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No. 40. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th January 1868:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Salem, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Salem, 24th January 1868, No. 19.

1. I have just had the honor to receive your Official Memorandum of the 22nd instant, No. 87.

2. *Season and state of Crops.*—The dry cultivation season commenced well, but the subsequent failure of rain affected in a measure a good harvest. In Uttengeri, a portion of Tripatoor, and a portion of Trichengode, there was a considerable failure of Punjah crops. In other parts the Punjah harvest has been fair on the whole. The Sub-Collector reports, however, that the Raggy crop in Darampuri and about Palcode has been such that prices are rising somewhat considerably.

3. The wet cultivation did not commence till very late. The tanks did not begin to fill till August. In September most of the tanks received a fair supply of water, and wet cultivation commenced. Subsequent failure of rain, however, affected the crops much in Kistnagherry, Salem, Uttengeri, Tripatoor, and Trichengode Talooks. In Ahtur, in parts of Namkul and Darampuri, and in Oossoor, the crops have been better—this in the two former chiefly owing to the existence of the anicuts and channels. The crop now on the ground is chiefly paddy, and inquiries are being instituted in regard to those that have failed. In the Womalore sub-division of the Salem Talook, the Nunjah Shavi amounted to Rupees 5,250, and I gave remissions to the extent of Rupees 3,452 for Shavi, and Rupees 1,328 for Nunjah waste. The Sub-Collector has just informed me that he was obliged to remit above 1,000 Rupees under Soongambassoa tank, which was breached during the August rains; as yet I am unable to say what the amount of Shavi will be, as I have only finished some 200 villages of the Salem Talook. Monday, I commence in Ahtur Talook, but owing to the good supply of anicuts there, I do not anticipate so bad a state of things as in other parts of the district.

4. *Markets.*—Prices are rising, though not rapidly. Markets are pretty well supplied, and I do not think that they will have to look for some time yet to other places for supply.

5. *General condition of the people.*—With few exceptions the state of public health is on the whole good. Fever at Denkencotta and cholera at Shenkerrydroog and parts of Namkul have been reported. A Medical Subordinate has been sent to Denkencotta to treat fever cases, which have almost abated, and cholera medicines, with directions for using them, have been sent to Shenkerrydroog and Namkul. There have been a few cases of cholera in Salem town but not fatal. Disease among cattle has broken out at Trichengode, and a report of the same has been sent to Mr. Thacker. No difficulty has as yet been experienced for pasture or water for cattle. What may be the case in another six weeks or so it is hardly possible to tell just now.

6. I may add that the state of the district is not as yet so bad as to require the organization of any special measures of relief. I will, however, keep the Board informed from time to time as to the actual state. The Local Fund works, now in progress, give labor to as many as at present are in need and willing to work, and

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if it should be found, in future, necessary to give further employment, I shall lose no time in addressing the Board on the subject.

Submitted for the information of Government.

No. 41. ORDER THEREON, 3rd February 1868, No. 300.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Relief Committee.
„ W. Robinson, Esq.
„ the Editors' Table.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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