

## MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

*Revenue* DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
2nd July 1867.*

No. 27. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st June 1867, No. 3,851.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Camp at Periacolum, 8th June 1867, No. 155:—

1. In compliance with the requisition contained in your Memorandum, dated 14th ultimo, No. 517, I have the honour to forward a detailed report on the state of the Meloor talook.

2. Up almost to the end of April no rain fell, and the people would have been in the greatest distress for want of drinking water for themselves and cattle had not the timely grant of Rupees 5,000, sanctioned in Government Order, No. 732, dated 27th March, enabled me to have a great number of wells cleared out and deepened. From the lists A. and B., herewith forwarded, the Board will see that up to the 20th ultimo 78,830 coolies have been employed.

3. In the beginning of May several showers fell in most parts of the talook, and since then moderate showers have fallen to such an extent that most of the tanks have received from half to one month's supply.

4. Poonjah cultivation has been commenced, and work for the poor is consequently becoming more abundant.

5. In consequence of this improved state of affairs, I intend to abolish the three Relief-houses at Meloor, Cottamputty, and Nuttum, from the 16th instant.

Will be sent immediately.

The number of poor who have received relief is given marginally.

6. I do not think that any outlay more than may suffice to finish some of the irrigation works now in hand will be required at present. On this point I will, however, submit another report on the 20th instant.

7. I may take this opportunity to remark that, for many years past, a very small allowance has been made for the repairs of the irrigation works of this talook, many of which are consequently in a dilapidated condition, and no new works have been attempted.

8. I think that if more attention had been paid to the requirements of the talook in this respect, the late bad season would have been less severely felt.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 & 2.—Statements.

1. Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Board are glad to receive a more favourable account of the prospects of the Meloor talook, and they await the further reports promised by the Collector in paragraphs 5 and 6 of his letter.

3. Meantime the special attention of Government will be drawn to his remarks in paragraph 7.

No. 28. ORDER THEREON, 2nd July 1867, No. 1,468.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government are glad to learn that the prospects of the season in Melur talook have so much improved.

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2. The Collector's remarks on the state of disrepair into which the irrigation works there have been allowed to fall, will be considered in the Department Public Works.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,  
*Secretary to Government.*

To the Board of Revenue.  
,, the Public Works Department.

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2<sup>d</sup> July 1867.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 21st June 1867.

Dep. Secy.  
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No. 3,851.

at 11.68. P. July

Submitting for information with remarks letter  
from Collector of Madura reporting on state of  
distress in Melur taluq.

No. 27 & 28

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