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Read the following papers :—

No. 67. Telegram from Collector, Bellary, to Revenue Secretary to Government, Madras, dated 2nd October 1866.

1st October.—Slight rain in four Talooks up to twenty-fourth, and heavy rain (three-quarters of an inch) last night in the town of Bellary. None as yet reported in other Talooks. Prices rising in some Talooks; stationary in others, but falling slightly in Bellary. Rice selling to-day at three and one-third Madras Measures per Rupee. Market insufficiently supplied. Public health impaired by cholera (which is very prevalent in Dhurmavarum Talook) and distress. Pasture very deficient.

No. 68. From the Acting Collector of Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Saidapet, 1st October 1866, No. 196.

1. I have the honor to submit my season report for the past week, with reference to the Memorandum from the Office of the Chief Secretary, dated 25th July last.

2. The season continues favorable. On Thursday the rain was very heavy in Madurantakum, its sub-division Ootramalloor and Chingleput. This is reported to me by the Superintendent of Police. The account of the Tahsildar differs upon this point. I shall make enquiry.

3. On the afternoon of Thursday a fresh came down the Palar river, which necessitated the transport of the mails from the south by coolies the next morning. There was a fresh during the week in the Cheyar river which passes Ootramalloor; also down the Cumbakal in the Conjeveram Talook. In this latter Talook the Tahsildar has been travelling, and he reports that in the parts he has visited, the crops are looking very well. There have been showers in Trivallore, and there was a heavy fall of rain in that Talook on the 29th ultimo. Last night very heavy rain fell in Madras, at Sydapet, and at the Mount. I am not aware how far it extended beyond the latter place. In Ponnery only has there been no rain during the week. The crops in this Talook are stated to be in a languishing condition in consequence of the want of moisture.

4. Grain is now coming freely into Madras. The Toll-keeper at Sydapet thinks he has had over three hundred bandy-loads through his gate during the week. One boat load of grain only as yet has come down the northern canal; but this is owing, it is reported to me, to the Venkatagerry Zemindar, who will not let a convoy of between thirty and forty boats, which are lying ready loaded in the Pulicat lake, start, until he has obtained from the owners of the grain certain revenue dues they owe him. If this information is correct, the boats may be expected in a few days in Madras. They will be boats carrying five tons each.

5. Prices are higher in Madras than elsewhere. In the District they are five to five and a quarter measures of rice (first sort) per Rupee; and the cost of raggy ranges from seven to eight and a quarter measures per Rupee. If the information I receive is based upon facts, a fall in prices may shortly be anticipated. I

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am told, on the authority of more than one person, that telegrams have been received from Bangalore and Bellary cautioning the correspondents of the senders against making any more contracts for grain, because, it is asserted, supplies will not much longer be wanted.

6. The markets are sufficiently furnished with grain.

7. The public health is good everywhere, but at Ponnery. In this Talook one hundred and eighty deaths by cholera are reported.

8. Pasture is abundant.

P. S.—I have just received a report to the effect that there was very heavy rain at Sattiwode on the 27th ultimo.

No. 69. ORDER THEREON, 4th October 1866, No. 2,655.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Famine Relief Committee.
„ the Editor's Table.

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*The Collector of
Madras
To The Secretary to Govt
Revenue Department
Fort St. George.*

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