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READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 18th December 1891, No. 812 :—

MR. CLOGSTOUN.

Read—the following letter from E. C. JOHNSON, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Chatrapur, 26th November 1891, No. 1567-Ver. :—

I have just returned from accompanying His Excellency the Governor in a hurried tour through those parts of the district where the want of rain has been most severely felt, and although I have not as yet any detailed information as to the extent to which crops have suffered, am in a position to give a general survey of the condition of the district.

2. Most of the northern portion of the district has had sufficient rain, though rain-fed paddy has failed in a good many places and the crop is light in most. In Chicacole taluk only lands under river channels have yielded well; in some 30 upland villages the paddy crop is a complete failure. The same is the case throughout the zemindari and proprietary villages of Narsannapet and Tekkali divisions and in a few villages of Tarla, Mandasa, and Jalandra zemindari; also in about 13 ryotwari villages of the Berhampore taluk along the coast. Parlakimedi has fair crops. On the whole the average outturn of the district is likely to be about 8 annas.

3. In parts of Chicacole taluk in the Tekkali division and some other places there is already great want of drinking water, and, unless some unusual rain falls later, there must be a regular water famine.

4. In those tracts where much loss of crop has occurred, it will be necessary to make special arrangements to provide work for the needy. The East Coast Railway passes right through the worst parts of the district and will afford some employment for labour, but the bulk of the earthwork is already done, and what remains will be finished in a couple of months at latest. It will then be necessary to undertake some special works which will afford labour and wages. I have under examination a scheme for extending the Nagarikattakam river channel some 25 miles through the very worst part of the Chicacole taluk; levels have been taken which show that the project is feasible without any exceptionally heavy work and that it will bring a large extent of Government land under irrigation from the Vamsadhara—land which now draws a most precarious supply either from rain-fed tanks or from the Gareebulgedda. I have asked the District Engineer to hurry on the estimate for this work and would urge its being taken in hand at once. His Excellency Lord Wenlock is of opinion that this should be done.

5. Meanwhile I would ask the Board to give me at once, if possible, an extra allotment of Rs. 10,000 for minor irrigation works to be expended mainly in Chicacole taluk. I am having special inquiries instituted with a view to induce the people of Chicacole and Tekkali taluks to accept loans for digging wells, and, should

I find that there is any prospect of their doing so, I shall apply for a grant under this head. Hitherto all efforts have proved unavailing. Many ryots, to whom I spoke on the subject lately, informed that they did not care to dig wells *because well cultivation was such hard work*.

6. I am arranging to make some experiments in boring for water in the worst parts of Chicacole and Tekkali, and propose to call upon the District Board at their meeting on Saturday next to allot Rs. 10,000 for boring for, and sinking, drinking-water wells, and for improving drinking-water tanks.

7. In the northern portion of the district the Rushikulya works will provide for the employment of large numbers. There are in hand, besides the ordinary earth-Gully channel. On the latter alone there is said to be several months' work for 8,000 men, but the situation is feverish, and it will be difficult to get coolies to go there. The Ichápur distributary is being laid out and will be available for work in some three months; it is from 25 to 30 miles in length. I trust steps will be taken to ensure that the funds at the disposal of the Executive Engineer do not fall short. He has, I understand, sufficient funds for all work likely to be undertaken in the current financial year.

8. So far I have seen no great sign of falling off in the condition of the people, though in parts of Chicacole and Tekkali the poorer classes do not look as well furnished as those farther north. The price of rice is already high (last week seers 13.63 per rupee, scarcity rate being 11.20), and stocks are low owing to considerable export to Madras and Malabar during the year; but the Collector of Pooree tells me that he expects a 12-anna crop in his district, and if that is obtained, our stocks will be replenished from Orissa. Before the cyclonic rainfall of the 5th instant, an almost complete failure in Orissa was apprehended, which naturally tended to increase my anxiety.

9. There is still a heavy arrear balance against the Berhampore taluk, for most of which lands have been attached. In view of the state of the season, I have, pending orders from the Board, suspended coercive measures in the villages which have lost the bulk of their crop, and request sanction to do so till another crop is reaped. On receipt of further information from the Principal Assistant Collector, I will submit proposals for the postponement of peishkush in the case of some of the zemindars and proprietors of Chicacole and Tekkali.

10. To sum up the situation, I consider that it will be advisable to do all that is possible to provide ordinary work for those who are in need; but I trust that this, if done, will obviate the necessity for relief works proper.

Resolution—dated 18th December 1891, No. 812.

In his letter read above, the Collector of Ganjam makes a brief report on the condition of his district, and states that he is collecting further information as to the extent to which the crops have suffered.

2. As has already been reported, the pre-monsoon rainfall of May was remarkably heavy in Ganjam this year, but the south-west monsoon rains set in very late, though the fall was on the whole fairly up to the average. In October, however, the fall was very light, being less than two inches against an average for the whole district of over eight. The deficiency was greatest near the coast, where the fall is usually heaviest in that month, but less in the hill tracts. During November there was very little rain, except that of a cyclonic nature which fell early in the month, chiefly in the northern coast parts of the district. All through the season the southern portion of the district has suffered most. For the district as a whole the outturn is estimated at half an average crop, but in Chicacole and in the Narsannapet and

Tekkali divisions it is only under river channels that the crops have yielded well, whilst in some upland villages and a few villages in Berhampore near the coast paddy has failed entirely. In the only three Government taluks of the district—Goomsur, Berhampore and Chicacole—the area of land reported as sown up to November

	Dry.	Wet.
Sowings up to November—		
Normal	202,313	186,258
1891	201,516	181,063

was not far short of the normal, and in Goomsur the crops are safe, and it is only regarding the south of the district that any anxiety need be felt. In these parts there is already great want of drinking water, and the Collector states that unless some more rain falls later, there must be a regular water famine. During the last 21 years, taking the district as a whole, the average rain-fall in December has been 1.35 inches, but this includes specially heavy rainfall in the years noted on the margin,* and in eleven years of the period none or less than half an inch of rain was recorded. The rainfall of December 1878 was especially heavy at the southern stations in the district as noted on the margin.† The chances therefore of heavy rain in December are small, but it is possible that a cyclonic fall may occur.

	INCHES.
* 1878, December	11.77
1886	4.52

Stations.	INCHES.
† Sompét	16.40
Pundi	21.95
Tekkali	23.40
Narsannapet	16.00
Calingapatam	28.69
Chicacole	31.16
Parlakimedi	16.40

3. Prices have risen considerably in Ganjam since September when rice stood at 15.3, and on the 12th December rice was sold at 13.1 seers, the scarcity rate for the district being 11.2 seers. The price of rice, which has been ordered to be taken as the standard food-grain for the district, is therefore still 17 per cent. cheaper than the scarcity rate. Excluding the prices for 1889 and 1890, the highest rate ever quoted during the past ten years in November before, was that of 1886 when rice was sold at 13.3 seers per rupee. Seeing that the crop of the district is expected to give about half an average outturn, and the crop in Orissa is a fair one, although there may be some further rise in prices, there does not appear to be any cause for anticipating serious distress in the district. The district

Month.	Net exports from Ganjam.	
	1890.	1891.
	CWTS.	CWTS.
April	9,810	74,408
May	10,212	57,565
June	9,437	89,884
July	7,980	59,647
August	9,593	29,254
September	4,582	15,970
October	8,514	28,622
November	16,358	13,154
Total	76,486	368,504

has been exporting food-grains very briskly during the first seven months of the current official year, but the nature of the trade has decreased a good deal during the three later months, and in November sunk to a smaller figure than had been given for any single month during the past year. This trade began to expand in November 1890, and in March last the net exports amounted to 160,960 cwts. The total net exports since January last (603,800) would, however, only suffice to feed about 150,000 persons for one year, and the depletion of the district stocks does not appear to have been serious as yet.

4. Relief may, however, have to be afforded in the shape of employment in the southern portion of it, and the Collector proposes to put in hand an extension of the Nagarikattakam channel from the Vamsadhara through the worst part of the Chicacole taluk, and the repair of minor irrigation works in the same taluk. He will be informed that he may proceed with such works of the latter description as may be absolutely required to afford employment to those needing it, and that he may incur the necessary expenditure in excess of the allotment already made for the purpose in his district if necessary. The Board considers that the Public Works Department should also be prepared to start a large work in the southern part of the district in the course of two or three months.

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5. The Collector will be requested to report the result of his efforts to induce the ryots to sink wells by aid of State loans, as in a district like Ganjam, with its large area of rain-fed paddy, wells might often enable them to save their crops in seasons of short rainfall.

6. The Collector's action in suspending coercive processes for the collection of land revenue in Berhampore is approved, but he will be requested to cause detailed examination to be made as to the extent of the failure, and to report the result with specific recommendations as to the duration of the postponement he would suggest.

7. A further report on the condition of the district, based on the information Mr. Johnson is collecting, will be awaited, and he will be requested to submit a monthly report on the condition of his district (Board's Proceedings, dated 4th February 1891, No. 58, and 2nd October 1891, Mis. No. 5516) until further notice.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

„ Collector of Ganjam, with copy of Board's Proceedings,
Mis. No. 5516, dated 2nd October 1891.

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APPENDIX.

STATEMENT of rainfall in Ganjam.

Stations.	April—September.		October.		November.		December.
	Normal.	1891.	Normal.	1891.	Normal.	1891.	*Average.
<i>Coast tract.</i>							
Purushottapur	32.01	31.95	9.40	1.43			
Ganjam	26.12	28.41	9.92	1.47	2.53		
Chatrapur	27.62	25.83	10.28	1.98	3.20	2.20	1.00
Berhampore	29.75	31.49	8.19	1.71	3.17	2.79	1.46
Gopálpur	28.52	24.71	10.67	1.71	4.76	2.20	1.31
Ichápur	28.26	25.28	10.12	1.29	4.23	2.21	1.46
Sómpet	27.35	29.20	9.69	1.38	3.93	2.94	1.05
Pándi	24.27	20.66	7.12	1.45	4.57	1.32	0.98
Tekkali	20.21	27.65	7.49	1.13	3.78	1.55	1.89
Narsannapet	18.00	20.77	6.11	0.25	2.81	0.40	1.73
Calingapatam	25.38	16.35	8.70	0.58	2.20	0.05	2.41
Chicacole	25.77	19.73	8.43	1.32	3.62	0.62	1.56
				1.62		0.03	2.37
Average	26.86	25.17	8.84	1.30	3.14	0.03	2.64
<i>Inland or hill tract.</i>							
					2.50	1.36	1.65
Balliguda	36.62	47.50	3.19				
Udayagiri	47.12	43.20	5.82	3.25			
Russellkonda	39.94	42.13	5.86	6.05	1.13		0.31
Suradá	37.18	30.71	6.42	0.29	3.18	0.35	1.40
Aska	35.66	28.87	7.40	2.27	2.52	1.13	0.76
Pithápuram	32.00	27.25	7.30	0.12	2.47	1.03	0.88
Parlákimedi	37.55	21.66	6.87	5.90	3.01	1.22	0.77
				3.97	4.30	1.00	1.23
Average	38.01	34.47	6.05	3.12	2.56		1.62
District average	30.95	28.59	8.10		2.74	0.70	1.00
				1.97	3.03	1.10	1.35

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Miscellaneous.

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2. The reports referred to in paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of the Proceedings read above should be submitted to Government when received.

3. The suggestion contained in the concluding portion of paragraph 4 of the Proceedings will be considered in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

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Secretary to Government.

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