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22nd May 1878, F.R. No. 1,165.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 338. From J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting ~~Collector of Chingleput~~, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue (Famine) Department, dated 14th May 1878, No. 26-E.

I HAVE the honor to report, for the information of Government, that a violent cyclonic storm occurred here this afternoon and lasted for some two or three hours.

2. It began from south by west, veered east about, and finally came round to south, when the wind fell and the rain ceased. The fall has been quite three inches if not more. The wind blew in very violent gusts, principally when the storm got west of north and those from the south-west were the most heavy. There was a good deal of thunder and lightning and a heavy fall of hail or rather lumps of transparent ice; the stones being generally the size of from a pistol bullet to that of a musket ball: some were, however, as large as a small orange. They fell with such force as to dash up the water of the lake, which formed round my camp, as if a fire of musketry was going on. The low-lying fields all about this are under water and the ground is thoroughly soaked.

3. How far the storm has extended I am unable to say; but it seems to have passed over a considerable area.

[illegible] have more rain to-morrow.

5. I observed yesterday evening, after a storm of the same kind as that which has occurred to-day, but far less severe, clouds to the east and north-east which looked very cyclonish.

6. I have, of course, not been able to hear whether this storm has caused any damage; a man was killed by lightning yesterday not far from this.

7. A repetition of the weather which we had to-day will probably bring the famine in this district very rapidly to a close.

P.S.—Since writing the above I have been to Poodoovail, four miles east of this. There had not been a drop of rain there. The Arani river was, however, rising which shows that there must have been heavy rain to the westward.

No. 339. ORDER THEREON, 22nd May 1878, F.R. No. 1,165.

Miscellaneous. RECORDED.

(True Extract.) [signature]

Additional Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Chingleput.
,, the Board of Revenue
,, the Revenue Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Spare Copies. [signature]

Govt. of (1878) Madras.

REVENUE.

To

The COLLECTOR of CHINGLEPUT.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated May 22nd.

Printed 29th

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G.O., 22nd May 1878, P.R. No. 1,105.

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Occurrence of a violent cyclonic Storm at Arcot & the Chingleput District.—Recording Collector's Rpt on the — on the 14th May 1878.

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