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Season Report for Week ending 29th October 1881.

READ THE FOLLOWING PAPERS :—

No. 96. Telegram from Collector of Ganjam, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 1st November 1881.

Rice 21·39, ragi 40·21, cholam 33·72, cumbu 41·04. No rain Ganjam, Chatrapur, Berhampore, Purushottapur, Aska, Russellkonda, Sompeta, Narsannapeta, Chica-cola, Parlakimedi, Pattapur, Calingapatam; no reports Surada, Ichapur, Tekkali, Gopalpur, Pundi, Udayagiri, Balliguda. Rice, sugar-cane, red-gram, cotton thriving; ulundu harvested in Goomsur and Berhampore, outturn average; light paddy in Goomsur, outturn average. Cattle-disease continues same.

No. 97. Report from Collector of Vizagapatam, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 1st November 1881.

Third-sort rice 16·3, cholam 28·9, ragi 35·6, cumbu 39·7. Health—small-pox in three and fever in seven taluks. Crops—sugar-cane, cotton, ragi, paddy, areka, chama, horse-gram, green-gram, ulundu, cholam, red-gram, red potatoes, onions and lamp-oil seeds thriving; in Golconda, Sarvasiddhi, Viravilli, Salur and Parvatipur taluks, crops are suffering from want of water; green-gram, chama and cotton harvested, outturn half. Agricultural operations—Cholam and lamp-oil seeds sown, tobacco and chillies transplanted. Water-supply diminishing in five taluks. Rainfall *nil*.

No. 98. Report from Collector of Godavari, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 1st November 1881.

Rice 18·23, cholam 40·28, ragi 37·14, cumbu 32·0. Health, fever slightly prevalent. Standing crops generally good, but want of rain is felt throughout the district. Agricultural operations—Dry crops being sown in some places. Water-supply generally good; Godavari water 8·2 feet above lock-sill. Rainfall *nil*.

No. 99. Telegram from Collector of Kistna, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 1st November 1881.

Rice 14·39, cholam 28·23, ragi 33·63, cumbu 30·88. Horse-gram, chillies, ragi, varagu, black-gram, tobacco sown; gingelly, cumbu, maize, cholam, korra harvested, outturn $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$. Fever in six taluks. Rain wanted in eleven taluks; none during the week. Prices rising. Paddy under tanks and dry crops withering. 1·5 feet water over anicut on 28th.

No. 100. Report from Collector of Nellore, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 1st November 1881.

Rice 15·85, cholam 27·79, ragi 33·07, cumbu 32·89. 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; indigo has been harvested. Agricultural operations *nil*. 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*. The monsoon commenced yesterday; last night's fall amounts to 4·2.

No. 101. Report from Collector of Cuddapah, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 31st October 1881.

Rice 14.62, cholum 34.23, ragi 39.97, cumbu 37.76. Health—fever is prevalent throughout the district except in the taluks of Badvel and Madanapalle. Crops—paddy, cholum, ragi, cumbu, cotton, indigo, horse-gram, green-gram and gingelly seeds are not thriving well for want of rain; cholum, ragi, cumbu and indigo are being harvested; outturn of cholum being $\frac{3}{4}$, ragi $\frac{1}{2}$, cumbu $\frac{1}{2}$ and indigo $\frac{2}{3}$. Agricultural operations—Paddy, cholum, wheat and bengal-gram are being sown. Water-supply—No supply of water has been received in tanks in this week; there is water in river channels. Rainfall *nil*.

No. 102. Telegram from Collector of Bellary, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 1st November 1881.

Rice 14.8, cholum 32.8, ragi 36.6, cumbu 26.8. Health—fever four taluks; cholera Bellary town and isolated cases outside. Rainfall none. Sowing cholum, wheat, bengal-gram, korra, cotton, paddy, sugar-cane, ragi; condition, wet generally good, dry withering five taluks, others fair. Harvesting ragi, early cholum, oil-seeds, yield average.

No. 103. Telegram from Collector of Kurnool, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 1st November 1881.

Rice 12.32, cholum 35.22, ragi 36.30, cumbu 34.13. No rain; showers much wanted and apparently coming. Standing crops in good condition still; korra and yellow cholum being harvested east of Nallamalais, outturn half to full average; sowings of white cholum, bengal-gram, wheat continue. Public health good. Pasture and water sufficient. Cattle-disease in two taluks. Prices nearly stationary.

No. 104. Report from Collector of Madras, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 1st November 1881.

Rice (second sort) 13.59, cholum 23.04, cumbu 21.12, ragi 23.29. Health—fever, small-pox and dysentery prevalent; cholera in Peddunaick's Pettah division; cattle-disease *nil*. Imports—tons rice 162, other grains 301. Rainfall *nil*.

No. 105. Report from Collector of Chingleput, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 1st November 1881.

Rice 16.13, ragi 27.62, cumbu 21.45. Health—fever exists in parts of Conjeeveram, Chingleput, Saidapet and Ponnéri taluks; small-pox here and there in Chingleput and Tiruvallūr taluks; two died by cholera in Conjeeveram and Tiruvallūr taluks; fever at Kunnathur increasing; cattle-disease exists in parts in all the taluks except Madurantakam and Conjeeveram. Crops beginning to wither for want of water, good where water is available; ragi, &c., harvested, outturn $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$. Pasturage good but Madurantakam. Agricultural operations generally slack for want of rain. Water-supply diminishing. Rainfall—Saidapet 0.04, none elsewhere; rain much wanted.

No. 106. Report from Collector of North Arcot, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 1st November 1881.

Rice 17.8, cholum 31.3, ragi 34.0, cumbu 31.7. Health—fever slightly prevails in parts of the Chandragiri and Gudiyátam taluks and Punganūr and Venkatagirikóta divisions, and small-pox in parts of the Gudiyátam taluk and Tirupati, Náráyanavaram, Tirutani, Arni and Maderpauk divisions; since last report, cholera has broken out in the Wálajápet taluk and Tirutani division; it is still prevailing at Chittoor and Tirupati and their adjacent villages. Crops—paddy, ragi, cumbu,

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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 Vellore and Wandiwash taluks and Tirupati and Maderpauk divisions. Agricultural operations are in vigorous progress. Water-supply sufficient for the present, but the water in the tanks is fast sinking owing to the present dry weather. Rainfall *nil*.

No. 107. Report from Collector of South Arcot, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 1st November 1881.

Rice 16.46, cholum 28.00, ragi 34.38, cumbu 33.59. Health generally good, but small-pox was prevalent in parts of Tirukoilūr and Chidambaram taluks. 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, ragi, cholum, ground-nut, gingelly, sugar-cane and paddy are still suffering from want of rain; the absence of rain is much felt throughout the district. Agricultural operations—Paddy was transplanted to a small extent under anicut channels. Water-supply deficient; rains have not yet set in. Rainfall—Chidambaram 2.05, Vanur 0.30, Bhuvanigiri 1.00, other stations *nil*. Return from Tittagudi not received.

No. 108. Telegram from Collector of Tanjore, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 1st November 1881.

Rice 13.93, cholum 26.08, ragi 29.02, cumbu 29.64. Rainfall—Tanjore 0.05, Vallam 0.07, Kumbakónam 0.75, Lower Anicut 0.53, Májavaram 0.50, Tranquebar 3.0, Shiyáli 1.0, Nannilam 0.80, Negapatam 3.90, Tiruturaipúndi 1.60, Mutupet 2.0, Mannárgudi 0.50, Patukóta 0.75. Rivers $\frac{3}{4}$ to 4 feet. Crops generally good in Májavaram, Shiyáli, Tiruturaipúndi, Mannárgudi, Patukóta; rain is much needed. Harvest—paddy, cholum, ragi, cumbu, outturn below average. Health of people and cattle good.

No. 109. Report from Collector of Trichinopoly, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 1st November 1881.

Rice 15.35, cholum 29.40, ragi 36.61, cumbu 28.09. Health—28 cases of cholera have been reported, of which 16 proved fatal; all these cases excepting three occurred in town; slight fever in Kílpaluvúr and slight small-pox in Udayárpálaiyam reported; health otherwise good. Crops—The dry crops generally want rain; other crops doing well. Agricultural operations—Paddy cultivation continues; ragi, varagu, cholum and cumbu sown in parts; kar-paddy was harvested in Trichinopoly and Musiri taluks with an outturn ranging from 8 annas to a full crop; ragi in Trichinopoly, Illuppúr, Musiri, Manapárai and Kílpaluvúr with one ranging from 4 annas to a full crop; cumbu in Trichinopoly, Illuppúr, Musiri and Udayárpálaiyam with one ranging from 6 annas to 12; varagu in Musiri with one coming up to the average; cholum in Manapárai with one of 4 to 8 annas. Water-supply—The Cauvery is low again and consequently the channels also; tanks in Trichinopoly have from one-and-half to two-and-half months' supply; in Illuppúr from 2 to 3 months'; in Manapárai one month; those in the eastern part of Musiri are almost full, while those in the western have little or none; the Perambalur tanks have sufficient supply. Rainfall—Lálgudi 0.07, Central Jail 0.02, Perambalur 0.10, Kílpaluvúr 0.25, other stations *nil*. Pudukóta State *nil*.

No. 110. Telegram from Collector of Madura, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 1st November 1881.

Rice 14.37, cholum 33.48, ragi 32.94, cumbu 33.32. Rainfall—Ramnad 0.68, Attengarai 0.43, Vairavanáthapatnam 0.30, Mutturagunáthapatnam 0.5, Vattanam 0.5. Cumbu and cholum harvested in Madura, ragi in Sivaganga, yield average. Crops fading. Water-supply deficient. Health of the people and cattle generally fair; three deaths by cholera in Palni.

No. 111. Report from Collector of Tinnevely, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 1st November 1881.

Rice (second sort) 13·76, cholum 33·60, 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, but rain is urgently required in some taluks; paddy is being harvested in parts of Tenkási, Tinnevely and Tenkarai, the outturn is below the average. Agricultural operations—Wet crops are being transplanted in parts of Ambásamudram and Tinnevely; paddy is being sown in parts of Nágunéri and Srivilliputur, and dry crops in parts of Sátúr, Sankaranainárkoil, Ambásamudram, Tenkási and Tinnevely. Water-supply improving. Rainfall—2·25 Tenkási, 0·85 Sankaranainárkoil, 0·32 Srivilliputur, 0·05 Ambásamudram, 1·40 Tuticorin (in Otapidáram taluk); *nil* in other taluks.

No. 112. Telegram from Collector of Coimbatore, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 1st November 1881.

Rice 15·12, cholum 31·70, ragi 35·67, cumbu 36·90. Slight fever reported; one fatal case cholera Coimbatore; no spread. Crops fair, wanting water in seven taluks. Harvesting in eight taluks, paddy in five, ragi six, cumbu three, cholum two, small grains &c., in three taluks; outturn average. Rain—Polláchi 1·3, Udamalpet 0·1; others *nil*.

No. 113. Report from Commissioner of Nilgiris, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 2nd November 1881.

Second-sort rice 11·25, cholum 22·72, ragi 22·45, cumbu 21·21. Health good. Standing crops are in good condition, not yet in a fit state for reaping in the Gúdálúr division. Agricultural operations progressing as usual; ploughing has commenced in the Kótágiri division. Water-supply sufficient. Rainfall—Ootacamund *nil*, Coonoor *nil*, Naduvatam *nil*, Gúdálúr *nil*.

No. 114. Report from Collector of Salem, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 1st November 1881.

Rice 15·86, ragi 32·81, cumbu 32·38, cholum 33·14. Health—cholera in Salem and Atúr, fever in two taluks and measles in one. Crops in all but two taluks are suffering much for want of rain; ragi in two taluks and cumbu in two are being harvested, and the yield about the average. Agricultural operations—Paddy being sown in three taluks. Water-supply sufficient for drinking purposes only. Rainfall *nil*.

No. 115. Report from Collector of South Canara, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 1st November 1881.

Rice 18·75, ragi 24·67. Health generally satisfactory; slight fever exists in the interior, small-pox is reported in one village of Udipi taluk. Crops—first rice-crop harvested in most parts; yield of lowlands 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—Cultivation of second rice-crop is progressing. Water-supply sufficient in three taluks and moderate in two taluks. Rainfall *nil*.

No. 116. Telegram from Collector of Malabar, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 1st November 1881.

Rice 15·5, ragi 24·7. Rain insufficient. Harvesting nearly over. Second-crop cultivation progressing. Fever in Wynaad and Walawanád; slight small-pox in Cherikál; cattle-disease Wynaad and Ernád. Rainfall—Tellicherry 0·25, Tirurangádi 0·01, Pálghat 1·47, Cochin 0·90, other stations *nil*.

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No. 117. Telegram from Dewan of Travancore, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 1st November 1881.

Season telegram, Trivandrum.—Paddy plants are withering. Madras second-sort rice 11·9 and paddy 25 seers per rupee. No small-pox or cholera; but fevers, ophthalmia, bronchitis and bowel affections prevail to some extent. Week's rainfall 1·778.

No. 118. ORDER THEREON, 7th November 1881, No. 1656.

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