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No. 127. Read the following Proceedings of the Board Revenue, dated 26th April 1866 :—

Read the following paper :—

No. 71.

SOUTH ARCOT.

Fortnightly report on the state of the Season from 16*th to* 31*st March* 1866.

1. There has been no rain during the past fortnight.

2. The price of paddy and of all other grain remains much the same.

3. It is a cause of thankfulness that the District continues free from cholera and every other kind of epidemic. The cattle in the Trinamalay Talook alone are reported to have suffered considerably from a disease called "Velkai," produced by want of proper food and a scarcity of water. In the majority of villages, in this Talook in particular, the want of water is much felt by the people, who are put to very serious straits in consequence, and in some the inhabitants have temporarily deserted their homes, having no means of living either for themselves or for their cattle, and in other parts of this Talook the people and cattle are accustomed to go long distances daily in quest of water. The Poonjah losses in this Talook have been very heavy, necessitating proportionate relief which will be duly reported on.

4. Rain is still expected, but there is nothing to indicate it; the weather is unusually hot, the Thermometer at mid-day reaching to 100. I mention this, as I do not remember so early in the season to have experienced the same degree of heat. But notwithstanding this and the existence of various other adverse causes, the District is throughout surprisingly healthy, and but for this perfect freedom from all sickness either amongst the population or their cattle, the season would have proved a very disastrous one.

5. The exceptional distress, confined more particularly to certain Talooks, has been met in a liberal spirit at the Settlement now going on, and this has given confidence to the agricultural masses, who do not fail to appreciate the relief thus afforded them; but of course the remissions granted are strictly their due, save in cases where poverty and other extraneous causes have necessitated additional consideration and relief.

(Signed) C. W. READE,
Collector.

CAMP, PUNROOTY,
13*th April* 1866.

Submitted for the information of Government.

No. 128. ORDER THEREON, 7th May 1866, No. 1,083.

Land Revenue.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Sir

Submitting report of
Collector of South Street
on state of Season &c,
during second fortnight
of March 1866.
No. 1083.

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7th May 1866

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Collector South Street 3rd May