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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

23rd December 1878, No. 2,061.

Read the following paper:—

No. 259. Endorsement of the Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue (Famine) Department, dated Fort St. George, 21st December 1878, No. 5,606.

Read the following letter from H. ST. A. GOODRICH, Esq., Acting Collector of Vizagapatam, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue (Famine) Department, dated 13th December 1878, No. 1,849:—

I HAVE the honor to submit the enclosed extract for the information of Government in continuation of my telegrams of 10th, 12th, and this day.

2. I have recalled my camp from the ghats and leave to-night for the valley of the Gostanadi, where I apprehend that much damage has resulted from the floods.

3. Mr. Lee-Warner will do all that can be done in his division, and I trust that a grant may be made by the Committee in charge of the Mansion House Relief Fund. The villages in the valley of the Sharada river are those in which the loss of cattle and household property has been greatest.

4. I ordered Range Officers, on the 9th, to press on with all possible vigor the work of restoring communications, submitting emergent estimates; and I advised Colonel Leggatt to delay, by ten days, the march of his Regiment, the VII. The latter measure has been approved, and much discomfort and probable ill-health will be avoided.

5. The estimate of loss to crop is the best that I can make after careful consideration of the taluk reports which have reached me. The Palkonda valley will be visited by me at once if a favorable report does not reach me to-morrow. The water is running off rapidly, and I make no doubt that the great extent of comparatively high land which has this year been planted with paddy will furnish a set-off in large proportion against the loss on the lowest levels.

6. The total cessation of communication with Anakapalle was not at first believed to indicate any calamity to the town, but to be the effect of the fall of a bridge crossing a deep unfordable stream leading to the Ava which has often caused stoppage of the mails before. The Deputy Tahsildar ought to have sent in an express sooner. No post arrived in Vizagapatam from the south between the 7th and 13th instant, but this occasioned little apprehension as it was believed that the delay was occasioned by interruption in Godavari and Kistna, and the Post Office instead of giving a daily service keep the runners until a through mail comes in so that there is nothing to excite alarm in the non-receipt of a mail for several days.

7. In the Government taluks most of the irrigation is by river channels and the water will run off rapidly. Most of the best tanks in Golgonda Taluk have burst, and a large number in Viravilli and Srungavarapucota. Repairs to the roads occupy my attention as the work most immediately necessary.

ENCLOSURE No 1.

EXTRACT from a demi-official letter from the Principal Assistant Collector, dated 12th December 1878.

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All the paddy crop is ruined. In many parts the bearers had to wade a foot deep feeling for the roadway with their sticks. The flood had been some ten feet above the road. All trees are down along the road-sides. Sugar-cane is the only crop which has not been smashed up. At Anakapalle the first sight was the chuttrum, which is flat on the ground. Then came the distant-looking town itself, three-quarter of it in ruins, and the streets full of rubbish and filth,

and a pestilential stink all over the place. The main road is cut to bits beyond the Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry as far as the great bridge which is standing intact; but cut off by breaches in the road at each end of it. If the road had not breached in so many places at the lower part of the town, the whole place would have been swept away. Gavarapetah is entirely in ruins, and the ryots have lost their bullocks and bandies. I shall have to recommend the immediate suspension of the municipality, as I do not see how the taxes are to be collected merely to pay an establishment out of all proportions to the work done. The sight is altogether a very sad one. The Kristamraz channel seems entirely silted up. The loss of life is not known yet. It is said that about twenty-five were drowned in this town alone; and there are dead cattle, and awful stenches all along the road from the beginning of the limits of Anakapalle Ava. Telegraphic communication on a single line will be restored to-morrow it is hoped. Most of the posts are down between Aganampudi and the big bridge (Anakapalle). Telegraph Superintendent is here. *In* the Cutcherry of the Sub-Magistrate the water stood fully a yard deep and got at some of the records and some of the registration books. There is unfortunately no sun to put them out to dry. What is immediately wanted is restoration of the communication over the bridge on the main road and repair of the breaches at the end of the town near the school. Brickwell will see to this when he comes out. I have written to G. L. Narsingrow to advise him to send out Mr. Jones, armed with full authority to act. What astonishes me most is the absence of beggars in the streets; but there is much silent misery and people are sleeping where they can find a dry place. If there is any of that Mansion House money left it would be a good thing to get a slice of it. In Viravilli they say here that the villagers along the bank of the river have suffered most. Fakeer Sahibpeta is quite destroyed it is believed; but there have been no reports sent in from the villages. It is true that two Constables were found drowned. They belonged to Aganampudi Station and were coming in to get their pay, when the water rose on the road.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. ST. A. GOODRICH,
Acting Collector and Magistrate.

Copy of a letter from the Telegraph Master, Vizagapatam, dated 13th December, communicating a telegram from the Principal Assistant Collector.

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To Collector. From Principal Assistant.

"Water falling rapidly. Work of cleaning town and burying dead bodies progressing. Small outbreak of cholera in one neighboring village. Will write daily."

(True Copy.)

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Acting Collector and Magistrate.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department.

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

No. 260. ORDER THEREON, 23rd December 1878, No. 2,061.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue and to the Public Works Department; also to the Committee in charge of the Mansion House Relief Fund with reference to paragraph 3.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. S. THOMAS,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Public Works Department.
" the Committee in charge of the Mansion House Relief Fund.

Exd. W. H. French.

Vizagapatam Collectors
Office 13th December 1878

No 1849.

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From

H. St. P. Goodrich Esqre.
Acting Collector

To

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Revenue (Famine) Department
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REVENUE.

DECEMBER.
Nos 2562.

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I have the Honour to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedt Servt
H Goodrich
Pg Collector

No 2081
Commercial Letter
Board of Revenue and to the
Public Works Department
also to the Committee on claims
of the Madras Home Relief Fund
with reference to Paragraph 3.

23rd Dec/58.
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From the Collector
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To the Addl Secretary for
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Fort St George

Dated 13th December 1878
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No 1549
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Respecting an
Estimate for damages
recently caused by the
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the Principal Aperture
Collector's opinion

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Extract from a Semi Official letter from the Principal Assistant Collector dated 12th

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Ag. Collecta and Magistrate

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Department
Enclosure No 2

In a letter from the
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