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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 31st December 1863.

The following papers are ordered to be recorded, dated 24th December 1863, No. 2,385:—

From the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 25th November 1863.

Average Bazaar prices of Grain and Salt per Madras Garce and Rain Report of all the Districts of the Madras Presidency for the month of October 1863, Fusly 1273.

Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department, dated 20th November 1863, No. 3,389.

Authorizing the adoption of the course suggested by the Deputy Auditor and Accountant General regarding the adjustment of certain sums outstanding against the advances made on account of a propagating house for the Chinchona experiment on the Neilgherries.

Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department, dated 30th November 1863, No. 3,511.

Sanctioning the estimate for cutting a canal to connect the navigation work and south of the road from Negapatam to Tritrapundi, in order to form an uninterrupted water communication from Negapatam to the Salt pans at Vadarniem.

Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department, dated 7th December 1863, No. 3,600.

Instructing the Superintending Engineers to co-operate with the Collectors in the preparation of list of works considered necessary for the development of the Salt Revenue.

Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department, dated 9th December 1863, No. 3,636.

Passing orders on the lists submitted by the several Superintending Engineers of roads to be made and maintained from Imperial and Local Funds respectively.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th December 1863.

Submitting for the information of Government letter from the Acting Collector of the Kistna District, reporting that there has been no improvement in the prospects of the season since Acting Collector's report on the subject.

Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department, dated 14th December 1863, No. 1,377.

Communicating letter from the the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, forwarding a report from the Civil Surgeon of Kurnool, stating that there is at present no Cattle murrain in that District.

Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 18th December 1863, No. 4,037.

Communicating a Despatch from Secretary of State observing that the Commander-in-Chief should be made fully acquainted with the circumstances which lead to an Officer's removal from any branch of Government employment.

Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department, dated 21st December 1863, No. 3,780.

Directing that the execution of the Junction Canal work in Tanjore District be left to the Officers of the Public Works Department instead of to the Revenue Department.

From the Secretary to Government North Western Province, dated 3rd December 1863, No. 1,375.

Stating that in 1861-62 the cattle murrain now prevalent in the Madras Presidency once appeared in Jhansie Division, but no successful remedy was discovered for it, and promising a further communication on the subject after further enquiry.

From the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd December 1863.

Average Bazaar prices of Grain and Salt per Madras Garce and Rain Report of all the Districts of the Madras Presidency for the month of November 1863, Fusly 1273.

Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 23rd December 1863,
No. 4,109.

Communicating to his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief Proceedings of the Government, Revenue Department, respecting the purchase of certain land and the building of another Magazine at Cannanore, as also for making additions to the present burial ground at that Station.

Ext. S. T. Augustin.

No. 7,478.

Average Bazar prices of Grain and Salt per Madras Garce, and Rain Report of all the Districts of the Madras Presidency, for the month of October 1863, Fasli 1273.

Districts.		Prices of Grain and Sea Salt.												Rain-fall.				
		2nd sort Rice.		2nd sort Paddy.		Cholum.		Raggy.		Horse Gram.		Sea Salt.		Northern Section.	Southern Section.	Eastern Section.	Western Section.	Average.
		Fasli 1272.	,, 1273.	,, 1272.	,, 1273.	,, 1272.	,, 1273.	,, 1272.	,, 1273.	,, 1272.	,, 1273.	,, 1272.	,, 1273.					
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.
Northern	Ganjam	241	204	97	82	184	135	121	97	132	125	252	249	10·80	9·40	14·00	7·30	10·37
	Vizagapatam	320	265	130	108	169	146	136	124	148	135	262	253	4·50	3·80	35·50	5·50	12·30
	Godavery	314	288	138	131	169	174	166	139	148	128	237	243	...	* ...	...	...	...
	Kistna	328	382	155	185	194	264	166	221	150	198	249	249	2·68	7·13	5·52	2·88	4·55
	Nellore	350	360	164	171	192	198	167	176	201	223	232	231	10·59	12 08	14·39	9·96	11·76
Ceded Districts	Cuddapah	437	409	200	192	227	248	199	219	230	243	330	341	7·50	2·35	8·05	9·80	6 93
	Bellary	367	405	160	174	184	288	165	239	196	258	413	473	3·20	4·25	3·87	4·35	3·90
	Kurnool	348	423	147	183	171	291	163	246	209	283	348	326	4·75	2·93	4 81	3·62	4·03
East Centre	Madras	384	364	178	168	227	214	241	207	227	232	208	218	3·46	5·60	29·85	10·60	12·38
	North Arcot	357	314	161	136	237	184	175	159	211	177	220	225	3 40	6·10	4·60	5·00	4 90
	South Arcot	346	326	147	139	214	119	169	147	194	155	234	250	5·00	3·00	4·55	1·35	3·47
Cauvery	Tanjore	330	320	154	145	171	157	145	140	227	182	211	213	8·62	12·35	18·91	12·24	13 30
	Trichinopoly	382	323	174	151	222	179	175	147	243	160	281	269	7·58	13·00	7·25	12·62	10·11
Southern	Madura	482	363	226	156	284	176	219	163	257	167	251	264	11·25	8·06	6·09	8·38	8·45
	Tinnevelly	447	354	207	161	261	239	241	216	326	253	246	258	8·00	3·58	4·44	10·28	6 58
West Centre	Coimbatore	396	425	205	181	269	185	214	162	295	173	340	332	7·35	13·63	8·27	7·80	9·26
	Salem	355	304	158	137	201	145	183	134	220	136	256	268	5·30	7·00	5·60	6·70	6·20
West	South Canara	371	350	162	152	...	...	207	203	278	243	206	206	4·20	3·45	3·75	4 90	4·83
	Malabar	335	419	174	193	...	...	190	225	331	258	253	283	3·65	10·80	9·75	7·15	7·85

* Report not received.

REMARKS ON THE SEASON.

NORTHERN.—There was a good fall of rain in these Districts, and the tanks received ample supplies of water. In Ganjam *Rágí* and *Kambū* had been harvested. The early *Paddy* was in ear. Cotton picking was almost completed. In Vizagapatam the first *Peirá* crop had been reaped. *Indigo* cultivation had commenced. In the Godavery District, the transplanted *Paddy* had been attacked by insects. The dry *Paddy* was being cut, and *Jonnā*, *Horse gram*, &c., had been sown. In the Kistna District, the *Punásá* crop had been reaped. *Jonnā* was growing well, but some of the dry crops had suffered much in the early part of the season from want of rain. *Peirá* cultivation was being carried on in parts and the crops under tanks were in good order. In Nellore the cultivation of the wet, dry and garden crops had progressed; the former was flourishing in parts, and some of the dry crops were being reaped in a few Taluks. Cotton cultivation was extending in all these Districts. Prices had slightly fallen in Ganjam and Vizagapatam. In the Godavery and Kistna Districts they were stationary and in Nellore high. Cholera and small-pox still prevailed in parts of these Districts, and cattle suffered from Murrain. The mortality in Ganjam was decreasing.

CEDED DISTRICTS.—Rain fell in these Disfricts. In Bellary it was scanty. The tanks in Cuddapah received large supplies of water. *Sajjā*, *Rágí*, *Indigo*, &c., crops had been reaped; but the yield was somewhat scanty. In Kurnool the early crops, such as the yellow *Javāri* and *Kambū* had been harvested and *Wheat*, &c., sown. The white *Javāri* and Cotton crops were in good condition. Prices were high in this District, and in Bellary. The rise in the latter district was owing to the prohibition of export of grain from the Nizam's Territories. Fever, Small-pox and Cholera prevailed in parts of Cuddapah. The latter disease was very severe in Kurnool. Cattle suffered from Murrain in Cuddapah.

EAST CENTRE.—Rain fell in these Districts, and the tanks received from one to four months supply of water. In Madras, the unhealthy and withering crops were reported to be recovering. In North Arcot dry and wet cultivation was in progress, but the latter was not carried on extensively from want of sufficient rain. Some of the surviving crops, such as *Jonnā*, *Rágí*, &c., had been harvested, but the yield was poor. The freshes in the principal rivers of South Arcot were low, but the crops in general were healthy. *Car* was being harvested, and the 4th crop of *Indigo* cut. Prices had slightly fallen in Madras. In North Arcot they were stationary, and in South Arcot they had somewhat risen. Cholera prevailed in parts of the two latter Districts. Cattle suffered from disease in South Arcot.

CAUVERY.—Rain fell plentifully in these Districts, and freshes were received in the Cauvery and Coleroon rivers. In Tanjore the *Cār* crops which were in ear had been considerably damaged by the violent gale on the 19th of the month. The early dry crops had been harvested. The cultivation of *Sumbā* had advanced considerably throughout the District. The *Sumbā Peshanām* crops were thriving. In parts of Trichinopoly, wet and dry cultivation was carried on. *Cár Paddy*, *Kumbū* and *Rágí* had been harvested in a few Taluks. Prices had slightly risen in this District. In Tanjore they were stationary. These Districts were healthy.

SOUTHERN.—Rain fell throughout these Districts, and the tanks received good supplies of water. In Madura the transplanting of *Sumbā* was progressing steadily. *Horse gram*, *Volundu*, *Varagu*, &c., crops were being cultivated. *Rágí* had been cut and land was being prepared for further cultivation of dry grain. The Cotton crops, which had suffered from want of early rains, were reported to be thriving. In Tinnevelly the fall of rain proved beneficial to the standing crops, and for carrying on cultivation extensively. Prices were stationary in this District. In Madura they had slightly risen. These Districts were healthy.

WEST CENTRE.—There was a good fall of rain in these Districts. In Coimbatore, the wells were full. Many of the lands ploughed had been sown with *Cotton*, *Cholám*, &c. The dry and wet crops were in good condition. In Salem, the standing crops were in excellent order. Wet cultivation was in active progress, and the *Cotton* and *Indigo* crops were growing well. Prices were stationary in this District, and large quantities of Rice were reported to be sold to merchants from the Western Coast. In Coimbatore the prices of some grains were rising. Fever prevailed in one Taluk of this District, and Cholera in parts of Salem.

WEST.—Partial showers fell in these Districts. In Malabar the harvesting of the *Cár* crop had been completed, and the second sowing was brought to a close. In South Canara the *1st Rice* crop had been fully gathered, but the yield was poor. The cultivation for the 2nd crop was in active progress. Prices had slightly fallen. These Districts were healthy.

The following is the Statement of Cotton and Indigo cultivation with the market prices for October 1863.

Districts.	Cotton.						Indigo.				Market rates per Maund of 25 lbs.
	Fasli 1272.		Fasli 1273.		Market rates per Candy of 500 lbs.		Fasli 1272.		Fasli 1273.		
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.			Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	
1	2	3	4	5	6		7	8	9	10	11
	Acres.	Rupees.	Acres.	Rupees.	Rupees.		Acres.	Rupees.	Acres.	Rupees.	Rupees.
1. Ganjam	4,378	6,478	6,042	12,373	335	Cleaned	...	...	...	...	40
2. Vizagapatam	5,264	17,652	5,733	13,616	55	Seed	587	3,201	1,107	5,653	39
3. Godavery	577	1,221	2,389	5,638	289	Cleaned	28	54	94	195	39
4 Kistna	1,02,350	1,46,705	1,47,507	2,17,474	272	do.	6,061	10,803	12,651	24,386	39
5. Nellore	12,794	13,901	13,378	15,962	274	do.	17,787	41,866	12,178	33,098	45
6. Cuddapah	26,825	38,083	68,848	95,429	400 to 215	do.	19,028	50,053	17,314	54,457	35 to 65
7. Bellary	2,89,722	3,01,891	2,73,719	2,04,984	315	do.	1,300	1,802	1,095	1,131	55
8. Kurnool	89,784	92,254	1,66,085	1,61,409	323	do.	22,448	47,522	19,248	47,058	47
9. Madras	5	5	1	1	350	do.	2,570	9,309	4,651	11,710	38
10. North Arcot	...	...	3	3	275	do.	1,028	2,195	1,678	3,330	41
11. South Arcot	10,461	24,216	11,674	22,352	283	do.	32,184	65,311	* 38,042	81,528	31
12. Tanjore	361	505	533	659	300	do.	428	665	403	506	13
13. Trichinopoly	10,899	31,652	8,912	27,498	72	Seed	67	164	169	353	45
14. Madura	26,250	51,430	27,498	46,579	300	Cleaned	29	37	8	9	32
15. Tinnevelly	54,511	66,154	30,755	34,568	380 to	do. 340	122	200	92	110	31 to 37
16. Coimbatore	19,750	19,582	38,146	36,568	318	do.	...	...	...	...	.....
17. Salem	14,811	24,333	20,575	34,238	331	do.	1,775	6,063	1,236	4,461	39
Total	6,68,742	8,36,062	8,21,798	10,29,381	.....		1,05,442	2,39,245	1,09,966	2,67,985	.....

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REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Madras,
25th November 1863.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to All Collectors.

Exd. J. Wright.

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To the Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to All Collectors, &c.

Dated 25th November 1863.

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No. 7,478.

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Peirá Crop had been reaped - Indigo cultivation had Commenced - In the Godavery District the transplanted Paddy had been attacked by insects - The dry Paddy was being cut and Jonna, Horse gram &c had been sown - In the Kistna District, the Punásá Crop had been reaped. Jonna was growing well, but some of the dry Crops had suffered much in the early part of the season from want of rain - Peirá cultivation was being Carried on in parts and the Crops under Tanks were in good order - In Nellore the cultivation of the wet, dry and garden Crops had progressed: the former was flourishing in parts, and some of the dry Crops were being reaped in a few Taluqs - Cotton cultivation was extending in all these Districts - Prices had slightly fallen in Ganjam and Vizagapatam - In the Godavery and Kistna Districts they were stationary and in Nellore high - Cholera and Small-pox still prevailed in parts of these Districts and Cattle suffered from Murrain - The Mortality in Ganjam was decreasing -

Ceded Districts - Rain fell in these Districts - In Bellary it was scanty - The Tanks in Cuddapah received large supplies of water - Sajja, Ragi, Indigo &c Crops had been reaped; but the yield was somewhat scanty - In Kurnool, the early crops, such as the yellow Javari and Kambu had been harvested and Wheat &c sown - The white Jowari and Cotton Crops were in good condition - Prices were high in this District and in Bellary - The rise in the latter District was owing to the prohibition of Export of Grain from the Nizam's Territories - Fever, Small-pox Cholera prevailed in parts of Cuddapah - The latter disease was very severe in Kurnool - Cattle suffered from Murrain in Cuddapah

Rain

East Centre - Rain fell in these Districts, and the Tanks received from 1 to 4 Months supply of water - In Madras, the unhealthy and sickening crops were reported to be recovering - In North Arcot dry and wet cultivation was in progress, but the latter was not Carried on extensively from want of sufficient rain - Some of the surviving crops such as Jonna, Ragi &c had been harvested, but the yield was poor - The freshes in the principal rivers of South Arcot were low, but the Crops in general were healthy - Car was being harvested and the 4th Crop of Indigo cut - Prices had slightly fallen in Madras - In North Arcot they were stationary and in South Arcot they had somewhat risen - Cholera prevailed in parts of the two latter Districts - Cattle suffered from disease in South Arcot -

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District

District. In Tanjore they were stationary. These Districts were healthy.

Southern. Rain fell throughout these Districts and the Tanks received good supplies of water. In Madura, the transplanting of Cumbu was progressing steadily. Horse gram, Volundu, Varagu &c. Crops were being cultivated. Ragi had been cut and land was being prepared for further Cultivation of dry grain. The Cotton Crops which had suffered from want of early rains were reported to be thriving. In Tinnevelly the fall of rain proved beneficial to the standing Crops, and for carrying on Cultivation extensively. Prices were stationary in this District. In Madura they had slightly risen. These Districts were healthy.

West Coast. Moderate rain fell in these Districts. In Coimbatore, the wells were full. Many of the lands ploughed had been sown with Cotton, Cholam &c. The dry and wet crops were in good condition. In Salem, the standing crops were in excellent order. Wet Cultivation was in active progress, and the Cotton and Indigo Crops were growing well. Prices were stationary in this District. Large quantities of Rice were reported to be sold to Merchants from the Western Coast. In Coimbatore the prices of some grains were rising. Fever prevailed in one Taluq of this District and Cholera in parts of Salem.

West. Partial showers fell in these Districts. In Malabar the harvesting of the Cár Crop had been completed and the second sowing was brought to a close. In South Canara the 1st Rice Crop had been fully gathered, but the yield was poor. The Cultivation for the 2nd Crop was in active progress. Grain had slightly fallen. These Districts were healthy.

The following is the Statement of Cotton and Indigo Cultivation with the market prices for October 1863.

Districts	Cotton Fash 1272 Extent	Cotton Fash 1272 Average Outturn	Cotton Fash 1273 Extent	Cotton Fash 1273 Average Outturn	Market rates for Candy of 500lb.	Indigo Fash 1272 Extent	Indigo Fash 1272 Average Outturn	Indigo Fash 1273 Extent	Indigo Fash 1273 Average Outturn	Market rates for Maund of 25lb.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Acres	Rs	Acres	Rs	Rs	Acres	Rs	Acres	Rs	Rs
1 Tanjam	4378	6478	6042	12373	Cleaned	335	"	"	"	"	40
2 Vizagapatam	5264	17652	5733	13646	Seed	55	587	3201	1107	5663	39
3 Godavery	577	1221	2389	5638	Cleaned	289	28	54	94	195	39
4 Kistna	102350	146705	147507	217474	"	272	6061	10803	12651	24386	39
5 Nellore	12794	13901	13378	15962	"	274	17787	41866	12178	33098	45
6 Cuddapah	26825	38083	68848	95429	"	2156 to 400	19028	50053	17314	54457	35 to 65
7 Bellary	289722	301891	273719	304984	"	315	1300	1802	1095	1131	55
8 Kurnool	89784	92254	166085	161409	"	323	22448	47522 *	19248	47058	47
9 Madras	5	5	1	1	"	350	2570	9309	4651	11710	38
10 North Arcot	"	"	3	3	"	275	1028	2195	1678	3330	41
11 South Arcot	10461	24216	11674	22352	"	283	32184	65311	38042	81528	3.
12 Tanjore	361	505	533	659	"	300	428	665	403	506	13
13 Trichinopoly	10899	31652	8912	27498	Seed	72	67	164	169	353	45
14 Madura	26250	51430	27498	46579	Cleaned	300	29	37	8	9	32
15 Tinnevelly	54511	66154	30755	34588	"	340 to 380	122	200	92	110	31 to 37
16 Coimbatore	19750	19582	38146	36568	"	318	"	"	"	"	
17 Salem	14811	24333	20575	34238	"	331	1775	6063	1236	4461	39
Total	668742	836062	821798	1029381			105442	239245	109966	267985	

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Rev. Bd. Office
Madras
25 November 1863

Secretary

To

J. D. Sim Esqr.
Secretary to Government R.D.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 20th November 1863.

No. 452. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel C. V. WILKIESON, R. E., Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 2nd November 1863, No. 1,783 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Orders of Government marginally quoted, I have the honor to forward the accompanying papers relative to an advance of 1,500 Rupees made by this Deparement in 1861-62 on account of a propagating house for the Chinchona experiment, and which is still outstanding in the accounts of the Coimbatore District.

No. 2,553, dated 4th September 1863.

1 Letter from District Engineer, Coimbatore with 1 Bill.
1 Do. to do. do.
1 Do. from Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

2. The above advance was made on the authority of Government in the Revenue Department, No. 1,328, dated 3rd July 1861, and though it appears from an Order of a subsequent date* in the same Department that the Estimate for the work amounted to Rupees 4,100, no further advance was made by this Department on that account.

* No. 2,316, dated 16th December 1861.

3. In March 1863 Colonel Faber, late District Engineer, submitted a Bill for Rs. 2,170-2-0, but as the amount did not correspond with the advance made, nor with the Estimate for the work, viz., Rupees 4,100, it was returned for explanation.

4. The Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division in his report of the 26th October 1863, states that "in Government Order, Revenue Department, No. 855, of 18th May (1863 ?), Mr. "McIvor's entire outlay appears to have been passed; and I have this day submitted Major "Farewell's further report on the subject, copy of which will doubtless be furnished you when "the Government Proceedings on it are printed," but I have not been furnished with these orders.

5. I have now only to solicit the orders of Government for reversing the entry of Rupees 1,500 in the Coimbatore accounts by crediting "Advances Repayable," and debiting some other head of account, in communication with the Accountant General, under whose instructions it was debited to the head under which it is now outstanding.

Referred to the Deputy Auditor and Accountant General for report.

Chepauk,
5th November 1863.

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government, D. P. W.

REPORT.

The undersigned has the honor to state that the amount should be directed to be reversed to credit of "Advances Repayable" and afterwards debited to "Public Works Remittances."

4 Enclosures (returned).

(Signed) R. W. LODWICK,
Acting Deputy Auditor and Accountant General.

6th November 1863.

No. 453. ORDER THEREON, 20th November 1863, No. 3,389.

1. The Government authorize the adoption of the course suggested by the Deputy Auditor and Accountant General.

2. It is observed that the entire expenditure incurred by Mr. McIvor in the erection of the buildings connected with the Chinchona Plantations was passed in Proceedings Revenue Department, No. 855, dated 18th May 1863.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts,
with G. O. No. 855, dated 18th May 1863, R. D.
„ Deputy Auditor and Accountant General.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 30th November 1863.

No. 707. Read the following letter from Captain E. A. FOORD, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 14th November 1863, No. 1,122 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward for the sanction of Government and entry in the Budget of 1864-65, an Estimate of Rupees 22,565, for cutting a Canal 2,920 yards in length to connect the navigation north and south of the road from Negapatam to Tritrapundi, and so form an uninterrupted water communication from Negapatam to the Salt Pans at Vadarniem. The preparation of the Estimate, which was called for in the Proceedings of Government of the 24th of February, No. 483, was commenced by Captain Mullins while he had charge of the District, and he has since completed it, and the plans and surveys which accompany it.

1 Survey, (forwarded by Bhangy).
1 Index Map, do.
2 Plans, do.
1 Abstract Estimate.
1 Report.
1 Letter from Collector.

2. A Canal, which is likely to be completed by the 1st of May, is now being cut from the Vadarniem Salt Pans to the Adapar river near Topetoray. This river is navigable for nine miles towards Negapatam, and thence boats leaving it can go by a large drainage channel and the Papan and Ramanaden channels as far as the road from Negapatam to Tritrapundi. Boats can also come from Negapatam to within a short distance of the same place. The two lines of navigation are not connected, but they can be connected by a short Canal for which this Estimate has been made. There will then be water communication from Negapatam to Vadarniem, a distance of 35 miles, but this is not all. It will be seen, on reference to the Sketch Map, that several river, and channels from the west ward join the main line. These are navigable for several months of the year, and will give access from Vadarniem or Negapatam to a considerable extent of country. The length of the main line and branches is about 94 miles, and the new Canal to connect them will be less than 2 miles in length.

Sanctioned in G. O. No. 163, dated 20th January 1863.

3. The cut, however, cannot be made without some interference with existing lines of communication and works of irrigation. It will be necessary to build a bridge for the Negapatam and Tritrapundi road, and three under-tunnels to take the Chundranuddee and two small channels across the Canal. Another under-tunnel and two small culverts are also required for drainage into the Canal. The cost of all these masonry works is estimated at Rupees 14,025

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Total :..... 22,565

4. The Collector, as will be seen from his letter, entirely approves of the work, and it is certainly one that promises to be most advantageous to the District, for, at a very moderate outlay, cheap water carriage will be provided in a part of the District which is at present very difficult of access, and where it is impossible to make good roads.

No. 708. ORDER THEREON, 30th November 1863, No. 3,511.

1. In their Proceedings No. 3,383, dated 26th May 1862, the Board of Revenue strongly recommended that the question of forming a line of water communication between Negapatam and Kodikarai in the Tanjore District should be referred to the Public Works Department for early consideration. The Board pointed out that the advantages connected with this scheme were that it would give easy access to a spot where salt of excellent quality is produced almost spontaneously in immense quantities, at an exceedingly cheap cost to Government, and that it would connect the Great Southern of India Railway by water with a part of the coast from which goods could be shipped easily and safely at all times of the year, including the period when Negapatam and other East Coast ports are closed by the north-east monsoon.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
30th November 1863.

2. An Estimate amounting to Rupees 13,000 for cutting a Canal from the Vadarniem Salt Pans to the Adipar at Topetoray was sanctioned in Proceedings No. 163, dated 20th January 1863, and it is expected that the work will be completed by the close of the current official year.

3. In this letter, the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, reports that the Adapar river is navigable for 9 miles towards Negapatam, and that thence boats leaving it can go by a large drainage channel and by the Papan and Ramanaden channels as far as the road from Negapatam to Tritrapundi. Captain Foord, moreover, states that boats can also come from Negapatam to within a short distance of the same place. The two lines of navigation are, however, not connected, but to effect this connection, the Superintending Engineer now submits an Estimate amounting to Rupees 22,565.

4. Looking to the great advantages which will result by the formation of a complete line of water communication from Vadarniem to Negapatam, the Governor in Council sanctions the Estimate adverted to above. Funds to the extent of Rupees 13,000 have been provided for this work, and the Superintending Engineer has been requested to report whether there is any objection to the Collector undertaking its execution.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.
„ Accountant General.
„ Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 7th December 1863.

No. 157. Read the following letter from W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department of Public Works, dated Madras, 1st December 1863:—

SIR,

1. As the correspondence relating to the preparation of a distinct Budget Estimate of Public Works connected with the Salt Department of which copy is enclosed, does not appear to have been communicated to your Department, I have the honor to request that you will issue such instructions to the Superintending Engineers as may be requisite in order to secure their co-operation.

2. The Board's intention is, that the *whole* of the works which the Collectors of Salt Districts consider necessary for the development of this branch of revenue shall be submitted to Government in one view, and distinct from other Public Works, but they have no desire whatever to interfere in any way with the preparation of the Estimates by the professional Department, and of course they contemplate the ultimate inclusion of the Budget of Salt Works approved by Government in the General Budget passed by your Department.

3. It appears, however, that some misapprehension exists on this point, which it is desirable to remove without delay.

No. 158. ORDER THEREON, 7th December 1863, No. 3,600.

1. In Revenue Proceedings No. 1,675, dated 10th September 1863, the Government approved of the Board of Revenue annually preparing, in communication with the Collectors, a List of the works considered necessary and desirable for the development of the Salt Revenue. In communicating* these orders to the Superintending Engineers, the Government did not intend to absolve them from all concern with works of that description, but, on the other hand, in order to the punctual submission of the Local Budgets to the Board of Revenue, that they should render the Collectors every possible assistance in the preparation of the Estimates, and in furnishing such information as might be required with reference to the works to be proposed for execution. The Government will rely upon the hearty co-operation of the Superintending Engineers with the Revenue authorities to ensure the complete fulfilment of the duty required of them.

* G. O. No. 2,704, dated 17th September 1863.

2. The List to be submitted by the Board of Revenue will be considered with the Budgets already forwarded by the Superintending Engineers, and such works in connection with the Salt Department as may be selected for execution, will be entered in the General Budget of this Department.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.
„ Board of Revenue.
„ Superintending Engineers.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 9th December 1863.

Read again letters from Superintending Engineers, 7th and 8th Divisions, and recorded in Proceedings of Government, Nos. 3,319 and 669, dated 17th September and — 1863.

Read also the following :—

No. 231. From the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
Forwardings Lists of roads to be made and maintained from Imperial and Local Funds respectively. } (Here enter 9th June 1863, No. 184.)

No. 232. From do. do. 2nd Division.
(Here enter 6th October 1863, No. —.)

No. 233. From do. do. 3rd Division.
(Here enter 11th July 1863, No. 71.)

No. 234. From do. do. 4th Division.
(Here enter 28th October 1863, No. 3,099.)

No. 235. From do. do. 5th Division.
(Here enter 2nd October 1863, No. 950.)

No. 236. From do. do. 6th Division.
(Here enter 16th November 1863, No. 1,134.)

No. 237. ORDER THEREON, 9th December 1863, No. 3,636.

1. In Proceedings, dated 20th December 1862, No. 2,647, the Revenue Department remarked that it would be advisable to decide on the roads which are to be made and maintained by Government in all Districts. This subject has engaged the attention of Superintending Engineers who now submit lists of roads which they propose to make and maintain from Imperial and Local Funds respectively.

2. The Government are of opinion that it is advisable to defer the consideration of these Lists pending a decision on the subject of Proceedings dated 3rd February 1863, No. 286. In those Proceedings they drew a line of distinction between roads, the cost of which was to be charged to the general revenue, and those which were to be made and maintained from local sources, and with a view to provide funds for the latter, they resolved on adopting the expedient of extending to the Provinces, the system of levying a moderate cart tax or license fee on all carts and carriages. The Board of Revenue were requested to obtain and submit a statement of the probable receipts from the proposed tax, on receipt of which it was proposed to re-consider the subject and to decide on the measures requisite for giving effect to the arrangement. The Board will be requested to expedite the submission of this statement to enable the Government to determine, with reference to the means that will be available, how far it will be possible, practically, to enforce the distinction proposed to be maintained in the appropriation of monies available for the construction and repair of roads in the Districts. They note that at present there are in some Districts no local sources of income, whilst in others they are very limited ; so that works, legitimately chargeable to those sources, have of necessity to be brought into the category of works to be executed from Imperial Funds.

3. The Lists now under consideration will be of use in the disposal of the questions involved in Proceedings of 3rd February last, No. 286, and they will therefore lie over for the present. In some of them, however, it is observed that Salt Roads have been classed with District Roads, to be charged to Local Funds. If the lines be used exclusively for traffic in Salt, they should properly be included in List No. I, as their cost is chargeable to the general revenue in conformity with the principle enunciated in paragraph 5 of the Orders of Government just quoted.

3rd February 1863, No. 286.

(True Extract.)

W. Chubb
Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.
„ Board of Revenue.
„ Superintending Engineers of Divisions.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

usual closing flourish indicating the end

Rec'd Dec 14th

Recorder's Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Review
dated 12th December 1863.

Read the following:

No 212

From
E. P. Ford Esq.
Assistant of Hilton District.

To W. Rudkin Esq.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras.

Sir

With reference to the Board's Proceedings
dated 12th ultimo No 3209 I regret to say that there
has been no improvement in the prospects of the crops
since my last report.

Shave entered in the margin the rain
fall upto the end of October, compared with that
of last year. But little rain fell in November
last year, and still less this year. The returns
from the Taluks for November have not yet
been received, but from all I hear, only a
few showers have fallen, here and there.

The Board will observe, that the total
rain fall during the current year up to the end
of October is only 11 inches, against 25 inches in
last year.

The advantages claimed from the Onicut
have been invaluable, for, except in the Delta
Taluks, the wet crops have almost entirely fail
-ed. There is but little chance of any more rain
falling this season, as the sky presents the
usual cloudless appearance indicating the end

	1862	1863
May	1.4.6	0.3.6
June	3-3-1	1-6-0
July	1-1-3	4-1-0
August	4-1-0	1-8-5
Septr	0-5-2	4-8-0
Octr	4-0-0	4-5-5
	15-6-8	17-2-1

Ryotwary Settlement.

No 2 of Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 12th December 1863.

Read the following Report from the Collector of Kistna, dated 1st December 1863.

Answered 17th December 1863.

Ryotwary Settlement.

No 3 of Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 12th December 1863.

Read the following Report from the Collector of Kistna, dated 1st December 1863.

Answered 17th December 1863.

of the North East Monsoon.

Kistna District
Collr's Kacheri
Masulipatam
1st December 1863.

Sham &c. &c.

Jelly & E. B. Foord
Ag. Collector

Government.

Actual Copy & Extract

Secretary.

To
J. D. Sim Esq.
Secretary to Government.
Revenue Department.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from ROBERT COLE, Esq., Principal Inspector General Medical Department, Fort Saint George; to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated 5th December 1863, No. 275.

I have the honor to report that, on receipt of the Proceedings of Government marginally noted, the Civil Surgeon of Kurnool was directed to place himself in communication with the Collector on the subject of Cattle murrain, and to proceed to any locality where the disease may be present, personally to investigate into the subject of the prevailing epizootic.

Public Department, of 2nd November 1863, No. 1203, forwarding Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, and Order thereon, of 27th October 1863, No. 1951.

2. I have now the honor to forward for the information of Government, a letter* from Dr. Keess, reporting the result of his interview with the Collector.

* No. 55, 23rd November 1863.

From Assistant Surgeon JAMES KEESS, M. D., Civil Surgeon, Kurnool; to the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Ceded Districts, dated Kurnool, 23rd November 1863, No. 55.

I have the honor to inform you that, immediately on the receipt of your Memorandum, No. 356 of the 19th November, and letter No. 3188 of the 14th instant, from the Secretary to the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, I called on the Collector with a view to give effect to the instructions received; but I was told by the Collector, that there was no Cattle murrain now prevalent in the Kurnool District, and that he would call upon me in case the disease re-appeared.

2. I beg you will be pleased to forward this letter to the Principal Inspector General Medical Department.

No. 376.

MEMORANDUM.

Forwarded for the information of the Principal Inspector General Medical Department.

(Signed) CHARLES W. PICKERING,
Surgeon Major, in charge Deputy Inspector General's Office, Ceded Districts.

BELLARY, *25th November* 1863.

ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1863, No. 1377.

Communicated to the Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

G. Cumberland
Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.

Exd. T. McMootry.

20 fair copies

Rec'd 12 Dec 1863. Read 12 Dec 1863. Dated 12 Dec 1863. No. 1377.

Proceedings of the Govt. Revenue.

Submitting for the information of Government a letter from Dr. Keess, reporting the result of his interview with the Collector of Kurnool on the subject of the Cattle murrain now prevailing in that District.

Encl. No. 4 in 2.

Rec'd 30th Dec. 1863.

Rec'd 31st Dec. 1863.

Rec'd 5 Dec 1863 No. 1105.

Rev. Dept. Govt. No. 1377 dated 12th December 1863.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 21st December 1863.

No. 530. Read the following letter from Captain E. A. FOORD, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 19th December 1863, No. 1,341 :—

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT. 15

Read the following :—

Extract from a Military Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, India Office, London, 24th October 1863, *No.* 141.

Para. 7. I conclude, that the services of Major Hutchison have been placed at the disposal of the Commander-in-Chief, and that you have communicated to His Excellency in the Military Department, the cause of the Officer's removal from his appointment.

8. It is important in all such cases, that the Commander-in-Chief should be made fully acquainted with the circumstances which lead to an Officer's removal from any branch of Government employment, in order that he may be in a position to consider and report upon the fitness of such Officer for Military duty, and upon the propriety of continuing him on the Effective List of the Army.

ORDER, No. 4037, 18*th December* 1863.

Para. 4. Paragraphs 7 and 8 of the foregoing Despatch will also be communicated to the several Departments of the Government Secretariat for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

A Marshall Sd

Secretary to Government.

To the Public Department.
„ Revenue do. Wanted spare Copies
„ Marine do.
„ Judicial do.
„ Financial do.
„ Public Works do.

Fxd. T. Stubbs.

Rec'd 1863

Rec'd 19th Dec. 1863 Dispatch
Secs. of Govt. to Govt.
No. 3118

From Madras Govt.
in the Military
Department

Dated 18th December
Received 19th December 1863
No. 4037

Communicating a
Despatch from Secretary of State
observing that the Commander
in Chief should be made fully
acquainted with the circumstances
which lead to an Officer's removal
from any branch of Government

No. 2385.

8 Encl. No. 439

31st December
1863.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 21st December 1863.

No. 530. Read the following letter from Captain E. A. FOORD, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 19th December 1863, No. 1,341 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to the last paragraph of the Order of Government of the 30th of November, No. 3,511, I have the honor to state that the Collector informs me that he is prepared to undertake the cutting of the Junction Canal and the building of the masonry works connected with it, provided a competent Officer of the Public Works Department is deputed to superintend the work, and that there is no interference in the matters of account and expenditure, the whole responsibility in which is to rest with the Collector.

2. I do not see that this Department will be saved any trouble by the work being undertaken on the above terms. The Range Officer will have to lay out the work, and inspect it while in progress, and as the work is of a difficult nature, and untrained subordinate agents will probably be employed on it, his inspections must be very frequent.

3. During the seven years I had charge of a District I found no difficulty in carrying out all new works and repairs that were sanctioned, whether from the Imperial or Local Funds, and that without assistance from the Revenue Department and without giving advances. I cannot recommend that another plan should be adopted in the Tanjore District, and I consider that it will be better to make additions, when necessary to the permanent or temporary Establishment of the Executive Officers of the Public Works Department, than to call in the assistance of another Department.

No. 531. ORDER THEREON, 21st December 1863, No. 3,780.

Under the circumstances represented by the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, the Governor in Council directs that the execution of the work (Junction Canal in the Tanjore District) sanctioned in Proceedings No. 3,511, dated 30th November 1863, be left to the Officers of the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.
„ Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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No 1357 of 1863

From
R. Davidson Esqre
Secretary to the Government of the Nilgiris

To
The Secretary to the Government of Fort St George

Dated the 3d of Octr 1863

Sir,

I am directed by the Nilgiris Lodge of the Grand Orient of India to forward herewith a petition addressed to the Governor in Council praying that the Lodge may be allowed to purchase a piece of land for the purpose of erecting a building for the meetings of the Lodge.

2. In reply I am directed to state that the Nilgiris Lodge is not a duly authorized Lodge of Freemasons and that the Government do not therefore see any reason for granting the request of the petitioners.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
R. Davidson
Secy to the Govt

Copy forwarded
for the information of
the Board of Revenue
1863

Asst Secy

Rec'd Copy of the Letter from the Secretary to the Nilgiris No 1357 dated 3d Octr 1863

Rev = 1863 Octr
Trs: of Govt for Decr
No 3136

Proceedings of the Madras Govt in the P. W. Dept.

Dated 21st Octr 1863
Received 23d " "
No 3780

Directing that the execution of the Junction Canal Works in Tanjore District be kept in the Officers of the Public Works Dept instead of the Rev Dept.

No 2385

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31st Octr
1863

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Quiet 1437.

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Rec.d 1863 Sept. Dec.
Pro: of Govt. No. 3099.

From

The Secy to Govt
R. W. P.

Dated 5th
Rec.d 17th

Secy
1863
No 1375

Stating that in
1861/62 the Cattle Dis-
ease now prevalent
in the Madras Presi-
dency once appeared
in Jhansie Division
but no successful cures
had discovered for it-
and promising a fur-
ther communication on
the subject after fur-
ther enquiry.

Encl. No. 2385

RECORDED.
31st October 1863

New
from Govt of India
16 May 64 No. 1406

Quiet 1437

23rd March 1864

Average Bazar prices of Grain and Salt &c. Madras Currency, and Rain Report of all the Districts of the Madras Presidency, for the Month of November 1863 Fasli 1273

Districts		Prices of Grain and Sea Salt										Rain-fall					
		2nd Sort Rice		2nd Sort Paddy		Cholam		Ragi		Horse Gram		Sea Salt		North-East Season	South-West Season	Eastern Side Area	Western Side Area	Average
		Fasli 1272	1273	1272	1273	1272	1273	1272	1273	1272	1273	1272	1273					
		"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"					
		Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches
Northern	Ganjam	229	204	93	82	198	127	117	99	131	127	249	249	1'20	0'70	1'20	1'70	1'20
	Vizagapatam	303	257	126	107	168	143	138	117	148	140	259	260	"	0'80	"	0'25	0'26
	Godavery	271	269	117	121	153	166	135	137	131	121	220	215	2'45	0'55	0'47	0'64	1'28
	Kistna	332	390	154	193	183	265	173	218	149	198	252	251	"	0'37	0'32	0'52	0'30
	Nellore	348	359	163	171	188	196	168	174	199	238	232	229	1'11	1'12	0'98	1'89	1'28
Ceded Districts	Cuddapah	453	420	202	199	220	264	194	231	230	266	354	331	0'200	80	1'55	"	0'57
	Bellary	367	461	159	193	184	331	169	265	194	292	431	484	"	"	"	"	"
	Kurnool	355	473	151	207	161	315	155	260	184	300	396	329	"	0'25	"	0'22	0'12
East Coast	Madras	384	358	178	164	227	232	241	196	214	231	208	218	0'18	4'12	4'12	3'15	2'89
	North Arcot	344	324	151	139	241	183	184	161	197	184	219	228	0'20	2'40	1'80	0'20	1'10
	South Arcot	344	326	149	139	214	131	163	145	188	156	236	254	3'57	6'89	4'73	5'00	5'04
Cauvery	Tanjore	313	299	140	136	156	158	140	142	223	183	216	213	10'05	8'25	18'46	5'54	10'07
	Trichinopoly	377	326	176	147	212	181	175	142	231	161	262	262	4'37	3'70	8'50	2'13	4'69
Southern	Madura	437	359	198	150	189	175	192	168	222	168	260	293	3'69	3'47	7'38	6'93	5'28
	Tinnevelly	430	359	198	162	294	249	229	216	334	268	252	277	7'62	5'43	7'13	9'61	7'45
West Coast	Coimbatore	412	395	184	182	248	186	198	154	284	172	325	332	0'35	3'10	2'93	1'35	1'93
	Salem	323	309	145	141	180	128	157	132	184	142	257	267	1'60	1'80	2'10	1'10	1'65
West	South Canara	327	349	148	155	"	"	201	200	328	234	206	206	"	1'55	2'00	0'15	0'9
	Malabar	348	391	165	200	"	"	184	201	303	226	293	294	0'30	6'30	1'00	0'40	0'50

Remarks on the Season

Northern — Slight showers fell in these Districts In Ganjam the early Paddy was partially reaped, and the later sown Crop was ready for harvest — The Oilseed, Red Gram &c. Crops were in good condition In the Berhampore Taluq, the Cotton plants were growing well — Red Cotton has been

been picked in Guntur and land was being ploughed anew for sowing white Cotton - In Vizagapatam the Paddy Crops were flourishing and had been reaped in some places - In the Godavery District, the transplanted Paddy was coming to maturity; but it had been injured by unfavorable winds and insects - Dry Paddy was being cut - The later dry crops, Sugarcane and other garden products were flourishing - In the Kistna District, the Jonnaa crop had been thrashed and the Jonnaa was flourishing; but the Pairu crops, Viz: Horsegram, Oilseed, Varagu &c were suffering from want of rain - Wet crops in the Delta Talugs were with some exceptions in good order, but those depending on Tanks were suffering - In Nellore Wet and Garden crops were generally in good condition - Indigo had been sown in one Talug - In some Villages of the Cuddapah the Ryots were disposed to diminish their wet cultivation in consequence of insufficiency of water in the Tanks - The Cotton and Indigo crops were flourishing in the Vizagapatam and Kistna Districts - Rains had

slightly

slightly fallen in Ganjam and Vizagapatam - In the Godavery District they were stationary - In the Kistna and Nellore Districts they were rising - Cholam and Small crops still prevailed in parts of these Districts to a slight extent - Fever and Ague were also prevalent in parts of Vizag and Godavery - Cattle suffered from disease in all the Districts -

Ceded Districts - There was no rain in Bellary District - Elsewhere there was a slight fall - In Cuddapah, Sajja, Ragi, Cotton &c had been reaped and Indigo cut - The yield varied from ¼ to ¾ of a full crop - Bengal Gram, Wheat, Linseed &c had been sown - The Crops on the ground were generally drooping from want of rain - Owing to the scanty rain the wet cultivation in Bellary had greatly decreased - The Cholam crop had partially suffered from blight - The Cotton and Indigo were flourishing - In Kurnool, White Jowari, Cotton, Wheat &c crops were doing well - Ragi had been reaped - Prices were still on the increase in Bellary - Fever and Cholera prevailed in parts of this District and in Cuddapah - In Kurnool Cholera had much abated - Cattle suffered from murrain to a slight extent in all the Districts -

East Centre - There was a slight fall of rain in the Districts - In Madras the crops were generally thriving - In North Arcot, Ragi, Horsegram had been cultivated to some extent, and wet cultivation was being carried on wherever water was available

available from want of rain some of the Dry Crops had withered and the Wet Crops had failed to some extent. Paddy was suffering from insects - Jonna, Ragi &c. Crops had been harvested but the yield was considerably below the average - In South Arcot some of the Tanks were tolerably supplied with water and there were freshes in the principal rivers - Nunjah Cultivation was carried on extensively - Prices had not fluctuated much in this District - In Madras they were still falling - In North Arcot they had risen owing to the general want of rain and to Exportation to Cuddapah and other places - Cholera had made its appearance in parts of this District and in South Arcot. Cattle suffered from disease in Madras and North Arcot -

Cauvery - There was a good fall of rain in these Districts accompanied by moderate freshes in the rivers which benefitted the standing Crops - In Tanjore, the Samba and Peshanam Cultivation was nearly completed - In Trichinopoly, the Cultivation of the 2nd Peshanam Paddy and Cár Crops was being carried on in a few of the Wet Talugs - Ground nut, Rape seed, Coriander &c were being sown in parts - Cár Paddy, Cholam, Kambu and Ragi had been reaped in some Talugs - Prices had slightly fallen in this District since the preceding month - In Tanjore they were stationary - These Districts were generally healthy, except in parts of Tanjore where Cholera was reported to have made its appearance -

Southern - There was a general fall of rain in these Districts with freshes in the Rivers and the Tanks received a moderate supply of water - In Madura the Paddy Cultivation was far passing - Cotton, Jowarsam &c were being cultivated on dry land, and Chillies and Tobacco on garden lands - The dry Crops had suffered in parts from want of rain - Cumbu, Cholam &c were being reaped - the Cotton in some places had been destroyed by insects and was being resown - In Tinnevelly the standing Crops were in good condition and Cultivation was being carried on extensively - The early Cholam and other Crops were being harvested in one Taluq - Prices had somewhat risen in Madura - These Districts were healthy, but Cattle were suffering from disease in parts to a slight Extent -

West Central - Scanty showers fell in these Districts - In Coimbatore, the Cotton, Jowarsam and other dry Crops were not doing well from want of rain, but the Wet Crops as well as Sugar Cane, Betel &c were in good condition - The supply in many of the Tanks in Salem was still deficient - Wet Cultivation was in consequence backward, and in some places the standing Crops were suffering - The Cultivation under the Cauvery Channels and the standing dry Crops of Cotton, Sudjis Jowarsam &c were in good condition - Prices had risen in this District - In Coimbatore they were falling - Cholera prevailed in parts of this District and in Salem - In the latter, Ague and small pox were also prevalent to some extent - Cattle were suffering from disease -

West - There was a slight fall of rain in these Districts which proved beneficial to the 2nd Rice Cultivation in South Canara - There had been no change in Malabar since last Report - Prices continued high in the former District - Cholera and small pox prevailed severely in the Udipi Taluq -

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The following is the Statement of Cotton and Indigo Cultivation with the Market-prices for November 1863.

Districts	Cotton				Market-Rates per Candy of 320 lbs	Indigo				Market-Rates per Maund of 25 lbs
	Fasli 1272.		Fasli 1273			Fasli 1272.		Fasli 1273		
	Extent	Assessment	Extent	Assessment		Extent	Assessment	Extent	Assessment	
1	2.	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Acres	Rs	Acres	Rs	Rs	Acres	Rs	Acres	Rs	Rs
Ganjam	4.378	6.478	6.054	12.387	Rs 320					40
Vizagapatam	5.264	17.652	7.965	19.143	Sud 60	587	3201	1107	5653	42
Godavery	5.348	10.098	10.912	26.151	Rs 350	122	263	228	615	36
Kistna	114.686	162.137	165.964	242.018	" 306	7467	12767	13783	26368	41
Nellore	13.837	15.074	17.606	20.947	" 307	18756	44475	19584	37365	43
Cuddapah	28.509	40.339	72.637	100.653	" 300 to 400	20.100	51198	17.317	54.462	3560 65
Bellary	332.601	337.295	331.536	355.801	" 390	2714	3699	1095	1131	56
Kurnool	105.171	108.010	220.365	202.375	" 332	24041	58.285	19.656	48.286	45
ichers	6	6	1	1	" 350	4655	7621	5042	12.628	35
North Arcot	"	"	3	3	" 395	1041	2251	1824	3536	42
South Arcot	12.850	29.790	13.696	23.153	" 290	32464	66.017	39954	81.620	29
Tanjore	630	850	1.200	1.510	" 325	566	819	560	716	13
Trichinopoly	15.899	46.003	21.846	66.270	" 368	298	436	174	429	45
Madura	39.490	71.154	39.300	67.341	" 303	82	96	16	21	32
Tinnevelly	168.604	184.587	139.194	153.230	" 420	149	211	169	146	37
Coimbatore	49.750	54.803	79.330	86.843	" 292	"	...	"	"	
Salem	16.333	26.849	22.786	37.723	" 338	1808	6115	1249	4.524	39
Total	913.356	1111.125	1150.372	1419.553		112.856	254.452	115.758	277.540	

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