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Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read again D. O. dated 9th February 1889, No. 12, to Mr. Turner.

In an office Memorandum which Mr. Merriam sent to the Board on the 2nd Instant, he writes as if scarcity had manifested itself and there was a possibility even of famine. He says "the general opinion I think is that we shall have real scarcity at any rate, if indeed it is not already present." He proceeds to advocate suspension of the Salt Act for a time to enable the poorer classes to obtain untaxed salt. The season pelygrams from the District have not indicated that there is any cause for anxiety and I am to ask you whether the anticipation of distress which Mr. Merriam affirms to be prevalent in the District is well founded or not and to request that if there is any ground for apprehension you will report fully on the condition of the District without delay.

Read also D. O. from Mr. H. G. Turner dated 17th February 1889.

The impression is that the price of rice will rise to scarcity rates in March & April. The price of dry grains is now 50 per cent above scarcity rates.

People have been leaving the District in large numbers for Coconada and Beypate where they find work, remitting sums to their families at home from time to time. This is an annual custom in this District, though the labour emigration set in earlier this year and the numbers moving off are larger than usual.

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There is not sufficient food in the district to feed the people. There rarely is at this time of the year. But supplies are coming in freely from Coconada and Jeypore.

If no rain falls at Sivapattinam (2nd instant) we may expect scarcity of water in many taluks and if no rain falls in April to enable the jingely crop to be sown, we shall have to find work for a considerable number of people in many taluks - what I intend to do now is to decide on works in different parts of the District to be commenced, if necessary, on the 1st April. We shall begin with Local Fund works and we shall probably ask Government to allow us to draw in advance of our collections which do not fall in till October. I think it also highly desirable that the D.P.W. should take up the Palconda irrigation and embankment works. I have called, already, for full information on all points from the Divisional officers and I have directed statistics to be kept of the imports of grain by sea and road.

As soon as I get the information I have called for, I shall submit a report to the Board showing the state we are in, what may be expected and what measures I propose to meet distress should it supervene.

Although I have taken precautions in this way, I do not anticipate that affairs will come to a hard pitch, so long as grain flows freely into the District, and unless the April showers fail. The general idea throughout the District is that the coming year will be a favorable one, but it may be that the wish is father to the hope.

I am writing to Muriman to send me the sources of his information. He has several good

good men under him and perhaps they deserve things in a different light from the Revenue and Magisterial officials, who I dare say imagine that Government "don't want and won't have" a famine, and so may be over cautious.

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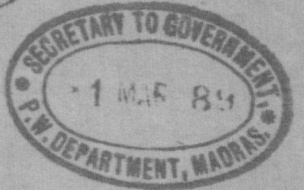
Order thereon, 26th February 1889, No. 1223.

Ordered that the following telegram be despatched to the Collector of Vizagapatnam.

"Your letter official 17th instant regarding condition district. Expedite promised report. Government rely on your vigilance if at any time immediate action becomes necessary wire recommendations."

(True Extract)

Secretary to Government,



To The Col^y of Vizagapatnam
 " Com^r of R^y & Dir: 7th
 a Public Works Dept^y

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