

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government. Revenue Department,
27th March 1867.*

No. 467. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th March 1867.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Camp, Melur, 13th March 1867, No. 60 :—

1. In obedience to the Order of Government of 15th ultimo, No. 388, calling for frequent reports on the state of the Melur talook, I have the honor to inform you that the works noted in the margin have been commenced, and that 2,472 able-bodied poor are employed daily thereon, and that the number will probably increase to about 3,000. This number does not include the coolies employed by the Public Works Department or those employed on Local Fund works, amounting to nearly 1,000 more.

2. The sum of Rupees 3,600 having been placed at my disposal by the Madras Famine Relief Committee, three relief-houses have been established at the places noted in the margin, and upwards of 600 helpless poor are fed daily. I

have personally inspected the relief-houses, and also all the works in course of execution, and I think every precaution has been taken both for the efficient performance of the work and the prompt payment of the laborers.

3. One of the chief causes of anxiety now is the want, not of food, but of wholesome water, which is becoming extremely scarce in many parts of the talook. I have assisted the people with small sums to deepen their wells and to clear mud out of their small drinking* tanks, but further steps will have to be taken in this direction should rain not fall during the next month.

* Called "Uranias."

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4. In organizing the works, the Range Officer, Mr. Colquhoun, has rendered me the greatest assistance: in fact without his assistance the most important works, viz., the Pottapatti and Pallapatti channels, could not have been commenced without much delay.

5. These two works, besides being of the greatest utility to the people, will, I believe, increase the revenue by about 10,000 Rupees.

1. Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The want of wholesome drinking water is a serious matter, and the Board recommend that a sum of Rupees 5,000 be at once placed at the Collector's disposal, to enable him to aid the people in clearing out and deepening their wells and small tanks. If, unhappily, rain should not fall next month, the consequences would be grave, and the Board deprecate incurring such a risk.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
27th March 1867.

No. 468.

ORDER THEREON, 27th March 1867, No. 732.

Miscellaneous.

1. Ordered accordingly that a sum of Rupees 5,000 be placed at the disposal of the Acting Collector of Madura for the purpose of aiding the inhabitants of the Melur talook in clearing out and deepening the wells and small tanks on which they are dependent for the supply of drinking water.

2. The charge will be debited to the special account of expenditure incurred for relief purposes.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
.. the Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Ordered accordingly
that a sum of Rs. 5000. be
placed at the disposal of
the Offr. of Madura for
the purpose of aiding the
inhabitants of the Melur
taluk in clearing out and
deepening the wells & small
tanks on which they are
dependent for the supply
of drinking water.

The charge will
be debited to the special
account of expenditure
incurred for relief purposes.

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The Officer of the Revenue Department
27th March 1867

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Submitting to Government
report from Collector of
Madura on present con-
dition of Melur Taluk
and measures adopted for
its relief, and recommend-
ing that Rs 5000 be
placed at Collector's dis-
posal for clearing out
& deepening wells and
small tanks in that Taluk
with order