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READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 12th August 1892, No. 570:—

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, 5th August 1892, R.C. No. 1508-Ver.:—

As, in reviewing my season report for June, the Commissioner has expressed his opinion that the special monthly reports may be discontinued, unless the season takes an unfavorable turn, which has not occurred, except in the case of the small area in the sub-division already reported to be suffering from want of rain, I shall content myself with stating that the average rainfall for the month was 8.05 against a ten years average for the month of 7.76, but that, as usual, the northern part of the district received the largest share of it; that the season prospects are excellent as far as Goomsur, and all the northern portion of the district are concerned, the rainfall there having been ample; in the southern part of the Berhampore taluk it is fair: but the tanks have not yet received sufficient supply for transplantation. Rain is, however, falling daily; and there is no reason for anxiety. The same state of affairs exists in the southern part of the district, including most part of Chicacole taluk and Parlakimedi; but rain held off entirely till a few days ago from Tekkali and part of the Narsannapet Division, and the state of affairs there is such as to afford valid cause for anxiety. On the 1st instant, however, Tekkali had a fall of 1.45, which was general all over the taluk, and has materially improved matters there.

2. I forward Mr. Andrew's report on the sub-division in original. He is anxious that more employment for labour should be provided for the unemployed in the Tekkali taluk, and suggests the re-opening of railway construction, and more vigorous prosecution of work on the Tekkali-Anantagiri road. As to the former, I have just consulted with the Superintendent of Works, East Coast Railway, Major White, R.E., and he informs me that he thinks it probable that he will be able to provide some Rs. 10,000 for continuing earthwork and ballasting in the section where work is most required, and promises me in a few days to proceed south and arrange for this if possible. As to the latter, I am in correspondence with the Executive Engineer, Ganjam Division, and if I find it necessary, will apply through you for an additional allotment for the work in question.

3. To sum up, prospects have distinctly improved during the month even in the worst part of the district, and there is every reason to expect at least an average crop all round. Some of the dry crops about here (Chatrapur), gingelly especially, are as fine as I have ever seen.

ENCLOSURE.

From J. ANDREW, Esq., Principal Assistant Collector, Ganjam, to the Collector of Ganjam, dated Tekkali, 1st August 1892, Current No. 508-Ver.

I have the honour to report on the condition of my division for July 1892, as desired in Reference Current No. 1567-Ver. of 1891, dated 11th January last.

I. Rainfall and general prospects as compared with the preceding month.—The rain registered at the different stations from the date of last report is as follows:—

	CHICACOLE	NARASANNAPET	TEKKALI	PARLAKIMEDI	INCHES.
...	...	...	...	...	9.08
...	...	...	...	...	4.97
...	...	...	...	...	1.38
...	...	...	...	...	4.64

From this it will be seen that Chicacole has received good rain, while that at Tekkali was very insufficient and is quite insufficient for agricultural operations and drinking purposes.

II. Progress of cultivation and condition of standing crops.—In Chicacole dry crops transplanted, i.e., ragi and cumbu, were withering along sea coast, but the late rain which appears to be general has revived the plants; paddy, ragi, cumbu, vooda, ohama, korra, and such other crops have been sown everywhere, and paddy, cumbu and ragi are also being transplanted in many places.

In Narasannapet, paddy is being transplanted only in channel-fed villages. Ragi, vooda and ohama already transplanted are flourishing.

In Tekkali ragi seed-beds to a considerable extent withered away. Paddy seedlings have also been largely lost. There was good rainfall of 1 inch 45 cents at Tekkali yesterday evening, and this has undoubtedly saved the surviving crops for the present. From inquiries made to-day, I learn that yesterday's rain was general all over the taluk from Kasibugga to Jarjangi, and in fact seems to have been heavier in the direction of Kasibugga than Tekkali itself. Last week also 33 cents in Tekkali; there was more than double that amount to the villages north of Tekkali, and I notice that the villages I visited in the latter direction were looking much better than in Tekkali and its neighbourhood. The rain of yesterday has removed all immediate fears of famine, and if the rain had been delayed but for another week, failure of crops would have been general and situation would have been critical. In Parlakimedi the indigo crop which seemed to me very good has been out. Sugarcane and cotton are middling. Standing crops are udalu, chamalu, cumbu and ragi. They require more rain.

III. Prices of staples and course of trade.—The following statement shows the prices as they stand on the dates shown in the remark column as compared with those on the 25th June 1892:—

	25th June 1892.				Remarks.
	2nd-sort rice.	Ragi.	2nd-sort rice.	Ragi.	
Chicacole	SEERS.	SEERS.	SEERS.	SEERS.	
Narasannapet	93	173	92	182	27th July 1892.
Tekkali	103	18	103	18	31st "
Parlakimedi	103	18	103	18	31st "
	103	18	103	18	28th "

From this it will be seen that the prices are very nearly the same as last month. With the rains of last week I anticipate a slight fall. The markets are freely supplied with food articles.

IV. Progress in sinking wells by aid of loans.—Up to the end of the month Rs. 13,297-8-0 have been sanctioned for construction of wells. Most of these are under construction. Some have not been begun as the rains have commenced. I do not anticipate any more applications in the immediate future.

V. Condition of cattle—has vastly improved owing to the recent rains except in Tekkali where they have been losing strength. Even here, however, they are not very bad and the worst of them were sent to Parlakimedi taluk for pasture. The rain of last week will put them into proper condition.

Condition of the people—Chicacole taluk.—Although the rain has been very heavy in Chicacole itself, the coast villages have received much less quantity. Still this has been enough to secure for people ample employment in the fields. Lands under river-fed channels are doing very well. So far as Chicacole taluk is concerned, there is no cause for anxiety provided usual rains come in the future. Similar remarks may be made about Parlakimedi taluk. In Tekkali taluk matters stand on different footing. The seedlings of ragi and paddy have failed to a considerable extent, not so much in the northern as in the southern part of the taluk. Generally I fear the outturn of the surviving crops will not be very good. It is of course not too late to sow new paddy and ragi seedlings if the rainfall for August is good. Still I fear that good many lands will be left waste and less employment will be available for cool classes. The sufferings of the past months told on them. I examined some drinking tanks here. I find that the men and

women are not able to earn more than 1 anna 6 pies, and 1 anna, respectively, at the outside, though the full rate, viz., 1 anna per cubic yard, is undoubtedly paid to them. This, with the high prices prevailing, makes the struggle for life a hard one. To this taluk I have just allotted Rs. 500 for drinking tanks; this will go a good way helping them. The Taluk Board cannot provide any more labour beyond 300 or 400 rupees recently allotted for tanks as there are not enough of funds. I therefore have the honour to make the following proposal.

Tekkali-Anantagiri road.—The work is in progress, but no great number of coolies are found on employment on it. The Sub-Engineer has written to me that he submitted estimates for masonry works, but I do not gather from his letter if money is available in the current year's allotment for completing earthwork and spreading all the gravel and metal, and request you to write to the Executive Engineer for him to instruct Sub-Engineer to arrange for the completion of the earthwork and spreading metal and gravel and only to spend any balance which remains on masonry work this year. The contractors told me that they cannot begin to spread the metal and gravel until the Sub-Engineer goes over the land and takes levels. I also beg to request you to write to the Executive Engineer to direct the new Sub-Engineer, who has just joined, to have this done at once. I shall also write to him myself. It would be well also that arrangement should be made to have the work done departmentally if at any time it is found that the contractors (whose contracts are terminable at the pleasure of the Sub-Engineer) do not employ sufficient number of coolies or do not pay them properly.

Railway works between Tilaru and Kasibugga.—Mr. Duncan has informed me about Rs. 38,000 work of ballast and earthwork remains to be done, and that at present no work is going on for want of funds. I beg to suggest that Government be urged to place Rs. 10,000 at Mr. Duncan's disposal at once for employment on such works. I have spoken to Mr. Duncan, and think it would be very easy to arrange to give employment to all coolies in need of employment and to pay them at full rates. The arrangement could be easily made hereafter; the coolies can be paid under the supervision of the Revenue Department; road gumastah could be made available to supervise the work at a fixed percentage of the rates as profit. It would be only necessary for Mr. Duncan to receive authority to advance me, as Revenue officer, Rs. 500 or so to make advances to these petty contractors. Mr. Duncan thinks with me that there will be no difficulty in carrying on this arrangement. I would again urge with respect that this will involve no waste of money to Government. The work, if not done now, must be done a year hence or so, and surely, when the money spent now will be of incalculable blessing to the people in providing them with work; it will not be replied that this help must not be given, because things are not so serious at present as to justify me in recommending the opening of relief works proper in order to avoid starvation or death.

At a meeting convened the other day in Tekkali by me, Rs. 245 were subscribed for the Tekkali relief kitchen, in addition to what was given by the people some months ago. I am glad to express my obligations to the Medical officer, Mr. Perimbam, who is supervising the kitchen morning and evening altogether voluntarily, and who is doing it altogether to my satisfaction. My thanks are also due to the Sub-Registrar Mangu Venkatachellam Pantulu Garu, who has been supervising the repairs of the two drinking-water tanks in Tekkali, seeing the work done in the morning and evening, and paying the coolies nearly every day. He has got the gangs in excellent order. I have measured a number of pits and tested the payments made and have found in every case that he has paid the coolies the full rates, thus allowing no profits.

Resolution—dated 12th August 1892, No. 570.

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2. The season throughout the district, with the exception of the Tekkali taluk, promises to be most favorable. In that taluk also it is hoped that the rain which has fallen since the commencement of the current month will save the greater part of the crops. Employment said to be needed by laborers in Tekkali will, in all probability, be afforded by the continuance of the railway works.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Ganjam.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

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ORDER—dated 22nd August 1892, No. 892, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

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

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