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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
4th November 1867.*

No. 83. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Public Works Department:—

Passing orders on letter from Acting Superin-
tending Engineer, 1st Division, reporting on
the subject of the recent heavy gale which
passed over the Vizagapatam District, and the
damage caused to the Santapilli Light-house,
&c. (Here enter 30th October 1867, No. 3,364.)

No. 84. ORDER THEREON, 4th November 1867, No. 2,612.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. H. WILKINSON,

Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 3,364.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
30th October 1867.*

No. 647. Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Dowlaiswaram, 12th October 1867, No. 151 :—

In forwarding, for information, the accompanying copy of a Report from the Supervisor of the Vizianagrum Range, Letter No. 143, dated 2nd October 1867. on the subject of a heavy gale which passed over the Vizagapatam district on the night of the 29th ultimo, I have the honor to add that I have learnt from the Collector of that district, that the Santapilli Light-house, Superintendent's quarters, &c., have been more or less damaged, and that the lantern itself was blown down from the basement on which it stood and seriously damaged.

From the Officer in charge of No. III or Vizianagrum Range, to the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, dated Vizianagrum, 2nd October 1867, No. 143.

1. I beg to inform you that this Range was visited by a very severe storm on the night of the 29th of the past month, although the consequences arising from its visitation can hardly be clearly detailed. I humbly lay the following particulars for your information :—

2. The weather on the 29th was cloudy from before sun rise until 9 o'clock P. M.; it was drizzling now and then, and a steady but a gradually increasing wind was blowing from the north-west until about half past 9 o'clock at night, when it began to be stormy; it rose to its height about 12 o'clock, and then it suddenly stopped for about ten or fifteen minutes, and then all of a sudden it began again with greater force from the opposite direction, and what the north-west wind could not destroy the south-east wind did accomplish.

3. During the prevalence of the storm I was out on Trunk Road No. 6, at a place called Bogapuram, about eighteen miles from Vizianagrum; as I anticipated that the buildings both Military and Civil here must have suffered serious damage, and as my services would be required, I returned without any delay.

4. The portion of the trunk road between Bogapuram and Chittivulsa has been seriously damaged by breaching of embankments, &c., &c., they were chiefly caused by the bursting of tanks along the road.

5. The road between Chittivulsa and Vizianagrum has also sustained damages, but they are not so heavy as those on the trunk road.

6. Some of the church windows and doors that were carefully fastened and bolted were burst open and smashed, and the wind from underneath blew up the flat and pa: tiles from the roof, so that the church cannot be used at present. The burial ground gate was also forced open and damaged.

7. All the Military buildings, except the magazines and the solitary cells, have been damaged, and every one of them will have to be repaired, for which estimates are under preparation.

8. The Overseer's shed and out-houses, at present occupied as Range Office and stores, has suffered the same fate as the other thatched bungalows in this station, the roof is entirely blown off, and the verandah pillars knocked down, there is nothing but the bare walls left standing. The stationery and the records belonging to the range have been much damaged and soiled, and some of them are destroyed.

9. Every thatched building both in the Cantonment, the town, and in the villages in the vicinity has been blown down, and every tiled building without one exception has sustained serious injury. As no building could be procured for rent for securing the Office records, furniture, &c.,

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I have undertaken to re-construct the Overseer's shed and out-houses without any delay, in anticipation of obtaining your permission to do so.

10. After the storm I have visited more than twenty or thirty villages, and some forty or fifty topes, every where the destruction committed by the storm is alike. Trees that have been standing for fifty or sixty years have been rooted up. I am sure that nearly one-third of the trees that were in existence have been destroyed.

11. The price of building materials and labor has risen nearly 30 per cent., but both labor and materials is very difficult to be procured, for every one is in want of them.

12. Before the storm the country looked so beautiful and green, but after it everything looks bleak and dreary. The trees that have not been blown down have only a very few branches left, and they leafless. I dare say it will be some fifty or sixty years before this part of the country can boast of such topes and avenue trees it has lost. Although the storm raged so furiously, yet the loss of life, I am happy to state, has been very small.

No. 648.

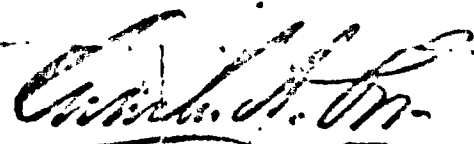
ORDER THEREON, 30th October 1867, No. 3,361.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 73.

1. Communicated to the Departments concerned.

2. The Superintending Engineer will take measures for repairing the damages in question.

(True Extract.)



Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.

- .. Ecclesiastical, &c. Departments.
- .. Revenue Department.
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