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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 170. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th March 1868.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Nellore, 29th February 1868, No. 614:—

1. I have the honor to submit the usual weekly season report of this district from 16th to 22nd February.

2. There was no rain during the week in any part of the district, nor does the present aspect of the sky indicate the probability of any. The water in the largest tanks is running low, while the lesser tanks are almost entirely dry.

3. In the Gudur talook there is said to be an average loss of some 60 or 70 gorrus wet produce in each village. The Jonna crop is promising in the talooks of Rapur, Kavali, Udayagiri, and Kandukur.

Pishanam and Sannavari are being cut in Nellore and Kavali talooks; the inferior kinds of paddy, called "Keari" and "Yiswaracora," have suffered much in the former. In Atmakur, Sannavari and Ariga are being cut, and Jonna, Lamp-oil seed, and Horse-gram are partially blighted. In Kavali the Ariga is being cut, and the young paddy sown in the latter part of the cultivating season is withering. In Udayagiri talook the wet crops have suffered much. In Kandukur, Ariga and Variga are all nearly cut, and Paddy and Lamp-oil crop are being reaped. In Ongole talook the dry cultivation, such as Horse-gram, Bengal gram, &c., is doing well. In Kanigiri, Horse-gram and Lamp-oil seed are being reaped.

4. Prices generally have been stationary, as will be seen from the statement given under:—

Comparative Statement of the average prices of the past and present weeks.

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5. Owing to the prevalence of small-pox, ten persons have died in Rapur talook; but in other talooks it has not proved fatal. Ague and fever are also prevailing in parts of the district.

6. Cattle disease is spreading in all the talooks except Kavali. In Atmakur, there were some deaths during the week. Strict orders have been issued to carry out segregation, according to Mr. Thacker's recommendation.

7. The weather is now getting hot unusually early, especially in Udayagiri, Kanigiri, and Rapur. The Jummahbundy of Nellore, Kavali, and Ongole talooks have been completed. The demand for coolies by the Department Public Works is greatly in excess of the number coming to seek employment. In all that part of the country where any distress prevails, orders have been issued to proclaim in the villages by beat of drum, that employment can be had on the Dugarazapatam canal, the Survapalli Irrigation project, or on the several roads now in progress. There ought to be no distress for want of employment.

Submitted for the information of Government.

No. 171. ORDER THEREON, 11th March 1868, No. 641.

Ordered to be laid on the Editors' Table.

Miscellaneous.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

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

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