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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 388 Press ~~Mis.~~

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Dated 15 — 2 — 1867.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 15*th February* 1867.

No. 204. Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madura, 8th February 1867, No. 194:—

1. I regret to report that, in most parts of the Melur Talook, both dry and wet crops have been lost from want of seasonable rain, and the distress of the people is in consequence very great. The people even now are partly subsisting upon roots, &c., which has greatly accelerated the spread of cholera and fever. Almost all the tanks and channels are now dry, and most of the wells are drying up. The scarcity of labor has, to a greater extent, aggravated the sufferings of the people. I have, with a view to alleviate the distress of the people as much as possible, placed at the disposal of the Tahsildar Rupees 300, out of the balance of the money supplied to the district by the Famine Relief Committee at Madras, to establish Poor Houses in the three places noted in the margin. Arrangements have been made to feed such persons only as are unable to work either from infirmity, disease, &c. Thousands of able-bodied poor are quite ready to take employment on public works, provided works are sanctioned by Government.

Melur.
Kottampatti.
Nattam.

2. I, therefore, request the sanction of Government for the execution of the Relief Works enumerated below, at a cost of Rupees 10,000. No money is available from the Local Funds for any of these works.

3. The completion of the channel from the Palar river to Pullapattee, and enlargement of the existing channel of Pullap attee, Kottampatti and other villages will increase the revenue by 10,000 Rupees.

	Rs.
1st.—Pullapattee Channel	4,000
2nd.—Repairs to tanks and wells	2,000
3rd.—Improvement to roads from Kottampatti to Dindigul	2,000
4th.—Do. do. from Melur to Pudukottai	2,000
Total...	10,000

No. 205. ORDER THEREON, 15th February 1867, No. 388.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government sanction, as a special grant for relief purposes, the proposed expenditure of Rupees 10,000, for the purpose of providing the able-bodied destitute poor in the Melur Talook with the means of earning a livelihood.

2. Mr. Arbuthnott will keep the Government informed of the condition of the talook by frequent reports.

3. These Proceedings will be reported to the Secretary of State.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Collector of Madura.
,, the Accountant General.
,, the Revenue Board.
,, the Famine Relief Committee.
,, the Public Works Department.
Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Telegraph if any time is given

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The Govt sanctions
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Relief purposes - the proposed
Expenditure of £1,000 for
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Authorised deficiency
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by Signal to ships.

Secretary of State
for War

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The Agl Collector of Madura
To The Secretary to Government Fort St George

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Reporting upon the impoverished condition of the Ryots of the Melur Taluq owing to want of seasonable rain & requesting sanction of Govt for execution of relief works at a cost of Rs. 10000

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