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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Proce-

-dings of the Board of Revenue Revenue
Settlement dated 8th February 1892 No.
1382 mis on the following letter from Mr
Mr. Hamrick Esq. Collector of South
Arcot dated No. $\frac{94 \times 95}{B. a}$ Ref.:-

I have the honor to report to the Board
with reference to Board's Proceedings
dated 26th January 1892 No 875 and 877
mis respectively concerning the advisability
of giving relief to the ryots of Tiruvanna
malai taluk by some postponement
of Kists.

2. I was at Chengam on the 9th December
last and there I saw a good many villages
on the west of the taluk. I returned
and until the 14th idem when I returned
to Cuddalore the state of the crops
there was backward, but the young

* Forwarding to the Collector of South Arcot
petition from the ryots in regard of
the villages of Tiruvanna malai
Taluk for postponement of kist
collections for the present.

dry crops looked in fair condition and the wet crops in most places had an abundance of water. It rained at Tiruvannamalai on the 10th, 11th and 12th and I hoped that the rain was general throughout the taluk and would carry the dry crops on. There was not sufficient rain then to do any good in the way of tank supply; after the holidays I received some petitions from the Varth of the Taluk asking for relief. Then, I sent to the Sub Collector from whom, however, I could not obtain any report. The Tahsildar also failed to send in any report. I was obliged to be in Cuddalore for the Assistant's Examination on the 20th January and following days and previous to that I had to go to Vellore to inspect the taluk office which I had not hitherto inspected. I left Cuddalore on last Tuesday 26th for Tiruvannamalai for inspection.

Since then in four days I have inspected the Varth of the Taluk and the Tahsildar and the Deputy Tahsildar have been inspecting the west and south. I shall go south and west myself on Monday next February 1st. The Sub Collector is detained at Headquarters by the arrears work in his own office which I have insisted must be cleared up. $5\frac{1}{2}$

3. The state of the Varth of the Taluk can best be explained to the Board by the following notes of my inspection. Beginning from Tiruvannamalai I went north to Kunji and crossed over to the Railway from there and came down at Coosambadi a village 5 miles north of Tiruvannamalai on the Chittoor road.

Kosalai 3 miles north west of Tiruvannamalai dry crops grown and harvest poor. Paddy not in ear yet, but water supply

but water supply sufficient.

Melpuram fine miles & water on the same remarks apply.

Matthur. good Raji here and there, under wells - will be a large area of Shani. About 120 acres out of an ayacut of 220. Dry crops mostly withered but a short harvest of gram being taken. Last year village had Shani remissions and up to date the Collections have been very small.

Vishvanadapuram. Same remarks apply.

Kanji. rich village and crops in good order in most places. Tank fed from a small river. The paddy harvest will not be until February.

Myanthal. dry crops in fair condition but the harvest must be only 4 annas.

Vasudevampett - large area of paddy withering from want of water

The village has suffered much in last three years. The paddy will not be harvested until February.

Melpuram. There will be fair paddy harvest but not until the end of February. There is still ^{water} in tank, village will be fairly well off.

Sendamangalam. dry crops withering and the harvest will be very short. Karyandal - a good deal of wet crops will wither.

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Bridarimangalam The ayacut about 150 acres looks in fair condition. But the water supply not sufficient to bring most of the crops to maturity and remission will be necessary for a large proportion of the crops.

Nayanbodi. Tank empty, a fair portion of the crops will be saved by wells but there must be considerable remission. The harvest will not be until end of February.

Mislar. There will be much withered crop. dry crop also in very bad condition.

Mavanthal. Some water still in the tank, dry crop very bad.

Karutavambodi. Village is fairly off. There must be some remission and harvest as elsewhere very late.

Nayadinangalam. Same remarks apply.

Sarakolathur - a well to do village water in tank. Harvest very late but probably rice crop will not be very large. The tanks in bad order.

Palundal. Small and out of the way village. No water in tank crop very late but better off than villages to the west.

Madalamudi. Plenty of water in large tank harvest very late.

Karatalavandi } in fair condition
Turippuram } but harvest will be very late.

4. The above are the larger villages inspected. I saw other villages also where the dry crops far from the larger area. In all of them the dry crop harvest was very scanty and late. From what I have seen I am fairly well able now to judge of the rest of the taluk. It is evident that (1) the harvest is everywhere very late (2) that the east of the taluk is fairly well off (3) that in the west and also south west and central villages the harvest will not only be late but also scanty. On Monday next I shall visit Radhapuram and then to the south of Trinamalai.

* Trinamalai Taluk.

5. It is not out of place here to say that on all sides I have noticed that the taluk has been sadly neglected in past year both by the Department of Public works and by our minor Irrigation agency almost all the tanks are in bad order and the channels soon cheyar silt up and in poor working order. I shall do what I can to improve matters in the coming year in this respect. The taluk is a very poor one long stretches of barren rocky soil with patches of cultivation here and there and miserable stunted growth. It is a taluk which certainly requires to be treated liberally. 57 1/4

5(a) As regards the parts of the taluk I have not seen, the Dakildar and Deputy Dakildar report very much the same, viz. that the eastern portions of the taluk are in fair order while the western portions have a bad harvest. The harvest is everywhere late.

6. The Rainfall registered at the head quarters shows that on the whole the North East monsoon was a fair one. Up to September almost no rain fell and there was a total failure of early dry crop. In and after September the fall was, September 5.17 inches

October 10.05. November 3.05, December 3.4. The sales in November and December were partial.

7. The cultivation returns which I take from the taluk registers show how late the season has been through out the taluk. The following statement by Fokka (Revenue Inspector Division) shows this:—

1888.							
	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec			
Cushab	12948-928	7675	2790	2422	870	990	513
Pennathur	7107-639	4291	3585	2981	1888	2415	1612
Chempam	15070-616	3411	1611	3521	789	5079	435
	35125-2183	15377	7786	8924	3547	8484	2560

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Cushab	6281	347	11036	1542	460	204	4300	689
Pennathur	10784	1129	6369	2870	1853	1217	3417	1531
Chempam	13731	405	5265	773	8560	892	6752	855
	30796	1881	22670	5185	10873	2313	14469	2575

1890.

Cushab	12494	840	4131	1083	2446	781	1882	673
Pennathur	7984	1508	6669	3610	1518	1262	1193	960
Chempam	13770	605	16318	3921	2423	383	3940	341
	34248	2953	27118	8614	6387	2426	7015	1974

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New Fokkas								
Cushab	5442	850	4562	3201	1974	3556		
Verayur	8762	453	4237	1842	917	1062		
Thandurampett	4535	292	8498	1398	5654	764		
Chempam	4298	382	1895	146	5358	2308		
	375	236	23037	1977	19192	6687	13903	7690

8. I have already in anticipation of the Board's sanction instructed the Tahsi-ladar not to make Collection in cases where it is clear that the wet crop will become withered and in no case to sell Cattle for arrears of at present I do it however consider the relief sufficient and I hope the Board will sanction the postponement of the further Collections until March. The Collection should be, I consider 8 annas in March and 8 annas in April. This will I think give all the relief the taluk needs at present. The area of Shani will be known at the end of February and no Collection will be made then where remission is certain. I see no object in postponing Kists until next pashi as the petitioners request and do not think the taluk requires it. I am not of opinion that any dry remissions are necessary. The dry crops though very poor are almost everywhere yielding some harvest and the rates on dry land are very low. The ryots themselves do not ask for more than postponement. I hope earnestly that the Board will recommend the relief I now ask for and let me have telegraphic orders

to postpone the February Collections in this Taluk.

9. I may inform the Board that this Taluk is the only Taluk where any relief is necessary and that had the rain in November and December been general throughout the Taluk no relief even here would have been required. The Taluk has suffered for the last three seasons and is in distinct need ~~of~~ relief.

10. With reference to the request of some of the petitioners for Kitchen to be opened I can assure the Board that at present nothing of this sort is so far as I can see required. We shall however, no doubt require that in March and April and the succeeding months work shall be available for those who want it and I will take measures at once to have in readiness as many minor irrigation and Local Fund works as possible. The repairs to some of the D. P. Tanks should also be undertaken in the coming hot-weather. More than this will I hope not be necessary, if the early rain fall in March be abundant. If however our season fails as it did last year in June and July we shall require

11. I am pushing loan work as much as possible. The Board will remember that I was obliged to report that the Revenue Inspector was not appointed in the Taluk until December last he is now hard at work and I hope that if I find it advisable the Board will give me more assistance in this respect. I will report on this when the term of the present Revenue Inspector comes to an end.

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12. The Taluk has been in past years neglected. It was a great labour to reach it from Headquarters and even from the Sub Collector's Headquarters it was a great distance. The Sub Collector will in this year do the Gamabundi, I hope in March and he will be instructed to pay special attention to the Condition of the people. They must have small stores of grain left and from loss of Cattle in the last season be very badly off and unable to borrow whether they will be able to tide over this year without special aid, will depend on the early monsoon. Until then the assistance which I hope to be able to give them locally will I hope be sufficient.

Resolution

Submitted for the early

orders of Government.

2. The harvest has been late and the outturn of the dry crops will be generally good. The Board therefore fully supports the Collector's proposal to postpone the collections in the Taluk to March. The present instalments are payable from January to April at four annas in each month. Under the Collector's proposal they will be collected at 8 annas about each in March and April.

3. The attention of the P.W.D. should be drawn to the unsatisfactory state of the Irrigation works.

Order thereon: 16th February 1892 No. 950.

The Board's recommendation in the end of para 2 of its Proceedings is sanctioned. Para 2 of the Proceedings will be considered in the Public Works Department.

True Extract

Secretary to Govt

To

The Commr. Roorkee

P.W. Dept. (9) ✓

Acct. General

Collector of P. & A. Roor.

By 16/2/92 24.6.91

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P. W. CURRENT No. 1765

Govt. of 1892 Madras.
REVENUE.

To

The Public Works
Dept (Irrigation)

Dated

Recd. 19-2-92

Encl.

Mis. G.O., 16 Feb 1892, No. 950

SUBJECT.

Sanctifying the Board's
recommendation
to postpone the
Cotton of Kists in
Tiruvannamalai
Taluk & Arcot & St.
till March and inviting
the attention of the
P. W. D. to the unsatisfactory
state of the Irriga-
tion works.

No: 571 Wd/20 Feb 92

Communicated to the
S.E. Circle who will
report through the Chief
Engineer for Irrigation
what irrigation works in
the Tiruvannamalai
Taluk he is in a position
to undertake in case
of necessity and for what
period and what number
of persons employment
can be found.

CHIEF ENGINEER
FOR IRRIGATION.
15 FEB 92
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S.E. Circle with Extracts
paras 5 and 10 to 12 of the
Collector's letter
C.E. for ✓