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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 38

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Dated 6 — 1 — 1860.

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No. 77. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th December 1859, No. 5285.

Read the following letter from A. HATHAWAY, Esq., Collector of Ballári; to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue; dated 13th December 1859, No. 188.

With reference to paragraph 7 of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 4854, of the 28th ultimo, and a telegram from their Secretary of the 7th instant, I have the honor to report, that since the date of my letter of the 18th ultimo, No. 176, there has been a slight fall of rain throughout the district, but the monsoon, it may be said, has hitherto failed.

2. A large extent of dry land has, in consequence, been left uncultivated; the later wet crops have been raised under wells and nallás, and under but a few tanks.

3. Abundant rain fell throughout the district in May; which led to an extensive cultivation both "wet" and "dry;" but owing to a subsequent failure of rain, the early dry lands only yielded $\frac{3}{4}$ths of a crop, the wet crops giving a fair out-turn.

4. Prices are gradually rising; and unless rain falls soon much distress must ensue from want of water, especially in the town of Ballári, where the large tank is nearly empty and wells are failing.

5. If the project, entertained by the Madras irrigation company, with reference to the improvement of the supply of water to this district and Karnúl, be sanctioned, much relief would, doubtless, be afforded by the employment of labourers, who would at present be easily obtained.

No. 78. ORDER THEREON, 6th January 1860, No. 38.

Ordered that the foregoing Proceedings be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Submitting for
information a letter
from the Collector of
Bellari reporting on the
state of the Season in
his Distt. -

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