster has been directed by telegram from Government to proceed to

Bhadrachalam, and he will doubtless on his arrival order the commencement of relief works, if such should appear to him necessary.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 210-B.

ORDER THEREON, 8th February 1877, No. 556-A.

Miscellaneous;

The Government await Mr. Foster's
promised report.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Ed. W. J. Lewis.

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 3rd February 1877.

Read the following.

No. 23.

From W. S. Foster Esq^r
Collector

To H. C. Spoke Esq^r
Asst. Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir,
I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of your
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Assistant

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

&c. &c. &c.

Dated February 1877.

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Genl. February 1877, No. 556-A.

SECRETARY.
Nos. 210-A-210-B

FAMINE RELIEF, No. 443.

State of the Bhadrachalam Taluk in Godavari
District.—Awaiting the detailed report of the
Collector relating to the —.

Assistant collectors to report fully on each of the points referred to in the telegram as regards the Upland Taluk. I shall address the Board as soon as I get their reports.

2. I intend going to the Badrachallam Taluk early next month and after making personal enquiries into the state of things in that Taluk I will submit the report called for about that Taluk. Meanwhile I beg to submit copy of a letter received from the Res. M. J. Fair at Durnagudem giving a brief account of the state of the Taluk.

3. I do not think that the distress brought to notice is as great as to render state relief necessary

*Dated
11 Jan/77

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necessary as yet. The relief works to be executed in the Taluk when such emergency exists, have however been lined out and estimated for as directed in para 2 of Board's Proceedings dated 3 December 1876. Ch. 3066.

4. The following is a list of the works proposed and the cost roughly estimated

1. Road from Panna. ^{Rough estimate}
Pala to Durnagudem ... 2100
2. Repairs of the distribution channels to the Gangole tank ... 313

Besides the 2 works mentioned above, Mr. Hope directed the Tahsildar to make enquiries as to whether the extension of the road along the river bank down as far as Annanaram

is practicable. He replied that it is not possible to make the road along the bank as there are many streams or oagurs in the way. I shall see this place when I go Bhadrachalam and let the Board know whether the road can be made.

5. I have also directed the Tahsildar to prepare estimates for repairing 3 wells in the new village of Gangul near Durnagudem.

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Collector's Office
Pocanada
20 January 1877

W. S. Foster
Collector

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. It would have been more satisfactory if Mr. Foster had

had reported regarding the prices ruling in the place. If distress prevails the works proposed will not go far, and as there appears to be some minor cultivation it would seem advisable to undertake repairs of irrigation works in preference to roads. The utility of the roads proposed should have been explained.

3. Mr. Foster has been directed by telegram from Government to proceed to Bhadrachalam and he will doubtless on his arrival order the commencement of relief works if such should appear to him necessary. (True copy & Extract)

W. S. Foster
Chief Secretary

To The Additional Secretary to Govt.
A. D.

with copy of enclosure & of 15th Feb. telegram dated 15 Jan. 1877 No. 434

23rd Jan
Copy to P. N.

Thinking that the follow-
ing account of the crops of the
villages or rather the Koi villages
round here might be useful in
enabling you to form some estimate
of the amount of distress likely
to be here in a week or two I
have sent it to you, you can make
any use of it you may think proper,
it has been gleaned in most cases
from personal enquiry on the spot,
in the other case from enquiry of
the villagers themselves or their
neighbours. The Revd. Raja Gurus
accompanied me on every occasion.
For the rest of the Salug I can
say nothing learned from personal
observation but from all accounts
most of the Koi villages will
suffer as those around here are
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and will suffer.

1. Ramachendrapuram - a small village, out-turn of ground $\frac{1}{5}$ usual crop.

2. Kiranapuram - $\frac{1}{5}$ " " Last year 10 puttees of paddy were grown in and under small drain at tank, this year none came to ear. Tank usually impassable during rains, this year passable during heaviest rains. A fair well here supplies this and village etc. 1.

3. Shrinidhi Kallapally - ground crops a failure, ears so poor that none were threshed. Drinking water to be fetched from the Godavary, 2 miles distant.

4. Pidda Mallapally - ground. 4 Krs reaped by usual crop, rest next to nothing - Last year 5 puttees paddy, this year none. Drink-
ing water from Godavary - 2 miles distant. A large tank here on Zemindary land, water very low, not

not fit to drink. Tank needs repair.

5. Nakkalatippa (20 houses) ground a total failure

6. Baiderevu, ground $\frac{1}{5}$ usual crop.

7. Gavaravaram " $\frac{1}{5}$ " "

8. Paida Kulamadugu ground $\frac{1}{5}$. Last year 6 puttees paddy none this year.

9. Paidagudem, ground crop $\frac{1}{6}$

10. Inghanapuram " " $\frac{1}{4}$

11. Chintaguppa " " $\frac{1}{5}$

12. Junnigudem " " $\frac{1}{5}$ to five,

less to rest.

13. Dakanntur ground crop not worth cutting. Two wells near by dry. Have to fetch water 2 miles.

14. Anjapaka ground crop $\frac{1}{7}$

15. Katappagudem " " $\frac{1}{4}$

16. Molakupadu " " $\frac{1}{6}$

17. Gangoli " " $\frac{1}{5}$

18. Madikudi " " $\frac{1}{5}$

19. Borrigula (a small village) ground crop a little better than

than $\frac{1}{5}$.

20. Mahadevapuram, the worst crops
round here. the people in great
distress, so much so that I felt
obliged to offer them a little
work on the spot and they most
gladly accepted it. Two wells,
much deepening. Water fetch-
ed from Gampala well one
a mile away but this will
fail in next season. Some inha-
bitants already left for Bastar.

21. Athapudam. Zonna crops $\frac{1}{5}$, two
wells, much deepening.

22. Hanlagudem. Several showers
fell here Zonna rather better
than $\frac{1}{5}$.

23. Amigaram. Zonna about $\frac{1}{5}$.

The villages I have visited I
have underlined. The above facts
speak for themselves, and show
that

that unless some relief works
be undertaken a time of the
severest distress must follow.
The bazaras do not supply and
cannot supply the Kois with
their foodgrains and the Kois
have no money wherewith to
buy supplies if there were any
to be had here. Usually out
of five puthies of Zonna 2 are
sold for schist, 2 kept for eat-
ing: $\frac{1}{2}$ puthy for seed $\frac{1}{2}$ puthy
for loan of bullocks, cooly &c.

Up to the present year the schist
has been paid in two instalments,
one in December and one in
March but now this year the
second is being demanded in
January to pay which the Kois
are borrowing. One village where
a small portion of the cultivated
land belongs to Government,

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Rupess 8 is the Government
schist, but the crop that I saw
was not worth more than Rs 2.
The ippa flower crop is now
demanded, formerly it was paid
in March after the trees had
flowered. Whether that will
be a good crop or not this year
no one has the slightest idea.

Unless relief works are speedi-
ly undertaken the Kois will find
it difficult to live and almost
impossible to get seed for the
next crop.

The grain will have to be
procured from the more favored
parts of the Bastar country
where they are already raising
the price. It would be of no
use importing rice for the Kois.

The whole distress has
been caused by want of rain.

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If I can help you in any
way please let me know and
I will gladly undertake any
thing I can do.

When shall we see you
up here?

With kind regards
Brennan,

Yours sincerely
Piquet / John Cain

P.S. Grain a total failure;
not to be had here.

True copy
1/29 W.S. Foster
Collector.

(True copy)

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Acting Secretary

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Miscellaneous No 434

Telegram to the Collector of
Godavary
Dated 15 January 1877.

Report soon and complete-
ly on upland taluk and Bha-
drachalam, give crops, stock
food, water supply, means of
labour, prices - any distress?

Wm. H. Stokes
Acting Secretary

(True copy)

Wm. H.
Acting Secretary

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C. G. P. D.

Enclosure in

Proceeding of the

Board of Revenue

Dated 3 Decr 1877

No. 8. No. 273 of 1877

Copy of letter
from the Secy to the
Govt of Bombay
has referred in
letter from Collector
of Godavary No. 2
to the same No.

Forwards

W. Fortin is by this
time most probably
in Madagascar.
The 18th. 19th. night
he would be Mr.
Fortin's report of his
loss of inspection
awaits to JH
6/2/77

He must await
report Mr.
7/2
JH
18th 8/2

Enclosure in

Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

18th 3rd July 1877

18th 21st 23rd 1877

Copy of the report
of the Board of Revenue
very, calling for report
in relation to the
Madagascar, referred
to in the Board's report

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