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of Bellary, reporting on the — in the District
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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.
Revenue Settlement, Land Records & Agriculture, Madras.

Dated 28th December 1897.

No. 10178, Misc.

Read the following letter from the Collector of
Bellary Disposal No. 7866, dated 17th December 1897.

In continuation of my letter Dis. No. 7533 / 30/11/97

I have the honor to forward for the information of the Board
the reports of the Divisional Officers and Tahsildars of this
District on the State of the Season. These reports are based
on their personal inspection and knowledge. I have not been
able to verify them myself as from the date of my taking charge
at the end of November, I was already under orders of
transfer to Madura as Judge and indeed expected that I should
leave long before the holidays. I leave altogether on this day.

2. The reports confirm the opinion expressed by
me in my letter 7533, dated 30th ultimo. Those containing
the best information are those of Messrs. Lloyd and Turing
and of that experienced Deputy Collector Mr. J. Rama Rao.

Adoni Taluk The outturn of the mungari crop
was between 8 and 12 annas. The Hingari will bear eight
anna. crop notwithstanding the failure of the North East
monsoon.

Alur Taluk. The area covered by the mungari crop
was very limited and its yield was between 6 & 8 annas. The
late sown Korra will not yield more than four annas, while
cotton and white cholam which are in good condition are ex-
pected to yield a fair outturn.

Bellary Taluk. The outturn of mungari cholam &
cumboo was between 8 and 12 annas and the major portion of
the Korra which was sown sufficiently early is sure to yield
a fair outturn. White cholam and cotton are expected to give
a fair outturn except a few patches sown in November.

Pavedrug Taluk No black cotton soil is exclusive-
ly devoted to Korra which will probably fail. It is always

always mixed with cotton. The cotton and white cholam are sure to yield $\frac{5}{4}$ or more even without any further rain.

Hospet Taluk. The outturn of the dry crops will be middling on the whole taking the general condition of the Taluk into consideration. Except 5 red soil villages in Anantapur vally of the Gadiganur firka and 11 black soil villages in the Daroji firka, the taluk gives no cause for anxiety. Korra and cotton forming the principal crop in the 11 villages mentioned above will not yield anything and the outturn of the mungari crop in the above mentioned 5 red soil villages which are always wretchedly poor, was between 2 and 4 annas (See Mr. Lloyd's report).

Kudligi Taluk. The mungari crop was good all over the Taluk and the Hingari crop was thriving.

Harpanhalli Taluk. This was not affected in the previous year. Nearly 95 per cent of the land, which was covered by mungari crop gave a fair outturn and the later crop on the remaining land has not suffered.

Hadagalli Taluk. The average yield of the mungari crop was not below 12 annas and the Hingari crop will yield at least 8 annas.

3. It will thus be seen that the District, as a whole gives no cause for anxiety. As regards a portion of the Hospet Taluk which has been inspected both by the Head Assistant Collector and Tahsildar, the Tahsildar recommends that the portion of the uncollected balance of the assessment of last fasli in the above 16 villages may be remitted and that the kists of the current fasli may be postponed. As regards eleven of these villages, the Head Assistant Collector states that "All these villages were fully remitted last year having no crop at all. I believe it to be utterly impossible for them to pay in full this year and I therefore request that December and January kists may be at once suspended. No other concession is at present necessary. Very little remains uncollected from last year and there are no suspended items to be now enforced." From the statement submitted by the Tahsildar it seems that the amount relating to last fasli and remaining uncollected is Rs 1,939

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and the demand of the current fasli of the above 16 villages is Rs. 12,100. I support the Head Assistant Collector's recommendation to suspend for the present the collection of the December & January Kists. Very early orders are solicited on this point. As regards the uncollected balance of last year detailed individual enquiry will be made and such of the items, the collection of which may be found to cause great hardship, will be treated as irrecoverable in due course. No concession of any kind is recommended for Bellary, Rayadrug, Hadagali, Harpanahally and Kudligi & none is needed. The Divisional Officer Adoni recommends that the collection of the first two kists (viz January & February) may be postponed and that the amount of those kists may be collected along with the remaining kists. This concession he recommends for the whole of Alur taluk and the black soil villages of Adoni, the reason alleged being that the ryots can ill-afford to pay the kists till the harvest of cotton in March and that the Sowcars will not lend them anything all their landed property having been already mortgaged to Government in connection with the loans. Adoni was not so seriously affected last year in respect of food crops as Alur or Bellary, the mungari crop was up to the average and the Hingari is not a failure. The Tahsildar recommends the suspension of collection of only January kist. As compared with Bellary where the Divisional Officer recommends no concession whatever, Adoni does not seem entitled to any privilege and I therefore do not recommend any. As for the Alur Taluk, I think some concession is necessary and I would accordingly recommend that the January kists be suspended and collected with that of March. Early orders are solicited.

4. I may in this connection, bring to the Board's notice that I have asked the Executive Engineer not to sell any serviceable relief work tools pending further orders. I am of opinion that they had better be kept in store till the result of the next South West monsoon is known.

Resolution

Submitted for the information of Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings No. 9735 Misc., dated the 4th instant.

2. The condition of the district, as a whole does not give room for any anxiety. In consideration, however, of the peculiar circumstances of 16 villages in the Hospet Taluk, the Collector recommends that the collection of kists for December 1897 and January 1898 may be suspended. For similar reasons, the postponement of the January kist for the whole of the Alur Taluk until March next is also recommended. The proposals seem reasonable, and are approved. If in any village which suffered last year the mungari crop is between 2 and 4 annas and the hingari outturn nil, dry remissions seem to be called for and the Collector should consider the matter.

3. The Famine Commissioner concurs in the opinion expressed in para 4 of the Collector's letter read above, and approves of his action in requesting the Executive Engineer, not to sell any serviceable famine tools pending further orders.

(True copy and Extract)

Signed/ L.E. Buckley

Famine Secretary

To the Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,

The Collector of Bellary with Divisional Officers and Tahsildar's reports returned.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Read Proceedings of the Board of Revenue,
Revenue Settlement, Land Records & Agriculture, Madras,
No. 10178 Misc. dated 28th December 1897.

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Order thereon Misc. No. 37 dated 5th January 1898.

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(True Extract).

Williamson
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Board of Revenue, Revenue Settlement, &c.,
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