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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.
(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

MR. CLOGSTOUN.

READ—the following letter from E. O. 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 Berhampore, 5th May 1892, Tour C. No. 39-Ver. :—

I have the honour to submit my report on the state of the season for the month of April 1892.

2. *I. Rainfall and general prospects.*—The average rainfall for the district in the month was 0.45 against a 10 years' average (as given in Board's Proceedings, dated 27th July 1891, No. 458) of 0.65. For the northern half of the district, the average was 0.60; for the southern 0.17, the former being thus nearly up to average, the latter much below it. It is, however, normal that the bulk of what little rain falls in this month should fall in the more hilly northern portion of the district. The average fall is slightly below normal.

3. What rain has fallen has not been sufficient to modify the situation except in so far as it has enabled the cultivator to commence ploughing here and there. It has not been sufficient to afford any supply of water for drinking purposes or to bring on a growth of grass.

4. The situation thus remains practically unchanged except in one material point. Owing to want of funds the officers in charge of the East Coast Railway have been obliged to stop work on the northern section, i.e., all that lies north of Tillaru, a station some 10 miles north of the Vamsadara river. The stoppage of work north of Kasibugga I do not look upon as of any great importance; north of that point there was but little total failure of crop, and the Rushikulya project and work on the Ichápur-Jarada and Berhampore-Govindapur road will provide a great deal of employment; but between Tillaru and Kasibugga lie the villages (chiefly in Tekkali division) where failure has been greatest and where distress is most prevalent. The stoppage of work on this section is looked upon by my Principal Assistant Mr. Andrew as most serious. He writes as follows :—

"All along I have calculated on the railway providing employment on the different sections up to the end of June to the extent that the Engineers from time to time informed me. I never calculated on this sudden and unforeseen stoppage of work.

"It must not be supposed that the ryots and coolies have been in flourishing condition all the time, for such has not been the case. In many villages the women and sickly men and children have been having but a poor time of it; still their condition has not been such as to cause uneasiness, and I have been able to give them work on minor tanks and other petty works. Things will be very different now if all these coolies north of Tillaru are thrown out of employment. It must be remembered that that portion of the line in my division at least passes almost entirely through non-Government villages where we cannot provide the people with work on minor irrigation tanks . . .

"The railway work must be done some time or other, that money must be spent and it is far better that Government should from some source or other advance the necessary money to the railway rather than to the District Board which owes quite enough already."

5. Mr. Andrew proceeds to urge strongly that, if possible, arrangements should be made to continue till the end of June earthwork and ballasting on the section from Tillaru to Kasibugga, a distance of about 30 miles. I agree with him that this is most eminently desirable, but the Engineer-in-Chief informs me that he cannot provide another rupee for the work and refers me to Government. It is, I fear, useless to point to the great waste of money which must necessarily result from the stoppage of work; that it must necessarily be very serious, my experience of stopping work on the Bellary-Kistna line in 1886 too clearly warns me. But no doubt where money must be spent within a very short period, it is surely false economy to risk even a chance of being involved in famine relief expenditure, if the risk can be avoided by the advance for railway works of a comparatively small sum. An extra lakh would certainly admit of all I ask being done, *i.e.*, carrying on till the end of June earthwork and ballasting on 30 miles of line.

6. Meanwhile by starting work on the Tekkali-Anantagiri road and preparing for roads to cost Rs. 16,000 along that portion of the railway line (*vide* my letter No. R. C. 651-Ver., dated 5th ultimo), I am doing my best to provide work in lieu of that afforded by the railway, but this is possible to a small extent only. I wired to you two days ago to expedite, if possible, a grant of Provincial funds in aid of Local for these works, and request that sanction, if accorded, may be intimated to me by wire.

7. *II. Agricultural operations.*—But little in the way of agricultural operations is to be expected in April. Some red and green gram has been harvested with an average outturn of 8 annas; sugar-cane, outturn 12 annas; ragi, outturn in Ichápur khandam 8 annas, in Sompét only 2 annas. In a few places gingelly and sugar-cane have been sown.

8. *III. Prices.*—Prices continue very steady; there is a very slight tendency to rise. In the margin* are given the average prices of rice and ragi for the last week of March compared with those in the last week of April. Other grains are used to so very slight an extent that they are not worth quoting. Markets seem to be well stocked. Exports by sea show little variation from last month, being as marginally noted.†

	Rice.	Ragi.
** Last week in March	11-97	19-10
Do. in April	11-74	18-98

+ Export of food-grains during month of April.

	Cwts.	Value.
Rice	3,986	16,301
Paddy	NIL	NIL
Ragi	38	117
Total	3,994	16,718
Imports.—NIL		

9. *IV. Condition of people—Coolies on works.*—In this respect no change is at present apparent. The number of coolies employed on various works throughout the district for the fortnight ending 15th April last (for which I have full returns) was 46,326 per diem. Of these, 27,640 were employed on those sections of the railway now about to be closed. This will show what a grave matter the stoppage of work cannot fail to prove.

10. *VI. Well-sinking by aid of State loans.*—Here at last I am glad to be able to report progress. I have not as yet full returns for the month to hand, but in Chicacole taluk and Tekkali division out of 88 applications pending and received, 62 have been accepted and on 61 of these advances have been made to the extent of Rs. 5,431-4-0. Fifty-one wells are reported to be in course of construction. This of course affords a considerable amount of work for laborers. I consider that the Principal Assistant Collector (Mr. Andrew), the Tahsildar of Chicacole (A. Gurumurthy Naidu), and the Deputy Tahsildars of Tekkali (A. Kameswararow Naidu) and of Narasannapet (K. Venkatarazu Pantulu) deserve great credit for their success in this direction. Statement containing particulars will follow as soon as full information is to hand.

11. *VII. Grazing.*—There is no change in this respect. Cattle, especially buffaloes, are feeling the want of grass and water much. I am just arranging with the District Forest-officer to open the Mohiri forest reserves to free grazing for the next

two months. Numbers of wells and small pits are being sunk for the improvement of drinking-water supply by the Chicacole, Parlákimedi and Berhampore Taluk Boards. Of Rs. 10,000 allotted for the purpose in this year's Local Fund budget, nearly Rs. 8,000 have been already expended, and should much more expenditure under this head be found necessary, I fear I shall have to apply for a Provincial grant-in-aid, the District Board reserve being almost exhausted.

12. To sum up, the closing of the railway works is the only change in the situation; one which gives ground for grave apprehension. However the rains should be here so soon now (we should have an average of over 2 inches in May) that if only all goes well, I trust even without the railway work, the people may be able to hold out. But it would be a very great relief to me to know that earthwork and ballast could be prosecuted for 2 months longer on the southern 30 miles of the northern section of the East Coast Railway.

RESOLUTION—dated 17th May 1892, No. 367.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. During April, the rainfall on the Ganjam littoral is usually scanty, but in the

Stations.	April		May		June.
	1892.	Average.	1892 up to 14th.	Average.	Average expected.
<i>Coast tract.</i>					
Furashottapur	0-62	0-63	0-32	1-76	5-53
Ganjam	0-62	0-49	..	1-50	4-59
Chatrapur	0-62	0-66	..	1-83	4-82
Berhampore	0-08	0-52	0-15	1-62	5-11
Gopalpur	0-15	0-35	0-01	2-05	5-88
Ichápur	0-90	0-84	0-83	1-82	4-98
Sompét	0-10	0-46	..	3-04	3-28
Pundi	0-44	0-47	0-17	1-81	3-36
Tekkali	0-15	0-25	0-80	2-28	3-95
Narasannapet	0-09	0-15	0-04	2-43	3-02
Calingapatam	0-07	0-36	..	2-27	4-11
Chicacole	..	0-52	..	2-26	3-76
Average	0-26	0-52	0-19	2-06	4-37
<i>Inland or hill tract.</i>					
Baliguda	0-45	0-31	..	1-68	7-20
Udayagiri	1-50	2-46	1-10	5-09	7-39
Russalkonda	1-01	1-27	0-30	3-68	6-88
Suráda	0-99	1-30	..	3-26	6-45
Aska	0-97	1-35	1-05	3-40	6-19
Pattapur	0-80	1-18	0-40	3-00	6-15
Parlákimedi	0-30	0-84	0-15	3-64	5-97
Average	0-86	1-24	0-43	3-38	6-60
District average	0-48	0-83	0-28	2-51	5-24

inland and hilly portions of the district there is usually a moderate amount of rain. During the month under report the fall in the last-mentioned portion of the district was not much below the average, but in the former section only a few trivial showers fell, and these were lightest towards the south of the district, where alone the situation is at all grave. So far, during May very little rain has fallen in the district, as will be seen by the marginal table, but with the setting in of the south-west monsoon general rain may be expected throughout the district, heavier on the southern coast and the hilly portions than on the northern coast section.

The rain that has fallen has not been sufficient to cause any alteration in the agricultural prospects of the district. Agricultural operations are practically at a standstill.

Grazing is very scarce and the cattle are feeling the want of water and fodder. The Collector is arranging to throw open the Mohiri forest reserves for free grazing for the next two months. His attention will be drawn to G.O., dated 9th January 1892, No. 30 [*vide* Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd February 1892, Forest No. 88 (Land Revenue)] on the subject of levying fees in such cases.

3. Prices for the district as a whole have been fairly steady, but are becoming equalized throughout the district generally for rice, though in the prices of ragi there are considerable variations in different parts. Rates are, as shown below, but little easier than they were in the corresponding month in 1889 when the district was suffering from severe famine; but the markets are well stocked and the pressure of high prices is not severely felt.

Stations.	Prices in seers of 80 tolas						
	March		April			May	
	1892.	1889.	1892.	Normal.	1889.	7th, 1892.	1882.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<i>Price, second sort.</i>							
Rambha	13.0	9.0	12.8	15.7	10.6	11.0	9.8
Russellkonda	12.0	10.5	12.0	14.6	11.0	12.0	11.0
Surada	12.3	11.4	12.3	15.6	11.0	12.3	10.6
Aska	12.2	11.0	12.1	17.1	11.0	11.8	11.0
Purushottapur	12.3	12.5	12.8	17.4	13.0	12.0	12.0
Berhampur	11.3	11.0	11.0	13.9	11.0	12.0	10.8
Ichapur	11.0	10.3	11.0	14.1	10.1	11.0	10.0
Sompot	11.5	11.4	12.2	16.6	11.4	12.0	11.4
Tekkali	10.1	12.1	11.3	19.0	12.1	11.3	12.1
Narsannapet	11.3	12.4	11.3	15.7	12.8	11.6	12.1
Parlakimedi	12.0	12.1	12.1	17.1	12.1	12.0	12.1
Chicacole	10.0	11.0	10.0	14.3	11.0	10.8	10.0
Average	11.7	11.2	11.7	15.9	11.4	11.7	11.1
<i>Regi.</i>							
Rambha	18.2	14.7	17.9	26.7	14.7	19.0	18.9
Russellkonda	17.2	18.2	16.4	27.3	19.1	15.8	17.3
Surada	17.3	19.0	19.0	24.9	17.0	19.7	15.8
Aska	15.8	16.8	16.8	27.8	16.8	16.2	16.8
Purushottapur	18.8	20.3	19.1	30.9	21.9	17.9	16.8
Berhampur	18.0	18.2	17.6	24.9	18.7	19.5	18.6
Ichapur	16.7	16.2	16.2	26.7	16.2	18.0	16.2
Sompot	19.6	19.4	20.0	29.6	19.3	21.6	17.6
Tekkali	19.1	21.0	19.0	29.0	20.3	21.0	19.0
Narsannapet	19.4	20.7	19.4	29.8	21.7	21.0	19.0
Parlakimedi	20.6	20.3	20.3	30.1	20.2	22.5	20.3
Chicacole	18.0	20.7	18.0	28.1	19.8	16.4	18.0
Average	18.2	18.8	18.3	27.9	18.8	19.2	17.4

The exports by sea, which had been large up to March, shrank to 3,934 cwts. only in April. No reference is made by the Collector to the trade by land from Orissa or towards Vizagapatam. The people are reported to show no change in their condition, and, on the 16th April, 46,326 persons were employed on the various public works going forward in the district. These works have for months past given employment to many thousands on good wages, which must have allowed of their making considerable savings which will help them to tide over till the monsoon. Of the above number 27,649 were employed on those sections of the railway works which were to be closed on the 10th current, owing to the want of funds. The necessity for closing the works is to be regretted, but it is hoped that the heavy rains which are now due will afford agricultural employment to all in need and do away with the necessity for starting relief works. Should it be otherwise, no better relief work could be found than the carrying out of the earth-work of the railway, at famine rates.

4. In the Chicacole taluk and Tekkali division, 62 loans for well-sinking have been granted and on 61 advances to the amount of Rs. 5,431 have been made and 51 wells are in progress by the aid of these loans. The Commissioner is glad to observe the progress and trusts that the efforts of the Divisional officer and the Taluk officers will in the future meet with increasing success in this most useful work.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Collector of Ganjam.

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