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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
7th November 1864.

No. 139. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th October 1864, No. 7,110 :—

Read Settlement Report for Fasli 1273 of the Acting Sub-Collector of the Godavery District, dated 30th September 1864, No. 249, forming an enclosure in No. 6,553, from the Collector of the District.

Extract from the Settlement Report for Fasli 1273 of the Acting Sub-Collector of the Godavery District, dated 30th September 1864.

Season and Crops, 4. There was a very fair average fall of rain, which exceeded that of the previous year by four inches, nine-tenths.

The Godavery freshes in September rose to twenty-five feet at Rajahmundry. They remained at this height an unprecedentedly long time, so as to cause both the Officer in charge of the Range and the Superintending Engineer considerable anxiety lest the anicut and its locks should suffer; and for several days the locks were closed to traffic. The latter part of the year, namely, in April, May, and June, there was a kind of re-action, and the river was lower than it has ever been known before; much to the damage of the Dalava crops, and I fear also to the Sarva for Fasli 1271. In this District, particularly in the D. lti, the Sarva crops are commenced in April, and transplanted in about May and June. I used to consider this a rash speculation on the part of the cultivator, imagining that he did so in order

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"	June	4	2	5	9
"	July	5	5	5	9
"	August	4	4	4	2
"	September ..	9	8	7	
Total .		27	3	23	8
"	October	7	8	9	6
"	November ...	1	4		1
"	December ...				4
1864	January			1	1
"	February ...			6	7
"	March				7
Total ..		9	2	18	6
Grand Total		36	5	41	4

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Ordered that a copy of paragraph 4 of the above report be forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, for information.

(A True Extract.)
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, Secretary.

No. 140. ORDER THEREON, 7th November 1864, No. 3,199.
Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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To Colonel C. A. Orr, R. E. Secretary to Government, P. W. D.

„ J. D. Sim, Esq. Secretary to Government, R. D.

„ J. Fraser, Esq. Officiating Collector of the Godavery District.

Exd. R. H. Lee.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 28th October 1864.

*Suppression
No. 2.*

No. 7110.

Forwarding for information extract, from the
Settlement Report for Fasil 1273, of the Acting
Sub-Collector of the Godavery District regarding
the defective state of the Ancient durg naga.

*With an order,
No. 3199-4702, dated 1864.*

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