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13TH AUGUST 1891, No. 744, REVENUE.

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	496
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Resolution—dated 5th August 1891, No. 488.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall of the district up to the week ending 1st August has been 3.56 inches as compared with 11.39 inches, the average of the same period for the past three years. The rain in the past week also compares very unfavorably with the rainfall in the corresponding period of the past three years which amounted to 2.89 inches. Cultivation, as the Collector shows, is very backward, only 37,000 acres having been sown from the beginning of April as compared with 65,000, the average of the past five years. The average cultivation up to the end of July is, however, but a small proportion of the total cultivation of the year which is 658,000 acres, and it may be trusted therefore that though the south-west monsoon has been a failure up to date, there is yet time during the year to retrieve the losses incurred up to date. Meantime, however, the numbers seeking employment at the hands of Government are increasing, while the numbers unable to work and demanding gratuitous relief are increasing in a still greater ratio. The numbers on Departmental major irrigation works and on minor irrigation works at the end of the previous fortnight were 8,579 and on the 25th, the end of the fortnight under review, they amounted to 8,440. The numbers gratuitously relieved in kitchens at the end of the previous fortnight were 318. On the 25th they had mounted up to 945 and on the 1st instant they were 1,534. The great increase in numbers on gratuitous relief occurred in the Sub-Division where Mr. Mullaly has been admitting a very large number of persons, chiefly children. The Collector states that he is not without apprehension that compassion has outrun discretion, and he has issued strict orders that in admitting to gratuitous relief officers shall act upon no presumptions, but solely upon the physical test. The Collector's order was issued in connection with an expression of opinion by Mr. Mullaly "that it may safely be presumed that the condition of the Pariahs is such that the distribution of kitchen food to the young whether healthy or emaciated and to the infirm is necessary." The Commissioner agrees with the Collector in considering that in the public interests no such presumption should be made. The fact that a child is in good condition must be taken as evidence that his parents are in a condition to support him as they have done hitherto until the contrary is proved.

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6. Cattle must suffer largely if the rains hold off much longer.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

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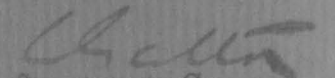
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25. I have not much fear that the kitchens in the Main Division have admitted too profusely; the difficulty is the other way, the people holding back. In the Sub-Division, however, I found that Pariahs were coming without sufficient reason, and in Karunguli I had to reject 88 out of 225 inmates, a duty in which I had the assistance of the District Medical officer. In the current fortnight, Mr. Mullaly has been admitting a very large number of persons, chiefly children, and I confess I am not without apprehension that compassion has outrun discretion. I cannot visit the southern kitchens again at present, but I shall endeavour in writing as already attempted verbally to impress upon him that we are to act upon no presumptions, but solely on the physical test.

26. The application in paragraph 25 of my last report for Rs. 5,000 to be formally sanctioned for gratuitous relief has perhaps been overlooked.

27. Sir Savalai Ramasami Mudaliar has generously sent some 600 cloths to clothe the men, women and children in our kitchens; but it is still better news that he is repairing the irrigation and the drinking water tanks in his zemindari villages. Would that other zemindars and shrotriendars would follow his example!

RESOLUTION—dated 5th August 1891, No. 488.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The rainfall of the district up to the week ending 1st August has been 3.56 inches as compared with 11.39 inches, the average of the same period for the past three years. The rain in the past week also compares very unfavorably with the

rainfall in the corresponding period of the past three years which amounted to 2.89 inches. Cultivation, as the Collector shows, is very backward, only 37,000 acres having been sown from the beginning of April as compared with 65,000, the average of the past five years. The average cultivation up to the end of July is, however, but a small proportion of the total cultivation of the year which is 658,000 acres, and it may be trusted therefore that though the south-west monsoon has been a failure up to date, there is yet time during the year to retrieve the losses incurred up to date. Meantime, however, the numbers seeking employment at the hands of Government are increasing, while the numbers unable to work and demanding gratuitous relief are increasing in a still greater ratio. The numbers on Departmental major irrigation works and on minor irrigation works at the end of the previous fortnight were 8,579 and on the 25th, the end of the fortnight under review, they amounted to 8,440. The numbers gratuitously relieved in kitchens at the end of the previous fortnight were 318. On the 25th they had mounted up to 945 and on the 1st instant they were 1,534. The great increase in numbers on gratuitous relief occurred in the Sub-Division where Mr. Mullaly has been admitting a very large number of persons, chiefly children. The Collector states that he is not without apprehension that compassion has outrun discretion, and he has issued strict orders that in admitting to gratuitous relief officers shall act upon no presumptions, but solely upon the physical test. The Collector's order was issued in connection with an expression of opinion by Mr. Mullaly "that it may safely be presumed that the condition of the Pariahs is such that the distribution of kitchen food to the young whether healthy or emaciated and to the infirm is necessary." The Commissioner agrees with the Collector in considering that in the public interests no such presumption should be made. The fact that a child is in good condition must be taken as evidence that his parents are in a condition to support him as they have done hitherto until the contrary is proved.

3. Delay in payment on the major irrigation works under the control of the Public Works Department is still complained of, but the matter is now receiving the earnest attention of that department.

4. Prices continue to rise, that of rice is dearer than the scarcity rate in three reporting stations. Ragi is still very much cheaper than the scarcity rate, but its price is steadily rising. The average for the district on the 1st instant was 17.55 as compared with the scarcity rate of 13.2, but at Sattiavedu, Ponnéri and Madurantakam they were much dearer than the district average, being 16.44, 17.13 and 17.10, respectively.

5. The public health as judged by the recorded death-rate was unusually good up to the beginning of June. In that month, however, the recorded deaths exceeded the average of the same month by 300, being 1,860 as compared with the average of 1,560. Cholera has appeared in five taluks, but the mortality up to date is not large.

6. Cattle must suffer largely if the rains hold off much longer.

7. Government is requested to accord sanction to the Collector's application for Rs. 5,000 for expenditure on gratuitous relief.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of the Chingleput District.

For P. Rajaratna, Rev. & Agil. Dept.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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2. The attention of the Public Depart-
ment is invited to the remarks of
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The question raised in para 16 will be
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3. The Financial Department has
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