

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1425

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No. 276. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th April 1866.

Read the following:—

Season Report for the fortnight ending 31st March 1866.

1. There was much lightning in all directions in the town of Bellary at midnight of the 31st instant, accompanied with thunder in the east only, where it drizzled slightly, which is the only rain that fell during the fortnight.

2. The white cholam crop in the Talook of Penkonda has been blighted.

3. Owing to the total failure of water in the wells of two of the villages of the Talook of Madaksira, the fruit bearing trees in the gardens there are dried up, and were cut down.

4. Cholera proved fatal in a few cases in the town of Bellary, and in three of the villages of the Talook of Hurpunhully; there have also been a few deaths from fever and ague in the town of Bellary, as well as in a few of the villages of the Talooks of Adoni, Raidrug, Anantapore, and Penkondah. A few children have died of small-pox of a virulent type in some of the villages of the Talooks of Hurpunhully, Raidrug, and Penkondah.

5. A few heads of cattle in some of the villages of the Talooks of Bellary and Penkondah have died of the Moosara disease.

6. The prices of grain, Indigo, and Cotton, are the same as in last fortnight.

7. The Ryots of the Regud Talooks are, owing to the failure of water and fodder, proceeding with their cattle to localities where the same may be had. Some of the inhabitants have also emigrated to other localities, where they might earn a subsistence, while a few of the inhabitants of the Talook of Raidrug are said to subsist on leaves.

8. In a previous instance of distress in this District, the Government sanctioned the disbursement of thirteen lacs of Rupees in the construction of roads, &c. The distress in the District at present is worse than it ever was. In good seasons there was always an abundance of rain, so that the Ryots at this time of the year used to adopt measures for preparing the ground for sowing the early dry crops; but under the present adverse state of the season, the inhabitants despairing of better times are emigrating in different directions, so that if the construction of roads be sanctioned, it will be the means of alleviating much distress.

BELLARY,
19th April 1866.

(Signed) W. S. LILLY,
Acting Head Assistant Collector in charge.

Submitted for the information of Government.

No. 277. ORDER THEREON, 12th June 1866, No. 1,425.

Land Revenue.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Pro of Govt. for June
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Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Dated 20.
Sept. 20 } April 1866.
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Submitting report of Col.
Lector of Bellary on state of
Season during second fort.
night of March 1866.

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12 June 1866

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