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READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 25th August 1892, No. 602:—

MR. CLOGSTOUN.

Read—the following Fortnightly Narrative of the Tiruchengód taluk for the period ending 15th August 1892 from the Special Deputy Collector, Salem, dated 17th August 1892:—

STATE OF COUNTRY.—*Crops*.—The standing crops—cumbu, cholum, varagu, ragi, gingelly, castor-oil seeds, paddy and pulses—are in good condition. Cumbu, cholum, gingelly and varagu are being harvested with an outturn of 8 to 12 annas.

Fodder.—Pasture is available everywhere and fodder is procurable without difficulty.

Water-supply.—Sufficient for drinking purposes throughout the taluk and sufficient also for agricultural operations in most places, good supplies having been received in most of the tanks and rivers by the recent rainfall.

Agricultural operations.—Dry and wet lands are being ploughed and prepared for sowing; cumbu and paddy are being sown and ragi transplanted in parts.

Cattle.—Cattle are improving steadily and are in fairly good condition.

General remarks.—Good showers of rain fell during this fortnight throughout the taluk and the rainfall registered at Sankaridrug and Tiruchengód amount to 4.18 and 3.62 inches, respectively. It is also reported that there was much heavier rains in villages 5 miles off from Tiruchengód and generally in the northern part of the taluk. As the rain was timely and good, the prospects are exceedingly good.

CONDITION OF PEOPLE.—*On works*.—Generally good.

In villages.—Good.

Mortality.—Normal.

Sickness.—Cholera, which was prevailing in the taluk for some months past, has disappeared during the fortnight.

Remarks.—As reported in the last narrative, labour is now available to coolies in most parts, and as the cotton crop has been good, many women now earn a livelihood in spinning.

RELIEF MEASURES.—*Relief works in what taluk open*.—The following statement shows the number of coolies on the work on 15th August 1892:—

Names of works.	Men.	Nursing mothers.	Other women.	Children.	Total.
1. Yedapadi-McDonald's Choultry road.	20	20	94	19	153
2. Sankari-Comarapalayam road..	138	34	396	100	668
Total ..	158	54	490	119	821

Poor houses.—In the kitchen at Tiruchengód the number fed on the evening of 15th August is 73, mostly children.

Village relief.—Nil.

Cases of death from starvation.—Nil.

Remarks.—

Number of coolies on the last day of the previous fortnight ... 2,954
 Number of coolies on the last day of this fortnight ... 821

The large decrease is chiefly due to the coolies having left works on account of improvement in the season. The Sankari-Yedapadi road work was closed on 6th August 1892 as the work was completed. The coolies on this road did not care to go on to any other work. The relief works and the kitchen will be closed on the 20th instant in accordance with the Collector's orders.

GRAIN-SUPPLY.—*Private trade active or not.*—Food-grains, rice, ragi, cumbu and cholum are available in the markets and trade in them is active.

Imports.—Information not available.

Estimated stock.—Same as the last narrative.

State of markets.—The following statement shows the prices of grains at Tiruchengód as reported by the Tahsildar:—

	SEERS
Rice	10 45
Ragi	16 80
Cholum	13 70
Cumbu	19 68

At the Sankari shandy cumbu was sold on the 14th at 14 measures or 22-96 seers per rupee.

Loans.—A statement showing the transactions under the Loans Acts is herewith appended.

ENCLOSURE.

STATEMENT showing the transactions under the Loans Acts in the Tiruchengód taluk during the fortnight ending 15th August 1892.

Particulars of loans.	Applications accepted up to the fortnight.		Loans disbursed up to the fortnight.		Applications pending at the end of the fortnight.		Wells.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Construct- ed or repaired.	Under construction or repair.
<i>Land Improvement Loans Act.</i>								
1. Repair and construction of wells—		RS.		RS.		RS.		
(a) Ordinary rules	324	32,800	318	31,911	77	18,779	84	278
(b) Special well rules	147	8,574½	131	7,420½	21	5,489½	1	122
2. Other purposes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	471	41,380½	449	39,331½	98	24,268½	85	400
<i>Agriculturists' Loans Act.</i>								
1. Purchase of fodder	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2. Do. of cattle and seed-grain	62	2,900	62	2,900	63	2,055	..	..
3. Other purposes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

* Several applications accepted in previous fortnight but not disbursed have since been withdrawn.

Endorsement by G. STOKES, Esq., Collector of Salem, dated 23rd August 1892, No. 2869.

Submitted to the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).

2. During the fortnight good rain fell in the taluk and also all over the district. There were 3.62 inches of rain in Tiruchengód and 4.18 inches in Sankaridrug. The season continues very favorable.

3. Owing to considerable fall in the numbers on relief works during the course of the fortnight, the closure of the kitchen and works from the 20th instant has been ordered.

4. Rupees 63-15-6 have been paid up to the 13th instant in relieving a few gosha women and children at Krishnagiri from Maharajah Holkar's donation.

Resolution—dated 25th August 1892, No. 602.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. Good rain, as shown on the margin, has fallen during the month all over the affected area in Salem, and prospects are now described as being "exceedingly good." The harvest is beginning with a reported crop of 8 to 12 annas. The standing crops are good and further sowings are being made. The tanks have received good supplies. Pasture is available everywhere and fodder procurable.

3. Prices showed but little change during the period, but the cheapness of cumbu, as compared with the price ruling in August 1891, shows the great improvement in the season.

Period.	Seers of 80 tolas per rupee.			
	Rice.	Cholum.	Cumbu.	Ragi.
July average	10.5	12.8	19.0	15.2
1892 .. 30th	10.3	13.7	19.7	17.1
August 13th	10.6	13.8	19.4	16.8
20th	10.6	14.2	20.3	17.6
August normal	14.7	23.5	22.6	25.0
Do. 1891	10.5	16.7	17.8	19.8

4. Agricultural employment is now generally available, and the works, to which only 879 persons resorted on the 13th current, were closed on the 20th. As Board's Proceedings, dated 16th August 1892, No. 6794, already reported,* the kitchen, in which Board's Proceedings, dated 18th August 1892, No. 6867, 72 persons were fed on the 13th, was ordered to be closed on the evening of the same date, and all relief has now ceased in Salem.

The Tiruchengód taluk may be removed from the affected area and all special establishments may be dispensed with.

5. The loan operations of the period are shown below:—

Loans.	Granted.		Disbursed.		Applications pending at the end of the period.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
Land improvement for well-sinking	22	RS. 3,013	38	RS. 3,795	98	RS. 24,238
Agriculturists' for purchase of cattle and seed-grain.	..	..	..	..	63	2,055

The number of pending applications is now comparatively small and they should soon be disposed of; but the demand for loans is feeble, and some applications have been withdrawn even after they were accepted.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,

Secretary.

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

ORDER—dated 7th September 1892, No. 941, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary to Government.To the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.
„ the Public Works Department.
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