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Season Report for Week ending 22nd October 1881.

READ THE FOLLOWING PAPERS:—

No. 17. Telegram from Collector of Ganjam, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 25th October 1881.

Rice 21.33, ragi 39.92, cholam 33.72, cumbu 40.34. No rain Ganjam, Chatrapur, Berhampore, Purushottapur, Aska, Russellkonda, Ichápur, Sompét, Chicacole, Parlákimedi, Pattapur, Púndi; no reports Suradá, Tekkali, Narsannapet, Gopálpur, Calingapatam, Udayagiri, Balliguda. Rice, sugar-cane, red-gram, ulundu, cotton thriving. Cattle-disease continues same.

No. 18. Report from Collector of Vizagapatam, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 25th October 1881.

Third-sort rice 16.3, cholam 28.9, ragi 35.6, cumbu 40.0. Health—small-pox in two and fever in six taluks. Crops—sugar-cane, cotton, ragi, paddy, areka, chama, horse-gram, green-gram, ulundu, red-gram, cholam, red-potatoes, onions and chillies thriving; in some places, chama and cotton harvested, outturn half. Agricultural operations—Lamp-oil-seeds sown, chillies and tobacco transplanted. Water-supply insufficient in a few places. Rainfall, Malkungeri 0.35.

No. 19. Report from Collector of Godávari, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 25th October 1881.

Rice 20.37, cholam 40.5, ragi 40.0, cumbu 44.0. Health, fever slightly prevalent. Crops—budama paddy being harvested, outturn above average; standing crops are reported to be somewhat suffering for want of seasonable rain and weather. Agricultural operations—Dry crops being sown. Water-supply generally good; Godávari water 8.3 feet above locksill. Rainfall *nil*.

No. 20. Telegram from Collector of Kistna, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 25th October 1881.

Rice 15.66, cholam 32.74, ragi 38.23, cumbu 37.13. Horse-gram, chillies, castor, cotton, &c., sown; cholam, maize, gingelly, black-paddy, green-gram, korra harvested, outturn from $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$. Fever in six taluks. Rain wanted in nine taluks; none during the week; no report from Guntúr; 2.05 feet water over anicut on 21st.

No. 21. Report from Collector of Nellore, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 25th October 1881.

Rice 17.11, cholam 31.19, ragi 36.27, cumbu 34.45. Health—measles, fever and small-pox in a few places; public health generally good. The standing crops are in many places beginning to wither for want of rain; cumbu and indigo have been harvested. Agricultural operations—Padavari and iswara korra paddy have been sown in some places. Water-supply—There is water sufficient in most of the delta villages and also in a few other villages for irrigation purposes; the Pennér received no freshes during the week. Rainfall *nil*; no signs of the monsoon yet.

No. 22. Report from Collector of Cuddapah, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 24th October 1881.

Rice 14.58, cholera 33.1, ragi 39.3, cumbu 33.08. Health—fever is prevalent throughout the district except in the taluks of Badvel, Madanapalle and Pullampet. Crops—cholum, korra, ragi, cumbu, cotton and indigo are not thriving well for want of rain; indigo, cumbu and korra are being harvested, outturn of indigo being $\frac{1}{2}$, cumbu $\frac{1}{4}$, and korra $\frac{1}{4}$. Agricultural operations—Paddy, ragi, korra, indigo, bengal-gram, wheat and horse-gram are being sown; weeding operations are being carried out in paddy fields. Water-supply—No supply of water has been received in tanks in this week; there is water in river-channels. Rainfall nil.

No. 23. Telegram from Collector of Bellary, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 25th October 1881.

Rice 14.8, cholera 35.0, ragi 40.2, cumbu 27.5. Health—fever four taluks, cholera Bellary town, isolated cases outside. Rainfall none. Sowing cholera, wheat, bengal-gram, korra, cotton, oil-seeds, horse-gram, paddy, sugar-cane, ragi; condition, wet generally good, dry withering four, other taluks fair. Harvesting ragi four taluks, yield average.

No. 24. Telegram from Collector of Kurnool, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 25th October 1881.

Rice 12.42, cholera 35.75, ragi 35.47, cumbu 34.41. No rain, no dew, moisture wanted. Standing crops generally in good condition, but in places beginning to wither and suffer from insects; korra and sajjia being harvested in two taluks, outturn eight annas to full average; sowings of white cholera continue. Public health generally good. Pasture and water sufficient. Cattle-disease in two taluks. Prices nearly stationary.

No. 25. Report from Collector of Madras, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 25th October 1881.

Rice (second-sort) 13.59, cholera 28.04, cumbu 21.12, ragi 23.29. Health—fever, small-pox and dysentery prevalent; cholera in two divisions, Peddu Naik's pettah and Nungambakam; cattle suffering from throat-disease at Porasavakum and Perambur. Imports—tons, rice 886, other grains 228. Rainfall nil.

No. 26. Report from Collector of Chingleput, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 25th October 1881.

Rice 16.41, ragi 28.19, cumbu 21.45. Health—fever exists in parts of Conjeeveram and Saidapet taluks, increasing at Kunnathur; small-pox here and there in Chingleput and Tiruvallur taluks; one cholera case in Tiruvallur and another Conjeeveram, both imported from Tirupati; cattle-disease in parts of all but Madurantakam and Conjeeveram taluks. Crops beginning to wither for want of water; good where water is available; ragi, gingelly, &c., harvested, outturn $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$. Pasturage good except Madurantakam. Agricultural operations generally very dull for want of rain. Water-supply diminishing; many tanks have not received supplies. Rainfall nil; anxiety beginning to be felt in consequence of non-appearance of north-east monsoon.

No. 27. Report from Collector of North Arcot, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 25th October 1881.

Rice 17.9, cholera 31.6, ragi 33.8, cumbu 32.8. Health—fever slightly prevails in parts of the Chandragiri and Gudiyatam taluks and Punganur and Venkatagirikota divisions; and small-pox in parts of the Gudiyatam taluk and Tirupati, Narayana-

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varam, Tirutani, Maderpauk and Arni divisions; since last report, cholera has broken out in the Chittoor taluk and Arkonam and Narayanavaram divisions; it is still prevailing at Tirupati and its adjacent villages. Crops—paddy, ragi, cholera, cumbu, gingelly-seed and indigo were harvested during the week and the outturn was on the whole above the average; the standing crops are reported to be generally in good condition, but more rain is wanted in parts of the Wandiwash taluk and Tirupati division. Agricultural operations—Paddy is being sown in wet, and ragi and cholera in dry lands. Water-supply sufficient for the present. Rainfall nil.

No. 28. Report from Collector of South Arcot, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 25th October 1881.

Rice 16.04, cholera 28.00, ragi 33.92, cumbu 33.54. Health generally good, but small-pox was prevalent in parts of Tirukoilur taluk. Crops—cumbu, ragi and kar-paddy were being harvested in parts of the district, the outturn varying from 6 to 12 annas; standing crops, viz., cumbu, varagu, cholera, ground-nut, gingelly, sugar-cane and paddy were suffering from want of rain in several parts of the district, and the Tahsildars anticipate failure of crops if the present drought continues much longer; the absence of rain is very much felt even in respect to the lands ploughed for nunjah cultivation which were drying up in several places. Agricultural operations—Paddy was being transplanted under wells and anicut channels, but elsewhere agricultural operations were retarded for want of rain. Water-supply—Tanks were drying up in several places, the small supply received by them from the rains which fell in August last being inadequate for the crops under their influence; the prevalence of the north-east wind since Sunday last is a sign of the approach of the monsoon. No rain.

No. 29. Telegram from Collector of Tanjore, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 25th October 1881.

Rice 13.42, cholera 24.36, ragi 29.28, cumbu 29.91. Rainfall—Vallam 0.10, other stations nil. Rivers $\frac{3}{4}$ to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet. Crops generally good; rain much wanted in dry taluks, Tiruturai and Patukota, and in parts of Mayavaram. Harvest—paddy, cholera, ragi, cumbu, outturn average or about so. Health of people and cattle good.

No. 30. Report from Collector of Trichinopoly, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 25th October 1881.

Rice 15.35, cholera 28.70, ragi 36.88, cumbu 28.09. Health generally good; slight small-pox reported from one village in Udayarpalayam taluk; also slight fever in Kilpaluvur division. The standing crops are reported to be doing well, except paddy in Udayarpalayam taluk which is said to feel the want of rain. Agricultural operations—Second-crop wet cultivation continues; cumbu, cholera, varagu and ragi sown; cumbu was harvested in Trichinopoly, Illuppur, Udayarpalayam and Kilpaluvur with an outturn ranging from 6 annas to a full crop; ragi in Manapalai, Trichinopoly, Illuppur, Kulitalai and Kilpaluvur with one ranging from 4 annas to a full crop; kar-paddy in Trichinopoly taluk with one ranging from 6 to 16 annas; cholera in Manapalai with one of 4 to 8 annas. Water-supply—The Cauvery rose a little; channels supplied by Coleroon are said to be low; tanks throughout the district have sufficient supply, except in the western portion of the Musiri taluk where there is little or no supply. Rainfall—Trichinopoly 1.72, Cantonment 2.69, Illuppur 1.70, Srirangam 1.00, Lalgudi 1.76, Musiri 1.20, Turaiyur 1.20, Kulitalai 0.95, Manapalai 1.10, Perambalur nil, Jayankondacholapuram nil, Kilpaluvur nil, Pudukota 3.40, Alangudi 1.12, Karambakudi 0.16, Trimiyam 1.00, Kilanelli 0.92, Kulathur 0.10.

No. 31. Telegram from Collector of Madura, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 25th October 1881.

Rice 14.48, cholam 33.48, ragi 33.65, cumbu 33.70. Rainfall—Madura 0.95, Tirumangalam 1.0, Melur 0.2, Dindigul 1.22, Periyakulam 3.1, Palni 3.30, Sivaganga 2.3, Ramnad 2.39, Attenkarai 1.72, Vairavanathapatnam 1.50, Muturagunathapatnam 0.29. Cumbu harvested in Madura, yield average. Crops fading in some places. Water-supply deficient. Health of the people and cattle fair.

No. 32. Report from Collector of Tinnevely, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 25th October 1881.

Rice (second sort) 13.76, cholam 32.00, cumbu 33.60, ragi 38.40. Health generally good, but small-pox slightly prevails in parts of Tenkarai. The standing crops have been benefited by recent rains which were pretty general; paddy is being harvested in parts of Tenkasi and Tinnevely, the outturn is below the average; gingelly is being harvested in parts of Sator, the outturn is below the average. Agricultural operations—Wet crops are being transplanted in parts of Ambasamudram and Tinnevely, and ragi crops on dry lands under wells in parts of Otapidaram; paddy is being sown in parts of Nanguneri and Srivilliputtur, and dry crops in parts of Otapidaram, Sator, Sankaranainarkoil, Srivilliputtur, Ambasamudram and Tinnevely. Water-supply improving. Rainfall—6.55 Sator, 6.20 Sankaranainarkoil, 3.90 Tenkasi, 3.20 Tinnevely, 2.12 Nanguneri, 1.27 Srivilliputtur, 0.80 Ambasamudram, 0.75 Tenkarai, 0.70 Otapidaram, 5.50 Kayatar,* 3.20 Vilatikulam,* 0.40 Tuticorin.

*In Otapidaram.

No. 33. Telegram from Collector of Coimbatore, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 25th October 1881.

Rice 14.79, cholam 31.81, ragi 36.93, cumbu 36.06. Health good. Crops benefited by recent showers, except parts Palladam where dry crops still suffering. Harvest in seven taluks; paddy, cholam, cumbu each in two taluks, ragi four, others three taluks, outturn about average. Rain—Coimbatore 4.72, Mettupalaiyam 5.2, Satyamangalam 1.5, Talavadi 0.7, Kollegai 0.1, Bhavani 0.2, Erode 0.1, Perundurai 0.6, Aravakurichi 3.9, Dharpuram 4.39, Kangyam 0.84, Palladam 2.3, Avanashi 2.15, Pollachi 1.83, Udampalpet 0.8, Karur nil; Udampalpet weekly reports not received.

No. 34. Report from Commissioner of Nilgiris, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 28th October 1881.

Rice (second-sort) 11.06, cholam 21.61, ragi 24.09, cumbu 21.21. Health good. Standing crops are in good condition. Agricultural operations—Ploughing is progressing in the Paranginad division; sowing is commenced in the Gudalur division. Water-supply sufficient. Rainfall—Ootacamund 2.35, Kottagiri nil, Naduvattam 1.24, Coonoor 4.83, Gudalur nil, Pykara 1.86.

No. 35. Report from Collector of Salem, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 25th October 1881.

Rice 16.26, ragi 34.40, cumbu 33.41, cholam 34.17. Health—The outbreak of cholera in the Salem Municipal Town has a little subsided; sanitary arrangements good; fever in one taluk. Crops in all but three taluks suffering for want of rain; ragi in two taluks and cumbu in one being harvested, and the yield about the average. Agricultural operations—Paddy in five taluks and ragi in one being sown. Water-supply sufficient for drinking purposes only. Rainfall—Salem 0.03, Namakkal 2.60, Tiruchengod 1.20, Omalur 0.05, Paramathi 0.75, Sankaridrug 0.20.

No. 36. Report from Collector of South Canara, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 25th October 1881.

Rice 18.75, ragi 24.67. Health good, except slight fever in parts and dysentery in some localities of the Udipi taluk. Crops—harvest of first rice-crop is progressing in all taluks; yield of lowlands is reported to be above average in two taluks and average in three taluks; that of uplands is generally stated to be below average. Agricultural operations—Ploughing and sowing for the second rice-crop. Water-supply generally sufficient. Rainfall—Mangalore and Coondapoor nil, Kasaragod 0.5, Uppinangadi 0.65, Udipi 0.07.

No. 37. Telegram from Collector of Malabar, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 25th October 1881.

Rice 15.1, ragi 24.7. Rain insufficient. Harvesting nearly over; second-crop cultivation progressing. Fever in Wynaad and Walawanad; cattle-disease Wynaad and Ernad. Rainfall—Cannanore 0.45, Tellicherry 2.55, Badagara 3.25, Calicut 3.40, Chevayur 3.30, Vayitri nil, Manantoddy 1.10, Manjeri 4.25, Tirurangadi 1.23, Nilambur 1.15, Angadipuram 5.47, Palghat 2.62, Ponani 2.18, Cochin 1.15.

No. 38. Telegram from Dewan of Travancore, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 25th October 1881.

Season telegram, Trivandrum.—Transplantation is over. Madras second-sort rice 11.17 and paddy 24.26 seers per rupee. No small-pox or cholera; but fevers, ophthalmia, rheumatism and bowel affections prevail to some extent. Week's rainfall 0.152.

No. 39. ORDER THEREON, 1st November 1881, No. 1627.

Miscellaneous.

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