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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
18th July 1866.*

No. 333. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th July 1866:

Read the following:—

Season Report for the fortnight ending 30th June 1866.

1. It rained slightly between the 16th and 23th June in the towns and in some of the villages of the eastern Talooks of Gooty, Penkonda and Madaksira, in the western Talooks of Kudlighee, Huvinhudgully, and Harpanhully, as well as in the Talook of Raidrug, in the south, but no benefit has resulted therefrom. The rain that fell in the Talook of Penkonda has moistened the soil to some extent.

2. The crops under the Toongabudra have derived some benefit from the fresh alluded to in a previous report. Unfavorable accounts as to the crops under well cultivation in some Talooks are received; a portion of the lands under wells and channels in the Talooks of Gooty, Anantapur, Tadpatri, Hindupur, Penkonda, and Madaksira have, wherever water is available, been sown with raggy and cholum. The Vysaka or later crops in some of the villages of the Talooks of Bellary, Kudlighi, and Tadpatri are being reaped.

3. Cholera still prevails in the District. In the past fortnight 392 cases are reported to have proved fatal in the Talook of Hospett, 125 in Kudlighi, 73 in Harpanhully, 186 in Huvinhudgully, 60 in Adoni, 332 in Gooty, 138 in Raidrug, 30 in Anantapur, 11 in Dharmavaram, and 24 in Madaksira. The number of fatal cases in the remaining Talooks of Bellary, Tadpatri, and Alur are not reported.

4. The Moosara disease has proved fatal in eighteen instances among cattle; fourteen deaths are reported in the Talook of Gooty and four in the Talook of Adoni. The number of deaths in the Talook of Hindupur (where the disease is also reported to prevail) is not specified.

5. Fever prevails in the Talooks of Hospett, Raidrug, Harpanhully, Adoni, Gooty, and Anantapur; 363 deaths are reported.

6. The price of grain is still rising. Cotton has slightly risen in the market during the last fortnight. Indigo still continues to sell as it did in the last fortnight.

7. Great distress prevails in the District. Those who subsisted on tamarind and other seeds, being unable to procure even these, are reported to starve for two and three days together. The Tahsildar of Madaksira reports the death of a man from starvation, and of a female who drowned herself from being unable to endure hunger any longer.

8. The want of water and provisions is felt throughout the District, both by men and cattle. The Talook Magistrate of Kudlighi reports the increase of crime in his Talook as a consequence of the distress; and the Tahsildar of Raidrug reports the death of cattle from want of pasturage.

BELLARY,
7th July 1866.

(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN,
Collector.

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Submitted for the information of Government. The Collector should report whether any special remedial measures are needed to relieve distress, and what measures he would recommend to alleviate the distress.

No. 334.

ORDER THEREON, 18th July 1866, No. 1,775.

Miscellaneous.

Miscellaneous. The Collector should be instructed to promote the formation of Local Relief Societies, and to promise Government assistance in the form of grain or money to the extent of one-third of the amount raised by private exertions.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

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