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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12th September 1866.

No. 289. Read the following Endorsement of the Under Secretary to Government of India, Home Department, dated the 23rd August 1866, No. 3,949 :—

Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, (Public), to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 16th July 1866, No. 61.

1. Statements have appeared in the public newspapers as to the existence of a "famine," or at least a serious scarcity of food in portions of the Presidency of Bengal.

2. As your Government have not made any special report on the subject, I trust that the state of things is not so serious as represented in the newspapers.

3. I have to request that a report may be furnished as to the state and prospects of the crops in Bengal and Orissa, and the adjoining Districts of the Madras Presidency, and that Her Majesty's Government may be at the same time informed of the measures which may have been taken, or proposed to be taken, for mitigating the sufferings to which the people would be subjected by any serious deficiency in the supply of their ordinary food.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras.

By Order,
(Signed) A. HOWELL,
Under Secretary to Government of India.

No. 290. ORDER THEREON, 12th September 1866, No. 2,445.

Miscellaneous.

Reports of the nature referred to in the last paragraph of the foregoing Despatch have already been furnished to the Home Government, and intimation has also been made that all future proceedings of this Government in relief of distress in this Presidency will be duly communicated.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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No. 2997.

From the Under Secty to the Govt of India

Dated 23d August 1866.
Received 6th Sept 1866.
No. 3949.

No 2445 12th Sept

With Order.

Forwarding copy of a Home Dep. requesting under the circumstances stated to be furnished with a report on the state and prospects of the crops in Bengal and Orissa and the adjoining Districts of the Madras Presidency and to be informed of the measures adopted for mitigating the sufferings of the people.

No. 2445

Report of the Undersigned to the Govt of India

The first part of the foregoing despatch has already been furnished to the Home Govt and intimation has also been made that all further proceedings of this Govt in relation thereto will be duly communicated in this Residency

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Sec to Govt

Fort St George
12th Sept 1866.

arising from any serious deficiency in the supply of their ordinary food.

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