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28TH MARCH 1891, No. 240, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 13th March 1891, No. 138 :—

MR. CLOGSTOUN.

Read—the following letter from W. J. H. LE FANU, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Chittoor, 27th February 1891, Ref. Board No. 437 :—

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, No. 58, dated 4th February 1891, I have the honor to forward herewith a statement showing the general prospects in this district in all the taluks and zemindaris in February 1891. The parts of the district reported to have been affected were portions of Wandiwash, Pólúr, Wálahápet, Arcot, Chittoor, Palmanér and Chandragiri taluks and the Kálahasti zemindari comprising the Kálahasti and Maderpak divisions. The Tahsildar of Gudiyátam has since reported that a failure of crops has occurred in a few villages of the Katpadi firka, the amount of remission involved being Rs. 1,000. The remissions involved in the Chittoor and Palmanér taluks have been since raised by the Tahsildars from Rs. 2,000 and Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 7,000 and Rs. 5,000, respectively. In Chandragiri taluk only three villages of Tirupati division are reported to have been affected. The rainfall in January and February has not done any material good to the failing crops in any of the Government taluks except Pólúr, where the fall of 4.25 inches has supplemented the supply in tanks appreciably, thus tending to avert expected shavi over about 2,000 acres and to bring under cultivation about 2,000 acres of wet and 1,200 acres of dry waste. The demand for employment is not yet keenly felt in Pólúr taluk, as the harvesting, &c., of the standing crops will afford employment to people for nearly a month. The Villupuram-Guntakal Railway still employs a large number of coolies. About 300 coolies are at present employed on minor irrigation works started in the Wandiwash taluk and more coolies are expected to flock to these and other works in a few days when the agricultural operations will be over. [The figures just received by telegram are higher, the Deputy Collector having sent 1,100 coolies from 23 villages to the Cheyár channel. How many of them, however, have actually joined at the work is not known. He reports 650 coolies as employed on the minor irrigation works.] The health of the people is reported to be generally fair, but the District Surgeon informs me, under date the 24th February 1891, that a large number of men coming into the Vellore Central Jail from some of the southern taluks showed signs of emaciation and have steadily improved since admission. There is nothing alarming in the state of the markets, but there has been a rise in the prices of all the principal food-grains, that under rice and ragi being slight as shown below :—

Grains.	On the 31st January 1891.	On the 21st February 1891.	Rise.
Rice	12.21	11.72	0.49
Cholum	22.33	20.21	2.12
Ragi	23.13	23.00	0.13
Cumbu	20.47	18.94	1.53

2. Of the zemindari tracts, Kálahasti was reported to have been suffering somewhat seriously from drought. In parts of the zemindari there have been very good rains in January and February, which brought a supply to about 50 tanks, ranging from 15 days to three months' water, and there has been a temporary amelioration in these parts. In the tract lying south of the Nagalapuram-Periyapalayam road and east of the Tiruvallúr-Satyavedu road and also in the tract known as Lokki or the southern part of the Ragigunta valley, the rainfall does not appear to have been sufficient to materially improve the state of things. From house-to-house inquiries made by the Head Assistant Collector in the first mentioned tract, it appears that about 38 per cent. of the people in these parts will be shortly in want of food, and of these 23 per cent., being able-bodied persons, are or will shortly be in want of employment. Mr. Buckley's report also showed that some of the people were living on insufficient food or only one meal every other day. The Board and Government have ordered that people in want of work in this zemindari should be sent to the Ponnéri and Arni works in the Chingleput district; but the people are reported to be unwilling to leave their homes, as they cannot take with them their cattle and their young and old relations such a long distance. Their aversion to leave their homes is also ascribed to the selfish disinclination of the richer ryots to let the coolies go far away from their villages and the instinctive tendency of the natives to cling to their native villages. I have separately addressed the Commissioner on the advisability of starting works in, or in the immediate neighbourhood of, the affected villages—vide my letter, Reference on Gl. Eng. No. 1247, dated 26th February 1891.

3. The health of the people is generally good except in Maderpak division, where fever and small-pox are said to have broken out.

Resolution—dated 13th March 1891, No. 138.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Board is glad to observe that Mr. LeFanu is able to report a decided improvement in prospects throughout the district with the exception of portions of the Wandiwash taluk and of the Kálahasti zemindari and a few isolated villages in the Wálájápet and Chandragiri taluks. In Wandiwash there was an aggregate fall of 1.44 inches of rain on four days in February which, however, brought little or no supplies to the tanks. "The standing crops have been somewhat refreshed and baling was saved for a few days." Many fields which were about to become shavi (withered) are looking green, but Mr. LeFanu is very doubtful if they will give any yield. The rain was unseasonable for ground-nut which had already been injured by the January rains and which was therefore damaged still more. The condition of the people in this taluk is said not to have appreciably improved since January, but the Collector states that it has not grown worse. The harvest and other operations afford sufficient employment to the people, which is likely to last ten or fifteen days more. Some 231 coolies were employed on eight minor irrigation works and 50 more on the Cheyár works, but on the date of the Collector's letter (27th February) he received telegraphic intimation that the number had risen to 650 on the minor irrigation works and that 1,100 more were despatched to the Cheyár works. The Board observes, however, from the season report for the week ending the 7th instant, that very few of these persons had joined the works by that date, the actual number employed on the 7th current being returned at only 403 on the eleven minor irrigation works in progress in that taluk and at 190 on the Public Works Department works, giving a total of 593 coolies only for the whole taluk. The Collector is requested to ascertain, if necessary, the causes which operated to prevent the major portion of the coolies sent by the Deputy Collector from resorting to the works and report the result. Care should always be taken, when sending coolies for admission on any particular works, to forward a written request to the officer in charge who will be bound to admit them without delay. The maximum number of coolies that could be employed on different works should be ascertained beforehand and the drafting of the coolies regulated accordingly so that people may not go disappointed by having to wander from place to place in search of employment.

3. As regards prices, Mr. LeFanu reports that "there is nothing alarming in the state of the markets" though "there has been a rise in the prices of all the principal food-grains, that under rice and ragi being slight." Since the date of his letter, however, there has been a fall in the prices of these two grains which are the chief staples of the district:—

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of North Arcot.

ORDER—dated 28th March 1891, No. 240, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

2. The Board's instructions at the close of paragraph 2 of its Proceedings are approved.
(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.
" the Public Works Department.

Exd. A. Aubert.

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Recording, with remark, Board's Proceedings submitting letter from the Collector of North Arcot about the general prospects in the district.

BOARD OF REVENUE (REV. SETT., L. RDS. AND AGR.), 13TH MAR. 1891, No. 138.

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Exd. C. A. Munisawmy.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings, 13th March 1891, No. 138.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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