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19TH JANUARY 1892, No. 61, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 4th January 1892, No. 5:—

MR. CLOGSTOUN.

Read—the following letter from J. THOMSON, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Saidápet, 31st December 1891, Ref. on No. 5832-Eng. :—

I have the honour to submit my report on the state of the season for the fortnight ending 26th instant.

2. The rainfall during the fortnight was fair, being an average of 4.32 inches for the district as against 4.03 of the previous fortnight. The taluks of Tiruvallúr and Ponnéri had the most, registering 5.71 and 4.69 inches respectively.

* Since received—	INS.	
Chingleput on the 29th December ...	.40	I have received * no information of rain
Sattiavedu " " ...	.15	in any part of the district since the close
Madurantakam " " ...	.23	of the fortnight; that recorded up to date

brings the average for the month to 7.84 inches. The rain of December last year was only 99 cents; that of December 1889 amounted to 8.80 inches. The total fall of rain during the north-east monsoon up to date is 21.18 inches as against 9.34 during the corresponding period of last year, and 21.17 in 1889, and an average of 28.62 during the five years ending with 1889.

3. The standing crops are all doing well. Harvesting to a small extent of kar paddy has commenced, especially in the northern parts of the Tiruvallúr taluk. Ragi is being harvested in the Ponnéri taluk and parts of Conjeeveram taluk and kuruvragu in the taluk of Madurantakam. There is enough of water at present for the crops on the ground, but the Deputy Collector of Saidápet reports that more rain is wanted for the existing crops and that the present supply will be soon exhausted. The Chembrambakam tank contains 5.65 feet of water which will benefit only 24 out of 36 villages dependent on it. The Red Hills tank has got 19 feet; none is at present let for irrigation purposes.

There is an average from one to two months' supply of water in the tanks.

4. The prices of both rice and ragi have continued pretty stationary during the fortnight and are still above the scarcity rates. Rice sells cheapest in Uttramallur, Pulicat and Madurantakam, and ragi in Sriperumbudur, Pulicat and Tiruvallúr. The high prices are evidently due to small imports. Prices may be expected to fall shortly, now that harvesting has commenced.

5. There is nothing of special note in connection with the state of the public health. Cholera is slightly increasing, having carried off during the fortnight 292 against 246 and 226, respectively, in the two previous fortnights.

6. The condition of cattle has been reported good. The November returns show a decrease in the number of deaths which were 1,213 as against 2,089 of November last year. Pasture is plentiful, and fodder will soon be available.

7. The following are extracts from the reports of the district officers.

MAIN DIVISION.

"Saidāpet Deputy Collector.—The rainfall during the week was very slight. More rain is wanted. The existing supply in the tanks is being used up. The Chembrambakam tank contains at present 5.65 feet of water which is quite inadequate to meet all requirements. The prospects of the season are still uncertain and early fall of rain may yet avert all cause for anxiety."

26th December 1891.

"Tiruvallūr Deputy Collector.—I expect, on the whole, that the standing crops will, when harvested, yield not less than an 8-anna crop, and that the season will prove an average one."

19th December 1891.

"The recent rainfall has improved the season generally and furnished labour in the fields to poorer classes. The ruling prices of grain still continue high and prove the only cause of distress." . . . "Hereafter I expect that labourers will find continuous work in agricultural operations and well-digging. No report has been received from any quarter of any shavi or withering of crops."

26th December 1891.

"Tiruvallūr Tahsildar.—From what I have seen with my own eyes and from the reports from the Inspectors to hand, I can make bold to say that all signs of distress which but the other day loomed in the horizon consequent on . . . "Dry remissions there will certainly be none. As regards the condition of man and beast no anxiety need exist any longer. In one word, the taluk is gradually returning to its normal condition."

19th December 1891.

"Nowhere in the taluk have the season prospects been reported to be getting gloomy or unfavorable."

26th December 1891.

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"Ponneri Deputy Collector.—There has been a great improvement in the prospects of the season."

19th December 1891.

SUB-DIVISION.

"Sub-Collector.—The rains of this week and last week have removed all anxiety about drinking water and the standing crops, both wet and dry. The crops may not yield a very good outturn, but people are assured of a tolerably fair harvest. Many tanks are full in Chingleput taluk and most others in the division contain from one to six months' supply. But the prices of both fodder and food-grains remain very high, and the poorer classes and cattle must still remain in a sad condition till the standing crops are harvested. Meanwhile the ryots are extending the wet cultivation—a measure which considering the present supply in the tanks is not an unmixed good."

19th December 1891.

"Distress is not felt in any part of the division now" . . . "Except in regard to the high prices of food-grains there is no matter of special interest or importance in connection with the state of the season."

26th December 1891.

"Chingleput Tahsildar.—The standing crop will be ripe for harvest with the aid of water now standing in the tanks. As regards extension of cultivation, I think there will not be any considerable extent of dry cultivation extended largely" . . . "The standing crops, both wet and dry in the villages (of Singaperumalcoil, Tirutheri, &c., 10 in number) visited by me during the week, are in tolerably good condition. The tanks in them retain three-fourths' supply."

19th December 1891.

"Conjeeveram Tahsildar.—There has been a general and good fall of rain in all parts of the taluk during the week, and this brought on also slight freshes in the Cheyār and Pālār. Tanks and tangals have received a supply varying from one to four months. All the standing dry crops and the wet, the young as well as the

26th December 1891.

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grown up, will, I have no doubt, come to maturity. At the end of last month about one-third of the holding under wet and dry was waste. I have now seen the ryots busy in ploughing the wet waste under Tenneri and other big tanks which have now not less than four months' supply.

"Ryots are hopeful of getting more rain and they will cultivate a good portion of the wet waste, but without a good fall of another 3 or 4 inches more we cannot be sure of a navarai crop coming to harvest under the tanks containing less than four months' supply."

"Food-grains are yet sold above the scarcity rates and this will continue so till about a fortnight more, when ragi and kar will be harvested, when it is expressed by the poor their distress will be at an end."

26th December 1891.

"Standing crops are generally in good condition and will come to maturity. Prices of food-grains are still high and will continue to be so for a short time more."

26th December 1891.

"Sriperumbudur Deputy Tahsildar.—The price of ragi is falling off owing to the supply of new ragi which is now being harvested. About 15 per cent. of small tanks are full, 50 per cent. are almost full and the rest retain supply varying considerably good. Ragi and kar are being harvested and their outturn varies from 4 to 8 annas. General prospects of my division are encouraging."

19th December 1891.

"Madurantakam Tahsildar.—More than half the occupied area is brought under cultivation, but my own individual opinion is that the ryots are at present attempting to cultivate a larger extent than it is desirable to do so with reference to the quantity of water stored in their irrigation works, and I would rather try to preserve the present standing wet crops than to augment the cultivation and waste the water on crops which are not likely to be brought to maturity. This procedure, I believe, is detrimental to their cattle and tends to waste the precious quantity of water that has been stored."

26th December 1891.

"Madurantakam Tahsildar.—Standing crops, both dry and wet, are in good condition."

19th December 1891.

"Ultramallur Deputy Tahsildar.—The rains have brought up sufficient pasture and the cattle are improving, but, owing to the failure of crops, the stocks of dry fodder continue to be scarce and are likely to remain so, as only one wet crop, and that over a diminished area, will be reaped this year."

26th December 1891.

"All the standing crops of wet and dry are in good condition and are expected to yield a fair harvest by the end of February or in the month of March."

8. The fortnight began with six kitchens. Four have been reported closed; the remaining two must also have closed, but no report has been received to that effect.

9. On the receipt of Board's Proceedings, dated 19th instant, Mis. No. 7443, the Executive Engineer was asked to close the relief works which remained only in two taluks, Conjeeveram and Tiruvallūr. Apparently orders have not yet reached the overseers in charge. The Local Fund Engineer was also asked to close the Kelambakkam road relief work, and this will, I believe, be done to-day. I have not addressed the officer in charge of the Buckingham Canal work near Pulicat in the Ponnéri taluk, as he some time ago stated that it was not a famine relief work.

10. Out of the six medical subordinates sent to this district for famine and cholera duty—vide Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 5119, dated 14th September 1891—the two only now remain. They are employed on cholera duty and I have asked the District Medical officer whether their services also cannot be replaced at the disposal of the Surgeon-General.

11. The number of wells constructed up to date with land improvement loans are 1,522; 2,374 more are in course of construction. The advances made during the last fortnight amounted to Rs. 7,283, most of which was for cattle and seed-grain. The total loans disbursed up to date from the 1st January last amount to Rupees 3,99,081. Out of the sum of Rs. 3,84,500 placed at my disposal for loans during this official year, Rs. 3,64,500 have been distributed to the taluks and I have at present got a reserve of Rs. 20,000.

12. One thousand and twenty-seven applications for wells, cattle and seed-grain were disposed of during the fortnight and more than 3,000, involving a sum of Rs. 3 lakhs and odd, are pending. I have issued strict orders to the Divisional officers to get to the end of this work as early as possible.

13. Of the two special Deputy Collectors attached to this district, one has been ordered to rejoin his appointment in the Coimbatore district with reference to Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 7443, dated 19th December 1891, and the other has been directed to relieve Mr. Pinto, the Deputy Collector in charge of the Tiruvallūr division, who has been granted three months' leave in G.O., Mis. No. 6563, dated 23rd instant.

14. I have not been out since my return to head-quarters on the 16th instant. After office opens, I shall endeavour to get round Saidāpet taluk again; the officer in charge of it seems to be anxious about its condition generally; as will appear, matters elsewhere are generally satisfactory.

15. I request to be informed if this fortnightly report should continue to be submitted.

Resolution—dated 4th January 1892, No. 5.

Submitted for the information of Government.

				Average.	1891.	20th and some subsequent showers, so that the total for the month was everywhere far in excess of the average expected, as shown on the margin, and was especially good in Madurantakam and the northern parts of the district. The standing crop is now generally in good condition and some harvest has been begun. Generally speaking there is enough water in the tanks for the standing crops, but not for extension of cultivation, and in Saidāpet taluk the supplies are stated to be rather deficient for the former purpose even. The
Satiavedu	...	...	...	4.47	9.86	The
Tiruvallūr	...	...	...	3.34	7.37	
Ponnéri	...	...	...	4.43	7.84	
Saidāpet	...	...	...	5.37	5.09	
Poonamallee	...	...	...	6.89	7.90	
Sriperambudur	...	...	...	5.72	6.20	
Conjeeveram	...	...	...	3.56	6.37	
Chingleput	...	...	...	5.37	7.84	
Uttramallur	...	...	...	3.97	5.65	
Madurantakam	...	...	...	4.36	11.23	
District average	...	...	...	4.27	7.71	

cattle are in good condition; pasturage is abundant and supplies of fodder will, with the harvest, become available.

Rice.			Ragi.		
November.	12th December.	26th December.	November.	12th December.	26th December.
10	9.6	9.7	14.7	11.8	11.8

and only at Sriperambudur that ragi was sold below the scarcity rate.

4. During the fortnight four kitchens were closed and orders were issued for closing the remaining two. On the 26th December only 21 persons were fed in the kitchens. On the same date only 1,403 persons were employed on special relief works, the total number employed on works of all sorts in the district being 3,012 as compared with 3,428 on the 12th idem and 5,367 at the end of November. Work is now available in the fields for all classes and all special relief works are being closed.

5. Up to the 26th December Rs. 4,33,512 had been granted in the form of loans for sinking wells. Of this Rs. 3,77,209 had been disbursed to the ryots and by the aid of these loans 1,522 wells have been sunk and 2,374 are now under construction.

During the preceding four weeks the following work was done in disposing of applications for loans both for well-sinking and for the purchase of cattle and seed-grain:—

During the four weeks ending 26th December.	WELL-SINKING.		PURCHASE OF CATTLE AND SEED-GRAIN.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
Applications—		RS.		RS.
Accepted	351	32,976	425	17,718
Rejected	413	67,636	1,044	60,096
Total ..	764	1,00,612	1,469	77,814
Pending at the end of the period.	1,729	2,34,983	1,578	93,974

Under the recent orders of Government, the applications pending for loans for the purchase of cattle and seed-grain should now be struck off for the present season; but every effort should be made to dispose of the applications relating to wells as rapidly as possible.

6. It will suffice for the future if the Collector submits the monthly report prescribed by the Government of India in its circular printed in G.O., dated 17th July 1885, No. 837, communicated in Board's Proceedings, dated 31st idem, No. 2232. The fortnightly reports may be discontinued, and the Divisional officers' reports need not be submitted.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

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

Copy to the Government of India, Revenue and
Agricultural Department.

ORDER—dated 19th January 1892, No. 61, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

The Board's instructions in paragraphs 5 and 6 are approved.

2. As Chingleput is the district in which by far the greatest number of loans under the special well rules have been granted, the Government desires to have a report from the Collector as to the manner in which these loans have been granted, specially—

(1) as to the length of time which has intervened between application and granting of loans; and
(2) as to whether the ryots have received the full amount of the loans applied for or whether there is any reason for thinking that any portion of them has been intercepted by the officials concerned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.
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Season, Chingleput.

Approving Board's instructions for the rapid disposal of applications relating to wells and for the discontinuance of the fortnightly and Divisional officers' reports and calling for a report from the Collector as to the manner in which the loans under the special well rules have been granted.

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