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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 29th August 1866.

No. 784. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th August 1866.

Read the following :—

Season Report for the fortnight ending 15th August 1866.

1. Cholera is most severe in Raidrug, Kudlighi, and Penkonda. It is subsiding in other parts of the District. Fever and small-pox are also prevalent in some places. The Moosara disease still prevails among cattle, and large numbers are dying of it, but chiefly from starvation.

2. The distress is severe in the District, and increased by supplies not coming in owing to the want of pasture for cattle, the dread of cholera, and the fear of being attacked on the road by robbers on the one hand; while the Toombadra being full prevents grain being brought in from the Raichore Doab on the other. The poor are being fed at Bellary, and in some other Talooks by private contributions; and famine relief works are now in progress. The ruling prices at Bellary have been telegraphed to the authorities at Dharwar, Hyderabad, and Kurnool, for communication to the merchants.

3. There has been little or no rain throughout the District, but the Ryots have taken advantage of what little had fallen to plough and sow the lands with Cholum, Raggy, and Cumboo, with the expectation of further rain, but from the subsequent failure of rain and the high winds that are now prevalent, the crops that have sprung up are fading. The dry lands have been sown with Cumboo and other grains: but the crops in Huvinhudgali as they come up are blighted. The tanks have received no supplies, and great distress is experienced from want of water. The channels from the Penar are reported to be choked with sand drifted up by the high winds, so much so that the Ryots are unable to remove it. The high winds prevailing tend also to evaporate the water in wells and channels.

(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN,
Collector.

BELLARY,
21*st August* 1866.

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

No. 785. ORDER THEREON, 29th August 1866, No. 2,271.

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(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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