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No. 542. Read the followings Proceeding of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st July 1866.

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of Tanjore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Point Calimere, Tritrapundi Talook, 17th July 1866, No. 177 :—

1. I regret to have to report that since my last fortnightly communication the season has sadly changed for the worse.

2. During the first half of this month there has been no rain worth mentioning, except in a very few favored localities; and the rivers have again gone down just at the time when they ought to be in full flood. The strong westerly winds, of which we have just had another instalment, no doubt betoken further freshes, but at present the shoots in the seed beds, as also the young plants of paddy already planted out, are withering.

3. Such is the state of things in the Nirarambham parts of the Province, which are within the reach of river irrigation. In most of the Kadarambham, or dry tracts, the absolute absence of rain has almost precluded the possibility of any cultivation being attempted, and where attempted it has failed. Cumboo and yellu are scarcely to be seen, whereas, by this time, these crops should be every where visible.

4. In those parts of the District, first mentioned, the late freshes have furnished a supply of water sufficient, at least, for men and cattle to drink and for other necessary purposes of life. In the uplands the case is quite different, and water has become a rare commodity. Many of the poorer and laboring classes have left their villages in search of livelihood elsewhere, and those left are reduced to sad straits. Cattle are in parts perishing in numbers from sheer starvation as well as disease. Sickness among men, more especially cholera and small-pox, prevail more or less in these parts.

5. Prices have risen again within the last fortnight, and are now beyond all precedent. This late rapid rise is the result of very large demands from other inland Districts, more especially Madura and Tinnevelly. Thus grain is just now cheaper towards the coast than in the interior. In my report just a month ago I stated that there was nothing then exceptional in the season, and things looked hopeful; now however matters, I regret to say, look very different.

Submitted for the information of Government.

No. 543. ORDER THEREON, 30th July 1866, No. 1,881.

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(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
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Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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