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No. 24. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th February 1868.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated on Circuit at Vempally, 20th February 1868, No. 25 :—

1. As requested by the Board,* I have the honor to report on the condition of the population in this district.

* Proceedings No. 457, dated 20th January 1868.

2. Without doubt much distress prevails in the talook of Badwail, and in a less degree in those of Sidhout and Pullampett. There is, as far as I can learn, no reason to apprehend an actual scarcity of food, the means of access to the Cuddapah and other well-supplied markets are sufficient for the purpose of preventing that, but the ability of the lower classes to purchase it is rapidly becoming less. The talook of Badwail is perhaps the poorest in the district—with the exception of Badwail and Poremamillah there is not a rich village in it. This year the ryots have not even got one wet crop, and much of the dry cultivation has been lost. The Inamdars are almost ruined. Jodi and quit-rent have been fixed at high rates, and the loss of the crop has reduced them in many instances to actual beggary.

3. Considerable numbers of the laboring part of the population, which no doubt includes many ryots whose lands are waste, have gone to get labor on the works of the Irrigation Company.

4. Prices in the town of Badwail are as follow :—

Rice, 1st sort	Per Rupee	6 Seers.
Do., 2nd sort	,,	6½ ,,
Paddy, 1st sort... ...	,,	13 ,,
Do., 2nd sort... ...	,,	14 ,,
Wheat	,,	5 ,,
Horse-gram	,,	12 ,,
Green gram	,,	5 ,,
Raggy	,,	11 ,,
Sujja...	,,	11 ,,
Jonna	,,	11 ,,
Arikalu	,,	14 ,,
Salt	,,	9 ,,
Cotton	Rs.	100 per Pooty.

Prices do not appear to vary much anywhere, but in some parts of the district, particularly in Cuddapah and Pulivendla, I find food is actually cheaper than it was this time last year.

5. I do not think severe distress is to be apprehended in any part of the district except Badwail, Sidhout, and Pullampett. In the last two I hope we shall be able to hold out till the next crop comes in, but with regard to the first I entertain very serious apprehension. Should next monsoon fail, we shall be in the midst of a famine.

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1. Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Acting Collector should, if possible, at once visit the Badwail talook, and report on its condition, and on the necessity for special measures for the relief of the people.

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No. 25. ORDER THEREON, 4th March 1868, No. 569.

Miscellaneous.

The Government hope that the Acting Collector will be able without delay to visit and report more fully on the Badwail talook.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,

Under Secretary to Government.

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To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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The Government hope that the ~~Sub~~ Collector will be able ~~to report shortly~~ without delay to visit and report more fully on the ~~state of~~ the Budwail Taluq.

I will let the Collector go. The Assistants are rather young & inexperienced

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F. B. Hudson Secy to Govt.
4th March/68

I would desire the AG Collr. to send out to Badwail to ascertain the true state of things, an assistant Collr., say, Mr. Overbury who is at Cuddapah, or the AG H.A. Mr. Van Hardenpe might go. The AG Collr. will not be able to go there with the heavy work of the coming pumnabands on his hands. It is an out of the way Saloch rather though not so far distant as some of the Saloches.