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No. 513. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th January 1868.

Read the following letter from the Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 21st January 1868, No. 22:—

1. I have the honor to submit a brief Talookwar account of the condition of the season up to date, as follows:—

Cuddalore.

2. The standing crops, both Nunjah and Poonjah, are now gradually withering for want of rain and water in the tanks, spring-channels, &c., the lands under the Tiruvendipuram and Trivady anicuts alone excepted.

Villapuram.

3. The standing Poonjah crops in the Villapuram talook are fast dying, but some of the Nunjah crops depending on tanks and the sources which still have water are yet in a promising condition, but all other Nunjah cultivation depending on the rain-fall for maturing is likely to fail entirely.

Tindivanam.

4. In Tindivanam talook some good showers of rain fell at the end of last month in about forty villages in the Merkanam or eastern division, and in some twenty villages about Ginjee, and this rain was of benefit to the then standing Poonjah and Nunjah crops, but in the remaining villages all the crops are withering, with the exception of certain Nunjah, situated in more favorable localities, and which has thrown out ears that may partially yield.

1. Trinomallay.
2. Kallacoorchy.
3. Virdachellam.

5. The Poonjah crops, such as Varagoo, Natcheny, Horse-gram, Gingelly oil seeds, &c., have already withered, and the Nunjah crops depending on

tanks in the majority of the villages of these three talooks have shared a like fate. In a few villages the Nunjah cultivation is watered by wells both in the Trinomallay and Kallacoorchy talooks.

Ellavanasore.

6. The Poonjah and Nunjah crops in the Ellavanasore talook are much in the same state as those in the talooks just named, but the wet crops depending on river irrigation still continue healthy and in good condition, although it is apprehended that these may likewise fail in part or in whole, if we have no more rain, and the river water fails. There is a good deal of Nunjah land lying waste in several villages of this talook where the cultivation depends on rain-fed tanks.

Chellambaram.

7. In this talook both Poonjah and Nunjah cultivation has suffered much from want of rain, and the wet crops have been attacked with a disease called "Soorai." In the Sreemoostnam division all the crops have more or less withered or are withering.

8. Cattle sickness is reported to be very general throughout the district, the diseases being the cow-pox, and what is called Vekkay; and cholera, small-pox, and fever are also about, though hitherto they have not appeared in any very virulent form.

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Submitting for the information of Government report from the Collector of South Arcot on the state of the season in the District upto the 21st January 1858 -

ORDER THEREON, 29th January 1868, No. 253.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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