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Communicated to the Superintend-
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(True Extract.)

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Secretary to Government.

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Ed. F. B. Bantleman.

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2. As regards the sub-division comprising the three Talooks of Ongole, Kandukur, and Kanigeri, the Acting Sub-Collector writes, 7th January :—

“ I have been round the greater part of the sub-division, and from personal inspection and inquiry in the course of a journey over a hundred miles, found that the wet crops are almost everywhere in good order, with enough water stored in the tanks for them.

“ The staple dry food-grain of Kandukur, *Aregalu*, was not very flourishing when I last heard, but the late rain will have benefited it. The *Jonna* harvested was much blighted throughout the greater part of the division, but *Worigalu*, the principal dry food-grain of Ongole, and of the greater part of the sub-division, is in capital order. The heavy dews which fall nightly contribute in no small degree to the nurture of this crop. The oil-seed crop has in some places been slightly blighted, but cotton, horse-gram, red-gram, green-gram, are all in good order; Raggy is now being transplanted, and the wells for the watering of this crop are full.

“ On the 24th ultimo we had a day's rain, apparently generally throughout the sub-division (district?) but not so heavy, I hear, as in the sub-division. On the whole, agricultural prospects are very satisfactory.”

3. I next take the Head Assistant's charge comprising the Talooks of Kavali and Udayageri. The Acting Head Assistant Collector wrote, 3rd January :—

“ The fall of rain which we had in Nellore on the 24th seems to have been heavier in Kavali. The Tahsildar reports that a little more than two inches have fallen in Kavali, and that the wet crops throughout the talook are now safe, and that a tolerable yield may be expected. He says in an English communication to me that the rain has been heavier in the west of the talook, which caused me to hope that the Udayageri Talook had got some rain. The Udayageri Tahsildar in his Arzi, received this day, informs me, however, that no rain whatever has fallen, and that the people and cattle are already suffering from drought. I am afraid that there will be considerable distress in the talook this year. Prices of food-grains, it will be seen (from a comparison of the lists given in the two Arzis), have considerably risen, but the rise is said to be due to some extent to demands from the inland districts. Prices in Kavali have risen since the date of the Tahsildar's first Arzi but he says that the rise had been checked by the fall of rain.”

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4. In my last I reported having visited the Talooks of Udayageri and Atmakur. I have again sent Mr. Knox, Assistant Collector, out there, personally to note any changes. There is a road now in progress from the Dornal road to Udayageri. The Department Public Works have hitherto had some difficulty in procuring labor for this work, but I hear that coolies are now flocking in.

5. The Superintending Engineer thinks that this road, the Dornal road, and the Someswaram road will all afford abundant labor for this neighbourhood; but he also thinks it would be desirable to draw away the people from the worst localities to places where prices are lower, and therefore he considers that the Sarvapalli project is one of the most suitable to expend money on, to afford labor to the distressed classes. As Colonel Winscom states that a sufficient supply of tools are not available, I request the early sanction of Government for Rupees 1,000 for this purpose.

6. I have commenced the Jumabundy of the Nellore Talook, and find that a large number of tanks have received an inadequate supply, so that much wet land has been left waste. I have notified the Board's sanction to my proposal, to charge only the highest dry rate on wet lands cultivated this year with dry crops, and the ryots, I am inclined to think, will avail themselves of the privilege to a large extent. If the water is insufficient for rice crops, it is better to encourage the cultivation of other food-grains.

7. The Head Assistant has lately made a tour, at my request, through the Gudur Talook. There also the tanks have in many cases received an inadequate supply, and there is much waste. In the south, particularly, the drought is more severely felt, where the crops which have been put down are perishing. The same or a worst state of things prevails in the Rapur Talook, which has lately been visited by Mr. Knox, Assistant Collector, and the scarcity will also, I fear, be much felt in the Zemindary Tracts of Venkatageri. I hope the road from Gudur and Venkatageri will shortly be put in hand, and also the road from Manubole to Podalakur. The Superintending Engineer has been pushing on the plan and estimates of the district roads, and several I have already submitted for sanction.

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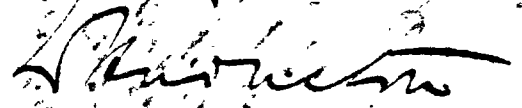
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