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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 4th July* 1866.

No. 55. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th June 1866.

Read the following :—

*Season Report for the first fortnight of June* 1866.

1. Little or no rain fell till towards the end of the fortnight, when a seasonable shower occurred and saved a portion of the raggy, jonnalu, gingelly, cotton, sugar-cane, which had been sown (earlier than usual) in parts of the District. For some days, during the past fortnight, the heat was intense and unusual. At Teckally and Chicacole four persons died from sun-stroke, and in parts of Kimedy and Berhampore Talooks birds dropped dead from trees and while on the wing.

2. On the afternoon of the 12th instant, immense flights of locusts were seen to the west of Russelcondah, and on the same day locusts were observed at Berhampore and Chetterpore, going from north to south. All articles of food were selling at enormously enhanced prices, and are still rising. Large quantities of paddy, rice, raggy, and jonnalu have been imported from the Southern ports and from Burmah. Merchants from Cuttack and Poorce have purchased largely from these cargoes, as they were landed at Gopaulpore. During the past fortnight there were 300 deaths from cholera, 29 from small-pox, 13 from fever, and 101 from starvation; 60 of the latter happened north of the Ganjam river where the distress is greatest.

3. Most of the deaths from cholera have occurred among those suffering from want of food. The Deputy Superintendent of Vaccination says that the people at Berhampore and in the north of the District are not fit subjects for vaccination.

4. The following are the places at which Relief Houses have been opened and the number fed :—

The Zemindar of Cullicote has suddenly closed, from superstitious motives and owing to family troubles, a Relief House at which he fed 1,800 persons.

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| Cullicote closed | |
| Rumbah ... ... ... | 800 |
| Ganjam ... ... ... | 400 |
| Berhampore ... ... ... | 1,100 |
| Chetterpore ... ... ... | 500 |
| Russelcondah ... ... | 300 |
| Sooradah ... ... ... | 50 |
| Aska ... ... ... ... | 250 |
| Poorshottapore ... ... | 300 |
| Teckally ... ... ... | 200 |
| Chicacole ... ... ... | 250 |
| Kimedy ... ... ... | 250 |
| Beredy ... ... ... | 200 |
| Barwah ... ... ... | 100 |
| Jalantra ... ... ... | 300 |
| Total.. | 5,000 |

CHETTERPORE,
*20th June* 1866.

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
*Collector.*

Submitted for the information of Government.

No. 56. ORDER THEREON, 4th July 1866, No. 1,638.

**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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of the Ganjam Dist.
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To Chief Secy. to Govt. Fort St. George

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