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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

24th September 1878, No. 1,562.

Read the following paper :—

No. 296. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th September 1878, No. 2,561.

Read the following letter from W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Collector of the Godavari District, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 4th September 1878, No. 248 :—

In continuation of my letter, dated 22nd ultimo, No. 231, I have the honor to state that I received a telegram on the 23rd ultimo from Mr. Walch, the Acting District Engineer, to the effect that the Godavari has risen very high, that he had not succeeded in stopping flow of water into the Central Delta, that matters are getting very bad, and that every effort should be made to get people away at once from low country south-east of Inavilli, Amalapuram and Bendamurlanka Canal. On the receipt of this telegram, I got a steamer from the Master Attendant, and in company with him started from Cocanada by sea to the Amalapuram Taluk with a view to get people across the river into the Ramachandrapuram Taluk or Coringa Division, as I supposed that a steamer would have been much better than ordinary boats especially when the river is so high. But the steamer could not get across the river at Yanam owing to the current being so strong. I was consequently obliged to abandon it there and to go to the taluk by other means. I inspected Amalapuram and other villages of the taluk said to have been in danger. I found that things were not so bad as I expected. There was no loss of life to men and scarcely any to cattle. It is true there was water around some villages and fields. The damage was not sufficient to induce me to use pressure to make the people move. A good deal of land is submerged and considerable damage was being caused to crops.

2. I have left Syed Ally Sahib, Deputy Tahsildar of Cocanada Division, in the Amalapuram Taluk, to assist the Tahsildar. I have left instructions to both those officers as to what should be done in case of an emergency. They are now visiting the villages and sending me daily reports. I told them that if there is any danger, the best way is to encamp the people on the canal and river banks and high roads which are the only high places in the taluk, erecting huts if necessary. Syed Ally is going to every village and taking notes where encampments are to be made if such necessity should arise. He is also making arrangements for the purchase of grain, &c., should any such necessity arise. All danger is over now I believe, as the river is going down since. Even though the danger is subsided, I shall leave Syed Ally in the Amalapuram Taluk for some time to help the Tahsildar and to supervise the work of the Revenue Inspectors, as it is necessary to take an account of the damage done to the crops.

3. When I visited Bobberlanka last time, I found some of the fields of the Palivela Estate swamped by the floods. In my present tour also, I found that considerable damage is being caused to crops in both Government and Zemindari villages. The Zemindari Curnams have not kept the cultivation accounts properly,

It is therefore very necessary that all these lands should be carefully examined and noted down at once, lest the proprietor and the ryots may claim more remissions than they ought to. I have therefore made arrangements that two Revenue Inspectors from other taluks should be deputed to examine the fields, as the Inspectors attached to the taluk cannot do all what is required. I have also sent twenty peons from the Ramachandrapuram and Narsapur Taluks to work in Amalapuram Taluk, as there is a good deal of work to be done there. I have authorized Syed Ally Sahib to entertain Magisterial complaints in the taluk during his stay there.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The action taken by the Collector was prompt and judicious. He should submit as soon as possible an estimate of the amount of damage done to the crops on Government and Zemindari lands.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

No. 297.

ORDER THEREON, 24th September 1878, No. 1,562.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) L. R. CAMPBELL,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. W. H. French.

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Dated 16th September 1878.

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Collector

To C. A. Galton Esquire

Ag. Secretary to the

Board of Revenue

Madras

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Godavery District
Collectors Office
Cocanada
4th September 1878

Sd/ W. J. Foster
Collector

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(True Copy & Extract)

A.C. Clift
Acting Secretary

To
The Secretary to
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Submitting to Govt.
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