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No. 488. Read the following letter from the Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Cuddalore, 25th January 1868, No. 8:—

1. I have the pleasure to inform Government that, within the last forty-eight hours, about five inches of rain have fallen in and around Cuddalore, and I believe the fall has been very general throughout the district, as reports have already reached from places distant forty or fifty miles to the south.

2. Much of the crops both Nunjah and Punjah are, I fear, beyond relief, and some of the dry cereals had already been cut in the condition they then were some days ago; but still there are parts where the wet cultivation was on the eve of perishing for want of rain, but which I trust will now be brought to maturity, and may give a comparative or partial yield, while others again may be wholly saved by this timely downfall.

3. But the blessing and benefit of this heavy rain for pasture and for replenishing wells and springs cannot be over-estimated, and if it should continue as it promises for some days longer, it will go far, in my belief, to mitigate the anticipated distress in the coming hot months, and its effect on the people and their cattle, even at the present moment when all sources of water-supply were fast failing, is incalculable.

No. 489. ORDER THEREON, 29th January 1868, No. 242.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Relief Committee.
„ W. Robinson, Esq.
„ the Collector of South Arcot.

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