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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 28th January 1864.

No. 293. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd January 1864:—

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Acting Collector of Bellary, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue Madras, dated Hospet, 14th January 1864 No. 12.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Order in Board's Proceedings of 23rd December 1863, No. 8,167, requiring me to send fortnightly reports of the prospects of the District till matters improve, and remarking that I should have reported specially at an earlier period, on the state of the season, I have the honor to remark that I had previously sent one, and, since, another report, and that I am at a loss to understand how I could have reported earlier that the season was a bad one, until I had ascertained it to be so. In my report I pointed out the means of obviating or at least mitigating another. There can be no object in my reporting every fortnight, that the rains are over for the season, and that prices are high.

2. I would however take occasion to remark from personal observation on the beneficial results of the expenditure on the existing nine Toombudra Anicuts and their Channels, which water 10,000 Acres yielding a revenue of Rupees 1,07,000 annually. These were all constructed by the former Government, but repaired by us, and kept in order at an annual charge of about 15 per cent. The gross out-turn of these 10,000 Acres of irrigated land belonging to Government, and 4,500 Acres of Inám with their products of rice and sugar-cane cannot be less then Rupees 100 per Acre, or Rupees 14,50,000 (fourteen and a half lacs of Rupees) whereas without the irrigation one-tenth of that sume would not be realized.

3. A similar work on a larger scale has only to be undertaken at a higher point on the Toombudra, to confer the greatest advantages on the adjoining Talook of Bellary, as before recommended by me.

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1. Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government, with reference to the Board's Proceedings quoted by the Collector.

2. The Board will only remark that the first information of the disastrous nature of the season reached them indirectly by means of the Superintending Engineer's reports to Government.

3. The Orders of Government on the projects referred to by Mr. Wedderburn have been communicated to him.

No. 294. ORDER THEREON, 28th January 1864, No. 151.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Collector of Bellary reporting on
the prospects of the season.

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To Chief Secy to Govt Fort St. George