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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 16th September 1859.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read Statements shewing the state of the season in certain Districts for the month of July 1859.

No. 22. ORDER THEREON 12th September 1859, No. 1227.

1. In December 1853, when a scarcity was apprehended, the Board of Revenue by a Circular called on the several Collectors to furnish for their information and for that of Government, monthly reports on the state of the crops, on the prospects of the harvest, and on the rise or fall in prices. These reports though called for at the time to serve a temporary and special occasion, have since been made permanent, and continue to be furnished to the present day. Their preparation necessarily entails much labour and trouble, and the Government doubt much whether they offer any commensurate advantage. They would wish the Board of Revenue to consider this point. If of opinion that the reports should be continued, they will be pleased to consider the practical utility of each part of them, in view to the future exclusion of such details as are not necessary.

2. Much improvement also might be made in the form of the Collectors' Returns, and again in the Board's Office in condensing those Returns. The Collectors' statements are full of minute details, they vary greatly in form and contents, and in some instances strange local measures are used. By a little care in furnishing instructions for their preparation, they may be greatly condensed and simplified. Again, on the receipt of the Reports in the Board's office their contents may be much more condensed by taking groups of Districts and giving the information generally for the whole group instead of for each one separately. In this way they may be useful; at present it is believed they are but very little read, and if read the multitude of details oppress and fatigue rather than inform the memory.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

No. 1227.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

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Board to consider copy of

Solicitor's Returns of seamen

should be continued.

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