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

No. 14. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd November 1867, No. 7,632.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Tinnevely, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 12th November 1867, No. 622:—

On the 31st ultimo, the highest fresh known for many years came down the Tambrapoorney and flooded the country, doing considerable damage to roads, bridges, and channel banks; heavier rain than we had here must have fallen on the hills to the west, as only $7\frac{3}{4}$ inches were gauged at Palamcottah from the 22nd, when the monsoon commenced up to the end of the month. Rain fell steadily

Three feet above the crown of the arches of the bridge. throughout the night of the 30th, and on the following day the river rose to a height of no less than twenty-four feet

at Ambasamudram, and sixteen feet at Palamcottah; for miles the river, fields, and channels were all one sheet of water, and it is wonderful how little damage has been done; the Ambur bridge, in course of re-construction, was washed away as might have been expected, the piers being of the narrowest and the height of the bridge considerable; the road from Ambur towards Tinnevely, along the north bank of the river, was partly destroyed, and numerous cross-roads were injured; two aqueducts, and part of a bridge across the Sutamalli channel, were carried away; some stones were displaced in the anicut, and the banks of all the main channels were breached in places: in the Tinnevely talook there were eight breaches, in Tenkairai six, and in Ambasamudram fifteen. These have all now been closed, and the crops have sustained no injury. The Tahsildars, at first, seemed ignorant of the provisions of Act No. I of 1858, and expected the villagers to do the work for nothing; there was, consequently, some delay, till I rode up two main channels in the Tinnevely talook, made advances, and explained to the villagers that they would be paid for their labor; on this all difficulty ceased, and I saw the last breach closed on the 10th; the cost of closing breaches will probably be 1,000 Rupees; I have advanced 400 Rupees, but repairing damage thoroughly will cost 10,000 Rupees. Had the Strivicutam anicut been built, the tanks to the east would now be overflowing, instead of being nearly dry, for the fresh subsided before they got the water, which has to flow through miles of channel and chains of tanks before it reaches the coast.

1. Submitted for the information of Government.
2. The Board trust that funds will be provided for the complete repair of the damage to which Mr. Puckle refers.

No. 15. ORDER THEREON, 2nd December 1867, No. 2,862.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Department
Public Works.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 23rd November 1867.

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No. 7,632.

Submitting for the information of Government
letter from the Collector of Tinnevely reporting
on the fresh of the Tambrapoorney.

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