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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th November 1866.

No. 307. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th November 1866 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd November 1866, No. 281.

1. During the second half of last month, there has, on the whole, been a seasonable rain-fall throughout the District, though it has not been quite regularly distributed, being deficient in some parts, while in a few exceptional localities it has been rather excessive.

2. The rivers rose to a height unknown for several years during this period of the year, and caused many breaches in various rivers in the more eastern portion of the District; they have, however, been closed without much difficulty, and have, on the whole, done but little damage to the crops. The freshes have latterly fallen, but are still quite sufficient for purposes of irrigation, and there is every indication of their continuing steadily until the young plants come to maturity.

3. Thus the present state of the season in the delta generally is encouraging, and holds out promises of an out-turn far above the average.

4. In the upland parts of the District also, excepting some few places where the rain-fall has still been insufficient, the season has latterly assumed a favorable aspect, and cultivation operations are being carried on with the utmost alacrity. The poorer classes of the Ryots and the agricultural laborers, who had left their villages in search of employment, are speedily returning with their cattle, and ploughing and sowing their fields with seed procured however from a distance, and not without great difficulty. The inhabitants of the Ramnad Zemindary and other parts of the Madura District, who had passed through the frontiers of this District northward in numbers, are also now returning to their own country.

5. Sickness among men and cattle, more especially cholera and fever among the former, still continues to some extent in the southern parts of the District, though it has generally diminished. Pasture is generally ample in the delta, and is tolerably sufficient also in the dry Talooks.

6. Prices have slightly declined, but so little as scarcely to have any effect on the condition of the poorer classes generally, who continue, therefore, to suffer extremely. The exports, latterly, of grain by sea more especially have been carried on with such briskness, that the improved prospects of the season have had little or no effect on the state of the grain market.

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

No. 308. ORDER THEREON, 13th November 1866, No. 3,087.

Land Revenue.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ Relief Committee.

Exd. T. O'Connor,

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 7th November 1866.

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Submitting the season report of the Coll^r of Tanjore, for the second fortnight in October 1866.

No. 3087.

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13th November 1866.

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Ans. to Coll^r's Rep^t of Rev. Commissioner

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