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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
18th January 1877.*

No. 527. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th November 1876, No. 2,993 :—

Read the following letters :—

From J. G. HORSFALL, Esq., Ag. Collector of Madura, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Bodinaikanur, 24th November 1876, Extra No. 5.

I HAVE the honor to report, in continuation of my letter of the 20th instant, that the season continues most unfavorable, that distress and crime are rapidly increasing, and that, in my opinion, relief works are urgently required throughout the district. I solicit that I may be empowered, by telegram, to commence relief works at once, especially in the Tirumungalam, Madura, and Melur Taluqs.

From C. W. W. MARTIN, Esq., Ag. Sub-Collector, to J. G. HORSFALL, Esq., Acting Collector of Madura, dated Kallimandayam, 21st November 1876, No. 492.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that I have made a rapid tour of the Pulni Taluq, and find that my surmises as to the calamitous result of the delay of rain have been fulfilled to the utmost.

2. The crops are a total failure. I do not exaggerate when I say that there is not a particle of yield in rain-fed lands anywhere ~~or~~ in the immediate vicinity of the Shunmuganadi river; and garden-crops to about, on the average, one-fourth of the usual irrigable surface of such wells as have held out.

3. In the west part of the taluq, including the villages given in the margin, there is no crop (wet, garden, or dry) of any sort; the last few days have absolutely destroyed all hope. The ryots are living

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4. I can give but a very little better account of the northern, centre, and eastern villages; they, too, have lost their entire dry rain-fed crops, their wet crop is nil, and their garden-crop about one-sixteenth of what it would be in an ordinary year.

5. The people are in great alarm and with reason. They had a bad season in the north and west of this taluq last year, and the season now is the worst remembered, and, in fact, is as bad as it possibly can be.

6. I have arranged with Mr. Lavford that the Pulni to Komaralingum road be started to-morrow, and that the Uppiliapatti to Darapuram road be ready within the next week.

7. I fear much, that the drought has now continued so long that serious damage must have been done to the crops in the Dindigul Taluq that were promising well in the beginning of this month; those that had already suffered must be quite dead.

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8. I shall send you very soon an estimate of what I think is likely to be the number of people thrown on us for relief. It will be very large on a rough calculation; I expect an average of at least 30,000 people in the two taluqs for over six months.

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PERIAKOLAM,
25th November 1876.

(Signed) J. G. HORSFALL,
Acting Collector.

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2. The Board cannot give the Collector carte-blanche, as he proposes, for starting relief works in the south of the district. He has not yet replied to the Board's call for information as to the amount of Local Fund grants unexpended, and the extent to which they can be made available for the relief of distress. He will now do so for each taluq, and if, in his opinion, further relief works are necessary, he must submit definite proposals. As the works proposed in his letter of the 7th November, No. 409, are not approved as relief works.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 523.

ORDER THEREON, 18th January 1877, No. 233.

Miscellaneous.

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2. The Board's anxious attention will doubtless be directed to the facts stated.
(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

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

Edw. F. R. Bantleman.

3/22 Revenue Department.

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