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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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

No. 317. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th October 1866.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madura, 3rd October 1866, No. 336 :—

1. I have the honor to report that since my letter, No. 298, dated 3rd September, the past month up to the 24th was most unfavorable for agricultural operations; since that date, however, rain has fallen generally over the whole of the District, in some few places heavily, but generally the rain-fall has been light, only just sufficient to save such of the dry crops as had not dried up, and to enable the Ryots to re-plough and re-sow the lands on which the crops failed, and to plough and sow fresh lands.

2. In many places the dry crops are looking very well, and in a few places paddy cultivation has been begun; but not one drop of water has come down the Vigai, and the lands depending on it, where not helped by springs, are still lying uncultivated, and the effect of this is most disastrous on prices, &c.; the season is getting too far advanced, and plants are not yet prepared, which should have been done in July and August last, so that there is a bad prospect of good crops being grown during the coming north-east monsoon.

3. The falling off in the cultivation is shewn in the following abstract, comprising the cultivation from the beginning of the Fusly up to date, with that made during the same period last year :—

Description of land.	According to the Tavanai account of Fusly.		According to the Tavanai Account of Fusly.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Dry	3,16,395	4,48,357	2,48,526	3,65,261	2,305	3,320	70,174	86,416
Wet	68,667	3,30,245	40,298	1,92,273	.....	.....	28,369	1,37,972
Garden ...	23,853	75,677	2,473	8,498	.....	.....	21,380	67,179
Total ...	4,08,915	8,54,279	2,91,297	5,66,032	2,305	3,320	1,19,923	2,91,567

4. Rain for the last ten days is falling in different places of an evening, and from the excessive heat of the sun it is expected to continue to do so; but to do any good effectually, it should be heavier and more continuous.

1. Submitted for the information of Government.
2. Copy to the Relief Committee.
3. The Board see reason to hope for improved accounts ere long.

No. 318. Order thereon, 12th October 1866, No. 2,770.

Land Revenue. Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

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

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Victoria Office
Madura
3d October 1866.

I have &c
Signed / V. H. Levinge
Collector

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