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Government of Madras.

*Revenue* DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
24th March 1868.*

No. 397. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th March 1868.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Nellore, 14th March 1868, No. 796 :—

1. I have the honor to submit the season report of this district for the week ending 7th March 1868.

2. RAIN.—None.

3. STATE OF CROPS.—The wet cultivation in many villages of Gudur talook is unpromising, owing to the total absence of rain towards the end of the season. The same remark also applies to Udayagiri, Nellore, and part of Rapur. The Jonna crop is being reaped in Atmakur, Udayagiri, and Rapur. The dry crops and paddy generally in Kavali, Sannavari in Kandukur, and Raggy in Kanigiri, are all very nearly harvested. Raggy in Atmakur is ripening, and will be cut shortly. In Ongole Bengal-grain and other dry grains promise well.

4. PRICES.—From the statement of average prices hereunder given it will be seen that prices during the period under report have continued generally stationary with slight changes :—

*Comparative Statement of the average prices of the past and present week.*

|                            | PADDY.                  |                     | RICE.               |                     | RAGGY.              |                     | CHONDA.             |                     | CHONDA.             |                     | AJGAL.              |                     | VAMANTH.            |                     | HONSAKAM.           |                     |
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5. PUBLIC HEALTH.—Small-pox and ague in Atmakur, Kanigiri, and Kandukur talooks, and small-pox alone in Gudur, Rapur, Nellore, and Ongole, are still prevalent, but not of a virulent type. Some deaths from this disease have been reported from Gudur. Anticipations of serious want of water are daily increasing in Udayagiri. Cattle in some places have to be watered from wells; tanks are nearly all dry.

6. STATE OF CATTLE.—Cattle disease still exists all over the district, except in Kavali. In Rapur it is gradually abating.

7. I have just received a report from Tookinga Mudaliar, the Deputy Collector, who has been settling the talook of Rapur. He reports from personal observation that in a few villages the wet crops are coming on well, but in others the wet lands have either been left waste, or the crops are withering. He states that Jonna, which is the staple dry crop, is unusually good this year, and that the other dry crops promise an ordinary yield. He estimates that there are only about 100 coolies in the talook available for public works. With regard to the Southern Division of the Venkatagiri Zemindary, he represents that the general prospects of the season are much the same as in Rapur, and in some localities somewhat worse.

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Mr. Hughesdon, the Head Assistant Collector, has just completed the settlement of the Udayagiri talook. He has not found it necessary to grant any remissions for loss on dry land. He reports that most of the tanks are dry, and cattle are being watered from wells, but he does not think that there is any suffering as yet; nor are the people in any numbers seeking the employment offered them on the roads. The demand for coolies is considerably in excess of the numbers coming to seek labor.

8. I enclose copy of his Memorandum.

10. In the Proceedings No. 1,440, dated 28th February 1868, the Board have called upon me to report from what source I propose to meet the charge of Rupees 200, which I have authorized the Tahsildar of Udayagiri to advance for digging or deepening wells. I have the honor to submit that the course was suggested by the Board themselves in their Proceedings, No. 1,050, dated 12th February 1868. The Tahsildar has been instructed to debit the charge in the accounts to the head "Advances recoverable." The inhabitants of Udayagiri Kasba are raising a voluntary subscription for the repair of the old aqueduct, which formerly brought a constant supply of water to the town from the Droog. I have promised them to seek a grant-in-aid from Government for Local Funds equivalent to the amount they may subscribe, and I trust that the Board will support this recommendation, that the work may be put in hand without loss of time. A plan and estimate are under preparation by the Department Public Works. The amount promised by the people up to date is Rupees 1,325.

1. Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The charge of Rupees 200 may be debited to the Reserve under the District Road Fund. The Board morever desired to know from what provision the Acting Collector himself would propose to meet the charge.

3. The Board will be prepared to consider favorably any proposals for making a grant-in-aid in favor of the project referred to at the close of the Acting Collector's letter.

No. 318. Order thereon, 24th March 1868, No. 751.

Miscellaneous

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. ELLIESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue,  
The Board of Commissioners,  
The Revenue Dept.,  
The District Tahsils.

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Submitting to Government  
Report of Collector of Bellary  
on state of the season &  
crops, prices of grain, con-  
dition of people &c for  
week ending 7th March 1868

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10 Copies of the Report of the Collector of Bellary  
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