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No. 215. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th December 1876, No. 3,066 :—

Read the following letter from J. HOPE, Esq., Acting Collector of the Coimbatore District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Coimbatore, 25th November 1876, No. 351.

I have the honor to report that about the end of last month the Tahsildar of Bhadrachellam brought to my notice that owing to the failure of the monsoon the wet and dry crops almost entirely failed; that the quantity of food on hand was nearly exhausted; and that therefore many of the Koyas had left the taluq for Bastar, and that some others were preparing to follow them. He also reported that the merchants of the place were keeping back their grain from the market in hopes of making a larger profit hereafter; that the merchants heard from Rajahmundry that nobody was allowed to export grain from Rajahmundry to Bhadrachellam; and that, if no supply was received from Rajahmundry, no food would be available for people at Bhadrachellam. I heard to the same effect from Mr. Vanstavern, the Executive Engineer, who knows that part of the country well, and who wrote to say that himself and his servants had only a few days' provisions left; that the stock in the bazar was almost exhausted; and that he did not see any immediate prospect of rice being imported into Bhadrachellam. The state of the taluq being such, I lost no time in ordering the Sub-Collector at Rajahmundry by telegram to buy eighty bags of rice on behalf of Government and to send them by a steamer, imposing on the merchants of Bhadrachellam with instructions to sell the same at cost price including all charges of conveyance, godown-rent, &c. The rice was bought, but before it could be sent I learned that the usual steamer plying between Rajahmundry and Dumagudem had taken the previous day some 150 bags of rice on private account. The rice purchased by the Sub-Collector was therefore not sent up the river.

2. From subsequent communications received recently from Mr. Vanstavern and the Rev. Mr. Cain, Church Mission Society, it would appear that the scanty crop which may be harvested this year is likely to last till the end of December next and that considerable distress will from that time onward be felt.

3. Anticipating the necessity which will then probably arise for relief works (especially among the agricultural classes, who have been deprived of their means of livelihood by the failure of the monsoon), I called on the Tahsildar to submit a list of such works which he would propose, and he, in consultation with Mr. Vanstavern, proposes the clearing of a road from Dumagudem to Bhadrachellam, the repairs of a tank and some distribution channels belonging to Government, and the improvement of the new village of Dumagudem by repairing wells, &c. I have called for estimates and for some other information, but as it will take some time before I receive them, and as it is very desirable that I should be able to sanction the execution of some relief works as soon as a *real necessity* is shown for such a measure, I beg to request that I may be authorized to spend a sum not exceeding 5,000 Rupees on relief works in the taluq. I intend visiting the taluq early in January next and will then see for myself what should be done.

The Board do not think that emergency exists at present, or is so far as shown likely to arise, such as would justify them in acceding to the Collector's

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request. The harvest in the Central Province has been good, and doubtless grain will come into Bhadrachalam thence.

2. In absolute necessity cases, of course funds will be forthcoming. The Collector should be prepared, and should have his works lined out and arranged for, and his arrangements for control organized. He will then be in a position, in case of necessity, to submit definite proposals. He will telegraph precise ruling at Bhadrachalam.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,

Acting Secretary.

No. 213.

Order number, 21st December 1876, No. 1391.

Instructions.

The Board's instructions are approved. The Collector will watch the state of the taluk, and telegraph the earliest indication of distress that may manifest itself there. In the mean time he will place himself in communication with the authorities of the Central Province.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. P. CAMERON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue,

the Mysore Government.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 5th November 1871
Read the following

Mr. 355.
James Hope Esq.
Ag. Collector.
H. E. Stokes Esq.
Ag. Secy to the Board of Revenue.
Madam.

I have the honor to report that about the end of last month, Mr. Subdar of Shadachellum brought my notice, that owing to a failure of the monsoon, the work & people were seriously affected, and the quantity of food on hand was nearly exhausted, and that the officers & men of the Regt. had left Shadachellum for Buxar, & that some others were preparing to follow them. It also reported that the merchants of that place were keeping back their grain from the market in hopes of making a large profit hereafter, and that the merchants here & from Rajahmundry that nobody was allowed to export grain from Rajahmundry to Shadachellum, and that if no supply was received from Rajahmundry, no food would be available for people at Shadachellum. Hearing to the same effect from Mr. Vanabam, the Revenue Engraver who knows that part of the country well, & who wrote to say that himself

Copy of Memo. 355.

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The Herald's instructions
are approved. The letters
will wait the date of the
order & be signed by the
master of the ship.

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