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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 27th June 1867.

No. 381. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th June 1867, No. 3,633.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 6th April 1867, No. 92:—

1. I have the honour to submit, for the information of the Board, copy of a letter, dated 28th ultimo, No. 21, from the Deputy Collector Mr. Underwood, and to request that they will be pleased to obtain sanction of Government for the grant of Rupees 200, to enable the distressed ryots of the village of Kambur to re-build their houses destroyed by fire.

2. The state of things described by Mr. Underwood, I consider, to be sufficiently exceptional to warrant my making the above recommendation.

From the Deputy Collector of Madura, to the Acting Collector of Madura, dated Camp at Kottamputty, 28th March 1867, No. 21.

1. With reference to your letter of the 13th instant, I visited the village of Kambur as requested. I have the honour to report, for your information, that the village has been burnt down twice within a year. The houses were so closely built with merely small alleys running between some of the houses, and wherever there was a yard attached to a house or an open space of any kind before one, the villagers had erected granaries; so that if any part of the village caught fire, it would be almost an impossibility to save any portion of the village.

2. For three years, I am told the villagers have been unable to cultivate their land for want of a supply of water. This, together with the burning of their village, and total loss of the grain they had in store, have caused several of the inhabitants to desert the village; those remaining are very poor; and with obstacles put in their way by the Forest Department, they have been unable to cut wood from the neighbouring hills to re-build their houses, and are now occupying roofless houses.

3. The inhabitants are most anxious that the village should be re-built, laid out in streets. I beg to recommend, for your consideration, that they be allowed some assistance from the Famine Fund, towards re-building their village; say from Rupees 150 to 200 if possible; and that they be allowed to cut sufficient timber from the forest; of the kind necessary to roof their houses with thatch, paying for any heavier kind of timber as beams, &c., that they might require. If Mr. Colquhoun would also kindly depute an Overseer to lay the streets out wide and parallel, it would insure uniformity, and each person would at once be put in possession of the block allotted to him to build on. In the event of any Puttah land being taken up, the portion so taken should be deducted from the Puttah. To this the holders have no objection.

4. I herewith forward a petition received from the inhabitants of the village.

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1. Although the Board are averse to the system of granting advances, yet they consider the case submitted in the foregoing letter exceptional, and therefore beg to recommend Government to sanction the advance requested by the Collector, on the understanding that the houses are to be built in strict conformity with the allotments of the public officers, and that the streets be laid out of sufficient width and length.

2. The Board observe that Government in their Proceedings, dated 24th August 1866, No. 2,208, sanctioned a similar advance to the ryots of the village Elavady, in the Salem District.

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No. 382. ORDER THEREON, 27th June 1867, No. 1,426.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government sanction the proposed advance as a special case.

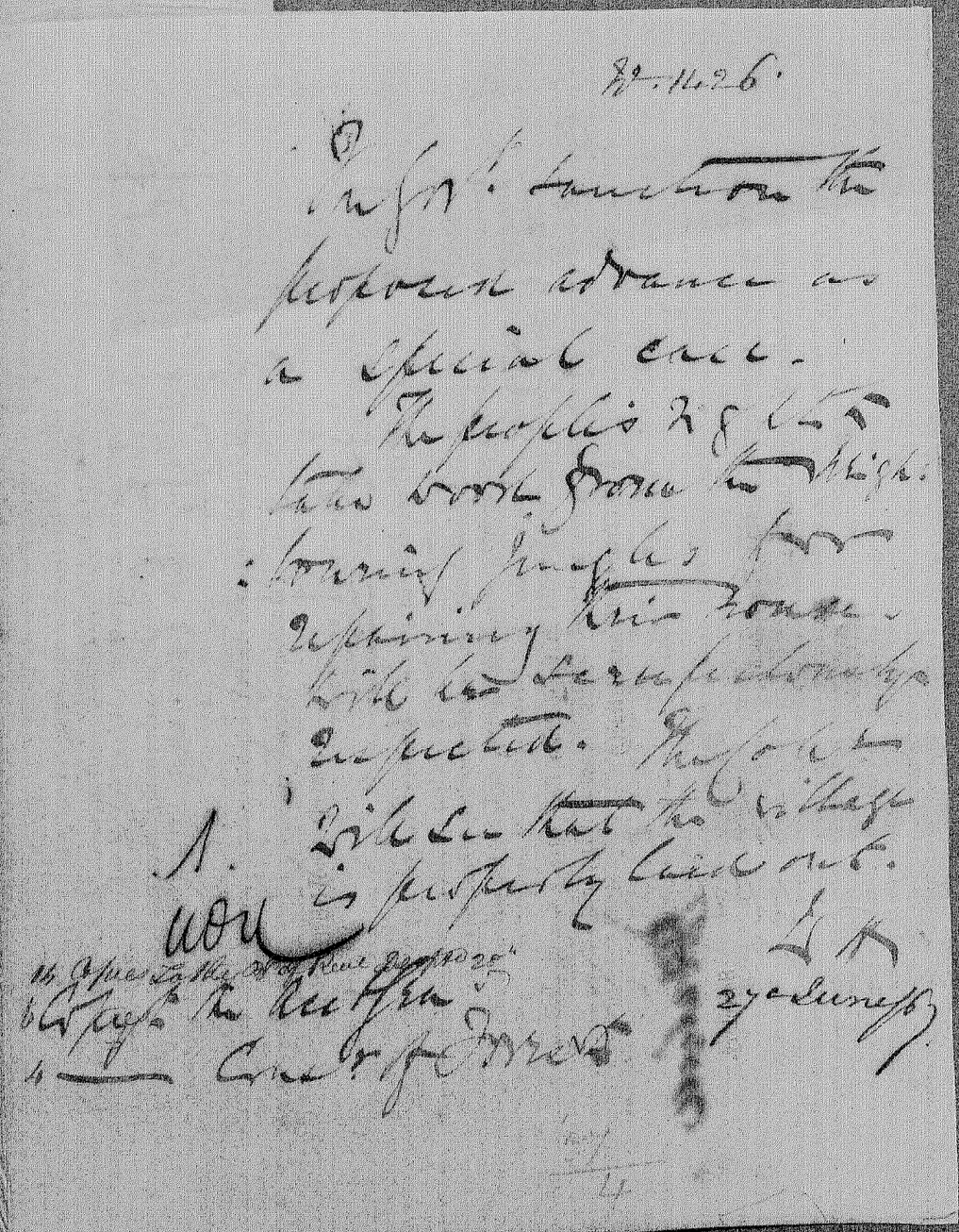
2. The people's right to take wood from the neighbouring jungles for repairing their houses will be scrupulously respected. The Collector will see that the village is properly laid out.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.
,, the Conservator of Forests.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.



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