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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
23rd August 1866.*

No. 607. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th August 1866.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 13th August 1866, No. 203 :—

1. Up to the 15th of June the season continued much the same as it had been in the preceding fortnight. Since then the rain that has fallen on the Western Hills has filled the rivers, and the cultivation of paddy has been actively carried on along the Bhowany, Cavary, and Ambravutty channels. The floods in the Noyel river have again filled the Coimbatore tanks, and there is every prospect that the lands under them will be fully cultivated. The Cholum crops in the gardens in some Talooks have been reaped, but, as remarked in my former reports, they have suffered considerably from the attacks of insects. The garden lands are again being cultivated with raggy and such like crops. The supply of water in garden wells in the Eastern Talooks is scanty.

2. Many of the high lands in those parts which are situated within the influence of south-west monsoon have been ploughed, and some of them have been sown. Rain has fallen in parts of the District, but there has not been time yet to receive reports from all the Tahsildars. From Collegal especially it is expected that the report of the fall of rain will be good, as the south-west monsoon has been heavy in the Sugoor side of the hills, and in the country to the west of Collegal. Prices are rising. The picking of cotton has been begun in parts of the District. Cholera has made its appearance in Bhowany and Collegal Talooks, and small-pox also prevails in Collegal. Forage is still scarce, and the want of it is telling on the cattle in Suttimungalam and Collegal Talooks. In the latter Talook the poor suffer most from actual want, but I am glad to say that some of the richer inhabitants are relieving their necessities and have established Cunjy-houses for this purpose. Mr. Overbury is now on his way to Collegal, and Rupees 1,000 of 2,000 Rupees received from the Madras Famine Relief Fund have been placed at his disposal to supplement their exertions.

1. Submitted for the information of Government.
2. Copy to the Relief Committee:

No. 608. ORDER THEREON, 23rd August 1866, No. 2,190.

Land Revenue.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Relief Committee.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Submitting letter from
Collector of Coimbatore
reporting on state of
season during first
fortnight of June 1866 -

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Copies of the Report of the Collector of Coimbatore

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