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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11th December 1876.*

No. 253. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th December 1876 :—

Read the following letter from J. H. MASTER, Esq., Vector of Bellary to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board, dated 2nd December 1876, No. 478.

SOME three or four days ago I indented upon the Accountant-General for lakhs of whole rupees and small silver and copper to the amount of nine lakhs, besides currency notes. That officer appears to have reported the fact to the Government. Yesterday evening I received from the Chief Secretary the telegram as per margin.

Explain at once by letter your extremely large cash indents on the Accountant-General. Are you extending grain-wages? Are you insisting on moderate task-work? Check wasteful expenditure.

2. I have the honor to express my great regret that the Government should see fit to infer that any wasteful expenditure is being incurred because my indents for coin appeared to be large.

3. With reference to this, I beg to offer explanations.

It has been a difficult matter lately to keep the most distant taluqs, such as Pennakondah, Hindupur, and Madaksira, adequately supplied with coin.

4. Supplies according to one indent have frequently not reached the taluq when fresh indents have been received, saying that all previous calculations having been upset, much more would be required. The Police have been constantly on the march, and it is to be remembered that it takes a long time for treasure to be taken 120 miles.

5. To remedy this state of affairs and also to provide against stoppage of work by want of funds in the taluq treasuries, I requested the Treasury Deputy Collector to send to the most distant taluqs money calculated at least to last a month and a-half. It was for this purpose the indent from this Office upon the Accountant-General was a large one, but I beg to point out that it does not comprise two months' requirements.

6. For the five taluqs of Anantapur, Dharmavaram, Pennakondah, Hindupur, and Madaksira alone more than three lakhs are about to be despatched, and that sum will only last, according to present calculations, a month and a-half, but conditions alter so quickly that it is impossible to depend upon any calculations. The number of coolies increases every week, and now the Tahsildars have been ordered to purchase and store grain; for this they must have money.

7. The Division Officers have been directed to introduce grain-purchase whenever two annas has been found insufficient for a man's subsistence. And the system of grain-payments a certain supply must be in store for this the Division Officers are buying up.

8. The Government Order as to a moderate amount of task-work being exacted has been communicated to them all.

9. I do not think that any of the officials of the district can yet be accused of having wasted Government money.

10. Nine lakhs and odd have already been disbursed for relief works; and, if the Government wish the system of relief works to be continued, the Accountant-General

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must be prepared for many indents similar to the one to which he appears to have
taken objection.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.
(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 254.

ORDER THEREON, 11th December 1876, No. 2,001.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED. The Government have
every confidence that all possible
economy will be observed in the expend-
iture of funds which the exigencies of the times have rendered necessary.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
the Financial Department.
the Accountant-General.

Order in the Revenue Department 25th December 1876 No. 2403

The Collector must endeavor to forecast his
expenditure for a reasonable period so as to avoid the
inconvenience of a sudden large demand
which creates so much inconvenience. There was no intention
by the Chief Secretary's telegram to impute extravagance
to the Collector.

See Revenue Department
Exd. J. W. Fisher.
Board of Revenue.
11th Dec. 1876.

Chief Secretary

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Pro: of West-Union-Depot

Date 21 Dec 1896
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Having order on
G.A. O.P.D. regarding large
riders for money in
connection with Bell
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