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No. 338. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, (Public), to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 17th January 1867, No. 4 :—

1. I have considered in Council your Despatches in the Revenue Department, Nos. 48, 52, and 54 of 1866, dated respectively the 26th of October and the 13th and 27th of November, forwarding further papers on the subject of the famine and general prospects of the season.

2. The papers accompanying the former of these letters conveyed the same story of distress and want, with praiseworthy efforts to relieve the sufferings of the unfortunate inhabitants of the famine-stricken districts, as has been recorded in your previous Despatches, and was sufficiently noticed in mine of the 7th of December last, No. 45. It is most satisfactory to find that the usual change of season has been permitted to realize the hopes entertained of an abundant supply of rain; so great indeed appears to have been the quantity that, in some districts, damage has been caused to various works of irrigation, and tanks and reservoirs have in some places been destroyed. This damage, however, is trifling, compared with the relief which has been afforded in many districts to the dried up soil.

3. I observe in the third paragraph of the letter from the Head Assistant Collector of Bellary to the Collector of Bellary, dated the 8th October last, No. 51, that the supply channel for the tank at Narraindeverkerry has been allowed to remain for some time unrepaired, notwithstanding the urgent representations he had made from time to time for the last two years on the subject. I request that the special attention of the Engineer Officer may be drawn to this matter, and the necessary repairs forthwith effected.

4. There is nothing further in your Despatches under reply which calls for any specific orders, and it is unnecessary for me, in the present instance, to do more than to record my approval of the measures you have therein reported, and my earnest hope that very shortly you may be able to report that trade and agriculture have resumed their usual aspect, and that the inhabitants of these districts are again able to take their share in the cultivation of the soil.

No. 339. ORDER THEREON, 25th February 1867, No. 455.

Miscellaneous.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue, Sanitary Commissioner, and Famine Relief Committee, for their information.

2. An estimate for the repair of the supply channel of Narraindeverkerry tank, alluded to in paragraph 3 of this Despatch, has been sanctioned in the Public Works Department (G. O. 19th February 1867, No. 491).

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
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