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No. 522. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th May 1866.

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vallam, Tanjore Talook, 22nd May 1866, No. 120 :—

1. I have the honor to report that no rain has fallen during the first half of this month, and that the fresh which came down the Cavery at the end of April has also subsided. The heat has returned with increased intensity, and water is daily becoming more and more scarce.

2. Yesterday there was, however, a violent thunder storm, accompanied with rain and hail. At Vallam the hail-stones which fell were far larger than those usually seen. The rain was not as copious as could be desired, owing to the high and driving wind. However the down-pour, even such as it was, has been a great boon, and I doubt not it rained to a heavier extent to the eastward.

3. In many localities, owing to the prolonged drought and the almost unbearable heat, fevers, and small-pox continue to spread, but both these diseases and cholera have not prevailed, I am thankful to say, to such an extent as one might have anticipated during such a season. Diseases among cattle, produced chiefly by the scarcity of water and pasturage, have also been more prevalent.

4. Prices remain stationary, and their pressure on the poorer classes is consequently very great.

Submitted for the information of Government.

No. 523. ORDER THEREON, 31st May 1866, No. 1,279.

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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