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No. 455. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd December 1876:—

Read the following letter from A. J. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevely, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sattur, 15th December 1876

I HAVE the honor to report that there has been no satisfactory rain in the northern taluqs of this district, and that it will be necessary to begin a number of imperial relief works in all probability within ten days or a fortnight in the taluqs of Sattur, Ottapedaram, Strivelliputtur, and Sankaranainar Covil.

2. The Local Fund works now give employment to those who need it, amounting in Sattur about 600 men and in Strivelliputtur to about 350 or 400 daily. We can continue to provide work of this sort from Local Funds for at least ten days or a fortnight more.

Within that time I beg that the Board will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for an allotment for irrigation works repairs, for which there are a large number of estimates ready in the Public Works Department.

3. If there be no more rain this work will have to be continued until next June or even later; so far as I can at present judge I do not think it will be necessary to expend more than 5,000 to 10,000 Rupees a month, but of course it is impossible to foresee exactly. If the Government are pleased to place at the disposal of the District Engineer 15,000 Rupees to start with and 10,000 Rupees a month afterwards we shall be able to apply again if this amount proves insufficient. If it proves more than enough I shall lose no time in informing the Board. I also request an allotment of Rupees 3,000 may, if possible, be placed at my disposal for the occasional relief of such as are unable to work.

4. The chief difficulty is that all the ryots are so anxious to have their irrigation works repaired that they will most probably send their agricultural laborers to the works whether there is any necessity to do so or not; we shall guard against this as far as possible by not beginning too many works at once, and by making payments by the work done at such rates as shall give no temptation to take advantage of the Government, while at the same time securing to the workmen a sufficient amount of pay to live upon.

5. The irrigation works are numerous and much in need of repair, and there can be no doubt that the money will be well laid out, and will result in an extension of cultivation when a better season comes.

6. The Board may be surprised to find that the demand for labor is not greater considering the high prices, 2nd-sort rice being at 4 to 4½ measures per Rupee in Sattur and Strivelliputtur and but little lower in the other two taluqs; this is due chiefly to emigration to Ceylon and Travancore, where the coffee estates employ a great deal of Tinnevely labor, partly also to well cultivation, of which there is a good deal in these taluqs.

7. I regret to have to add that the state of the crops in the greater part of these four taluqs is exceedingly bad, and that heavy dry remissions will be unavoidable unless there is good rain, say 2 inches, before the middle of January at the latest; should rain to this extent, however, fall the cotton crop will probably be partially

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3. Mr. Stuart is authorized to expend Rupees (3,000) three thousand for the relief of destitute people who are unable to work, and will report the manner of outlay.

4. With the Local Fund works in progress and the irrigation repairs sanctioned it is hoped that further special relief works may not be necessary, but the Collector should mature his plans to be ready for any emergency.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 458.

ORDER THEREON, 17th January 1877, No. 202.

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

To the Board of Revenue.
.. the Financial Department.
.. the Public Works Department.
.. the Inspector-General of Police.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

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