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269. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th December 1860, No. 5,811:—

Read the following letter from G. THORNHILL, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Bezoarah, 6th December 1860, No. 284.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to report that no rain has fallen during the past month, crops of all kinds have suffered severely in consequence.

2. Water has been supplied from the Anicut as far as possible to the Delta lands, indeed, the entire supply passing through the sluices is now devoted to irrigation, the canals having been closed for navigation; notwithstanding this, some of the channels are so choked with silt that water will not pass down them, and there is reason to fear that, in some cases, total loss of crop will be the result, more especially on the Guntoor side.

3. This is not to be attributed to a deficiency of water in the Kistna, as a considerable volume is even now passing over the crown of the Anicut.

4. The black paddy crop is being reaped, but it has deteriorated very much from the total absence of rain during the past month. The same cause has had a bad effect on the cholum all over the District, and upon the Paira crops.

5. In the Táluqs of Répalli, Bapatla and Divy, the cholum was very seriously damaged by the heavy rains at the close of October.

6. Prices are stationary. Fever is prevalent in Bezoarah and other inland Táluqs amongst the native population, and cholera is still found in Masulipatam although the cases are isolated and rare.

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2. The Board cannot but notice with regret, that it would seem from paragraph 3 of the Collector's letter, that much of the loss and suffering which is now imminent might in all human probability have been averted had circumstances allowed of the Kistna works being carried out to a greater extent, and they would beg leave to suggest for the serious consideration of Government whether, as has recently been done in regard to the Godavery, means may not be devised for providing the requisite funds for this purpose. Scarcely any cost to Government would be more heavy than the loss which the State and the community are now likely periodically to sustain from the want or imperfect condition of the works.

(A true Extract and Copy.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 270. ORDER THEREON, 15th December 1860, No. 2,421.

The Government resolve to forward these Proceedings to the Chief Engineer, with a view to his applying any available balance from the Budget of this year to the highly important works referred to, and making due provision for them in the next Budget.

(Signed) J. D. SIM.
Acting Secretary to Government.

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Acting Secretary.

D. Sim, Esq
Actg Secretary to Government
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R. 30th November to Rc. 518-519

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a letter from the Collector of the
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No 2421. 15th December

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