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## Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 11— 8 — ~~19~~1866

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No. 293. Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Kurnool, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated on circuit Yeldoorty, 4th August 1866, No. 32 :—

1. I am glad to be able to report, for the information of Government, that so far as this District is concerned, there has been a marked improvement in the season during the past week. Rain has fallen throughout the District, in some places abundantly, and agricultural operations are being carried on. In some parts of the District there has not yet been sufficient rain to enable the Ryots to sow in the heavy black soil, but in the light red soils seed has been got in, and in the vicinity of this place the young crops are springing. On the whole, there is very little sickness amongst the people. Cholera has been very bad here, but only two cases have been reported to-day. There has been great mortality at Peapully near Gooty, but I am inclined to think that this is owing more to the starved and prostrate condition of the people there than to any marked severity of the disease. It is situate in the Pattikonda Talook, where there has been great distress for some time; nearly all the dry crops failed, and large remissions were granted, as a special case, at the last settlement. The Deputy Collector in charge of the Division urges the employment of the poorer classes on some large work in the Talook, to furnish them with means of sustenance. I am now on my way to the place to satisfy myself of the necessity for this, and will report in due course on the subject. I should have visited the Talook earlier, but my time has been so fully occupied that I was unable to leave Kurnool.

2. I earnestly request that an experienced Assistant, who has passed both standards, and who is a Justice of the Peace, may be posted to this District. There are at present only two European Covenanted Officers, myself and the head Assistant. The latter lives at Cumbum, 100 miles away from Kurnool, and separated from it by the Nullamalay Hills, so that I cannot call him into head quarters when my duty takes me into the District. Mr. McCarthy, who had gained a little experience, and who hoped to pass at the next examination has, I see, been transferred to Bellary. Mr. Turner had joined only two months before he was obliged to go away on sick leave, and as he has not passed, can give me very little assistance. A large town like Kurnool, where there is a Regiment and a good number of Europeans, ought not to be left without an European Magistrate having full powers, but at present this often cannot be avoided.

P. S.—I request that you will be good enough to inform me whether the weekly telegrams regarding the season, &c., are to be continued.

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No. 294. ORDER THEREON, 11th August 1866, No. 2,051.

Land Revenue.

1. The Acting Collector should lose no time in ascertaining whether any, and, if so, what relief is needed in the Patticondah Talook. The weekly telegrams should be continued until further orders.

2. The Government regret that they have no passed Assistant available at present.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
*Secretary to Government.*

To the Collector of Kurnool.
„ the Board of Revenue.
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No. 2057.

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