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January kist.—Sanctioning the postponement of the collection of — in the Kanigiri taluk, Nellore district.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

STATEMENT B.—Cultivation up to the end of December in Kanigiri taluk.

								Extent.	
								ACS.	
First crop—									
Dry	...	{	Government	...	...	...	...	...	44,239
			Inam (minor)	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total								...	61,459
Wet	...	{	Government	...	...	...	...	...	383
			Inam	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total								...	663
Second crop—									
Dry	...	{	Government	...	...	...	...	...	4,709
			Inam	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total								...	5,923
Wet	...	{	Government	...	...	...	...	...	134
			Inam	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total								...	210
Total of the previous year—									
First crop	...	{	Dry	...	...	...	...	...	60,979
			Wet	...	...	...	...	...	...
Second crop	...	{	Dry	...	...	...	...	...	5,941
			Wet	...	...	...	...	...	...
Average of five previous years—									
First crop	...	{	Dry	...	...	...	...	...	82,937
			Wet	...	...	...	...	...	...
Second crop	...	{	Dry	...	...	...	...	...	5,889
			Wet	...	...	...	...	...	...

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

STATEMENT C.—Early crops harvested before November 1897.

Crops.	Extent harvested.	Estimated outturn.			
		Over 8 annas and 8 annas.	Below 8 annas.	No yield.	
<i>Food-grains.</i>		ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.
Cholam	658	78	252	328	
Cumbu	11,798	7,024	4,415	359	
Ragi	53	8	2	43	
Aruka	4	..	..	4	
All other crops	1,929	12	1,196	719	
<i>Non-food.</i>					
Indigo	450	374	64	12	
Tope	63	42	19	2	
Total ..	14,955	7,538	5,948	1,467	

ENCLOSURE No. 4.

STATEMENT D.—Cultivation in November and December.

							November	December.
							ACS.	ACS.
<i>Current year.</i>								
First crop—								
Dry	...	{	Government	...	...	...	2,344	1,056
			Inam	...	...	...	720	297
Total							3,064	1,353
Wet	...	{	Government	...	...	...	4	3
			Inam	...	...	...	5	4
Total							9	7
Second crop—								
Dry	...	{	Government	...	...	...	299	4,366
			Inam	...	...	...	141	1,068
Total							440	5,434
Wet	...	{	Government	...	...	...	14	63
			Inam	...	...	...	11	32
Total							25	95
<i>Previous year.</i>								
First crop	...	{	Dry	...	...	...	3,873	7,297
			Wet	...	...	...	2	65
Second crop	...	{	Dry	...	...	...	1,009	4,932
			Wet	...	...	...	2	95
<i>Average of five years.</i>								
First crop	...	{	Dry	...	...	...	21,647	8,007
			Wet	...	...	...	144	74
Second crop	...	{	Dry	...	...	...	749	5,026
			Wet	...	...	...	30	96

ENCLOSURE No. 5.

STATEMENT E.—Rent-roll for fasli 1306.

						Rs.
Pattas for less than Rs. 10	..	..	..	..	..	3,478
" " Rs. 30, but more than Rs. 10	..	..	..	..	..	1,017
" " " 50 " " 30	..	..	..	..	..	185
" " " 100 " " 50	..	..	..	..	..	64
" " " 250 " " 100	..	..	..	..	..	7
Total						4,751

ENCLOSURE No. 6.

From M.R.Ry. M. KUPPUSAMI CHETTI, Acting Tahsildar, to the Sub-Collector of Nellore, dated 2nd January 1898, No. 15-Tour.

With advertence to your Extra No. 13, dated 12th December 1897, I beg to submit that the postponement of kist collections is very necessary in this taluk, as the standing dry crops have all failed owing to their having been no rain in the north-east monsoon. All the dry-crops have had little or no proper outturn. Sajja suffered from too much of rain in the north east monsoon and excepting in and around Kanigiri some did not produce more than 4 anna crop. Even korra did not produce any outturn above four annas and aruka entirely dried up. Jonna also did not produce any outturn as it dried up from want of rain. None of the dry

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

READ—the following letter from J. K. BATTEN, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Sub-Collector of Nellore, to the Collector of Nellore, dated Camp, Kanigiri, 7th January 1898, Ref. No. 1654-Colr.:—

I have the honour to submit the report called for in your memorandum, Extra No. B. Camp—Ver., dated 8th December 1897, so far as the taluk of Kanigiri is concerned.

2. The taluk consists, for the most part of sterile and stony tracts. The north-western corner is somewhat fertile and very ordinary regar soil is met with in the northern parts. Red and stony soils predominate. Water is struck at a great depth. The wells are fair, but not numerous. The Pálérú and the Mannérú and their affluents rising amongst the ranges of hills and the ghauts to the west of the taluk form the drainage thereof. The beds of these streams are deep and are of no use for irrigation, save as regards wells along their course.

3. More than half the taluk is taken up by zemindaries and shrotriems for which accurate statistics of cultivation are not available. Details of area are noted in the margin.

	ACS.
Government	226,244
Minor inams	32,314
Shrotriems	23,040
Zemindaries	367,360
Total	648,960

Moreover, the ryots are almost entirely dependent on dry cultivation. The total extent of wet cultivation is about 663 acres in six villages and the total extent of garden land under well cultivation according to last year's figures is about 11,198 acres in the 34 Government villages, all of which have some well-cultivation ranging between 18 and 800 acres.

5. The statistics of rainfall and cultivation so far as available are furnished in the appended statements A and B. They show that there was a falling off, both in the quantity of rainfall and in the extent of cultivation, as compared with faslis prior to 1306 and a slight increase over the figures of 1306. But as that year was a bad one in respect of agricultural operations, no correct conclusion can be come to from a comparison with it.

6. The early crops harvested up to the end of November were neither important nor sufficiently abundant in quantity to compensate for the absence of late crops. Moreover, a very large proportion of the early crops withered, as I can testify from personal observation, and the outturn of the area harvested was very poor—vide

statement C. The ryots had to look forward to a good north-east monsoon, under which the chief crops of food-grains are usually grown, the most important being "paira jonna" (late cholam).

7. But the north-east monsoon has completely failed; with the result that there is a considerable reduction in the extent under late or "paira" crops—vide statement D. Here too, this year compares not unfavourably with its predecessor, but as has been shown before, any comparison with it is worthless. Except under wells it has been impossible to cultivate food-grains at all. The standing dry crops, which are chiefly horse-gram, cotton and castor-oil, though still green, are not thriving and unless there is rain, of which there now appears to be no prospect, will probably yield only a very small out-turn where they do not entirely wither. Wet paddy, which occupies only a very minor place in the taluk, is thriving well under the Kanigiri tank and that in the village of Gudipadu has been reaped. Garden ragi is thriving under wells and is estimated to yield a moderate outturn.

8. Under these circumstances, I recommend that the postponement of the January kist may be sanctioned throughout the taluk. The majority of the ryots are poor land-holders paying less than Rs. 10 per annum—vide statement E.

9. As the dry crops are a general failure, much dry remission will have to be granted. Detailed enquiries are in progress regarding the amount of remission that will have to be granted.

10. I regret that this report is of a very general character and does not give full details of actual and estimated outturn up to date. I enclose a copy of the Tahsildar's report (which I called for), dated 2nd instant, received by me on the 4th instant. It will be seen that it gives no details. He states that full figures were taken by you from the taluk office on the 12th December last. I have ordered him to prepare detailed statements up to date which I will submit as soon as received. The figures given by me are taken from the figures now available in the taluk. He also informs me that on the information furnished by him, you have already written to ask the sanction of the Board of Revenue for the postponement of the January kist, but I do not of course know whether the information is accurate.

11. Since writing the above I have received your Ref. No. 2597-Ver., dated 3rd January 1898. In accordance with that order, I have now ordered the postponement of coercive processes throughout the Kanigiri taluk on all dry lands except those cultivated under wells. I thought at first of not extending this concession to lands on which an eight-anna crop had been reaped, but I fear this would not be practicable and would leave too much discretion to village officers.

12. As regards the Addanki division of Ongole taluk, I have called for detailed information and will, if necessary, order the postponement of coercive processes.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

STATEMENT A.—Rainfall in Kanigiri.

Month.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.
	INCHES.	INCHES.	INCHES.	INCHES.	INCHES.	INCHES.	INCHES.
January	0.30	0.60	0.75	1.02	0.20	0.28	0.05
February	3.50	0.25	1.30	0.20	1.85	4.54	0.94
March	2.20	0.20	1.25	3.10	2.60	1.85	4.54
April	3.37	4.90	0.40	1.69	1.82	3.52	5.22
May	2.40	3.15	2.15	0.92	2.36	2.86	6.46
June	1.00	6.00	0.80	1.76	7.49	5.92	0.52
July	2.90	8.45	2.60	1.29	10.49	6.75	0.52
August	2.70	10.20	7.60	5.35	0.47	6.75	0.52
September	0.90	13.00	5.35	0.47	0.94	6.75	0.52
October	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.53
November	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.53
December	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.53
Total	15.90	32.75	33.05	25.84	27.31	19.20	21.53

grain produced any fair outturn as all suffered from want of rain during the north-east monsoon and the only standing crops that remain green are horse-gram, cotton, and oil-seeds, even which in most parts will not produce any outturn, though their outturn is estimated at four annas by the Revenue Inspectors.

2. There is an extent of 554 acres under wet crops and excepting these and the area under wells, it is very necessary that the collections of kists should be postponed. Even in regard to the wet lands where from insufficiency of water in the tanks, wet crops have failed and remission petitions have been received, kist collections would have to be postponed.

3. A detailed account as to the outturn under each of the harvested crops and the estimated outturn of the standing crop village-wise was prepared and given direct to the Collector as he wanted this at once when here and as most of karnams were at head-quarters at that time for taking copies of the field-measurement books; this was found possible but no copy of it was kept and hence there has been difficulty in obtaining the figures.

4. The total cultivated area up to the end of December 1897 is 61,459 under first crop, of which 17,220 acres are inam lands, Government land being 44,239 acres, and a second crop has been raised on 4,709 acres, and roughly the collection of kists would have to be postponed on a area of about 30,000 acres as about 10,000 acres would be under well cultivation in regard to which, though the standing crops are not good, postponement of kist collection nor remission is called for. The statements as to lands requiring remission called for in a separate reference will be separately submitted.

5. I beg to submit the reports of the Revenue Inspectors with their enclosures in original.

Endorsement by E. SCOT, Esq., Acting Collector of Nellore, dated 12th January 1898, Ref. No. 2597-Ver.

Submitted to the Board of Revenue (Famine) with the recommendation that the January kist in Kanigiri taluk may be postponed. Definite proposals as to other postponements of kists generally throughout the district will be submitted later on after receipt of complete replies from all Divisional-officers. I have, in anticipation of Board's sanction, directed the suspension of coercive processes in any tract or tracts in the sub-division, where the Sub Collector considers the postponement of kists will eventually be allowed.

RESOLUTION—No. 25, dated 15th January 1898.

The postponement of the collection of the January kist in the Kanigiri taluk is sanctioned.

2. The Collector has not reported the amount involved. According to the Collector's jamabandi statement for the past fasli, the total amount of assessment on dry and wet holdings was Rs 43,890. Including water-rate, second crop charge and miscellaneous revenue, the total demand for that year was about Rs. 55,000. The amount postponed may therefore be estimated at about Rs. 14,000.

3. The Board also approves the Collector's action in ordering the suspension of coercive processes in any part or parts of the Sub-Collector's division in which that officer may consider that collections will have to be eventually postponed.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Nellore.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" " Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).

Exd. Md. Pahlavan.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

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Resolution—No. 25, dated 15th January 1898.

ORDER THEREON, No. 914, dated the 22nd Feb. 1898.

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(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH

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