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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
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No. 101. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st February 1868.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Camp at Podile, 25th January 1868, No. 201:—

1. I have the honor to submit my season report for the week ending 11th January. I regret that this should not have been despatched before, but I have been on circuit, and the Tahsildars' reports have been following me, and some of them received were incomplete.

Rain.—No rain, though the sky was cloudy. Heavy dews in the Sub-division which brings on the dry crops. In the Western Talooks of Rapur, Atmakur, and Udayagiri, the want of water is beginning to be seriously felt. As to the supply of water remaining in the principal tanks, the following is a brief statement:—Ongole $\frac{1}{4}$ th to $\frac{1}{2}$ ths, Kanigiri $\frac{1}{4}$ th to $\frac{1}{2}$ ths, Kandakur $\frac{1}{4}$ th to $\frac{1}{2}$ ths, Kavali $\frac{1}{4}$ th to $\frac{1}{2}$ th, Udayagiri $\frac{1}{4}$ th to $\frac{1}{2}$ ths, Atmakur $\frac{1}{4}$ th to $\frac{1}{2}$ ths, Nellore $\frac{1}{4}$ th to $\frac{1}{2}$ ths, Gudur $\frac{1}{4}$ th to $\frac{1}{2}$ ths, Rapur $\frac{1}{4}$ th to $\frac{1}{2}$ ths.

State of the crops.—In the talooks of Ongole, Kandukur, Kavali, and Kanigiri, the rice crops are being cut, and pasturage is abundant except in Kanigiri. The dry cultivation of Jonna, Ariga, and Sujja, is doing well, though lamp-oil seeds have been somewhat blighted. In Nellore and Atmakur the rice crops are doing well as far as there is water, but many of the tanks are drying up. To the south and west in the talooks of Udayagiri, Atmakur, and Rapur, the effects of the drought are becoming serious and crops are suffering.

Prices.—Prices have slightly fallen in Ongole and Kavali. They have risen in Udayagiri and Atmakur, and are stationary elsewhere.

Public health.—Small-pox prevails in the Gudur talook, and has appeared in Rapur. Fever and ague in Kandukur and Striharikota.

Cattle.—The following cattle diseases prevail in the Gudur and Kandukur talooks especially, and also to some extent elsewhere:—"Gudipettu," "Gurakategulu," "Sarukurogam."

2. I am now making a tour through the northern part of the district, and find the prospects of the season up here very satisfactory.

3. I deputed Mr. C. J. Knox, Assistant Collector, to visit the Western Talooks of Udayagiri and Atmakur. He writes "the people are everywhere complaining, and I think with cause. Even in places where the wet lands are cultivated (generally with Sanavari), the crops want a month's more rain to ripen. Jonna looks very fair, but it is only about two months' growth, and wants one inch or two of rain yet. Raggy and gram middling only. Ariga bad."

Submitted for the information of Government.

No. 101 A. ORDER THEREON, 5th February 1868, No. 327.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Relief Committee.
„ W. Robinson, Esq.
Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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