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No. 70. Read the following Endorsement of the Collector of Bellary, dated Camp, Gudacul, Gooty Talook, 28th November 1866 :—

Read the following letter from the Head Assistant Collector of Bellary, to the Collector of Bellary, dated Camp, Bellahoonsy Talook, Hoovinhadagally, 22nd November 1866, No. 67.

1. I have great satisfaction in informing you that the harvest of dry grains in my division is most favorable.

2. In Hurpenhulli the crops have been cut and stacked, and the out-turn of all grains, except cumbu, is reported to be extremely good. Cumbu, it appears, suffered from inopportune rain. The Tahsildar of that talook, with whom I have recently had an interview, tells me that the quantity of cholum produced this year is about three times as great as last year's crop.

3. In this talook* the crops are now being cut, and the ryots, with whom

I have from time to time conversed during my present tour, tell me that they are quite content with the season; a declaration which coming from agriculturists may, perhaps, be taken to be conclusive.

4. Hospett and Koodlighee are more backward than my other two talooks; the dry crops there are, however, very good, and in some places they have begun to cut them; but in most parts of those talooks the harvest will not begin for another week.

5. The paddy and sugar-cane crops under the Toongabudra Channels are luxuriant. These crops will not, however, be ready to cut for another month.

6. In Hurpenhulli and Hoovinhadagally all the able-bodied coolies have recently found employment in reaping at high wages; some of the ryots tell me that they are giving four or five seers of cholum for a day's work. All who from infirmity or other causes are unfit for agricultural labor, though capable of less severe toil, we continue to employ on the Famine Works.

7. In Hospett and Koodlighee Relief Works are being pushed on, and the Tahsildars of both those talooks have received stringent orders to provide work for all who come seeking it.

8. Twenty-nine Poor-houses are still open in this division; the number of the recipients of the food dispensed at them has, however, diminished. I attended last Tuesday at one of the largest, that at Hoovinhadagally, and found the poor assembled there to consist chiefly of pregnant and nursing women, young children, and sickly looking old men; great efforts had been made to introduce the Ticket system, which was at first very unpopular. It is, however, now regarded with less distaste, and I think the local Committees in the larger towns are beginning to perceive its necessity.

9. Public health is on the whole good. Cholera has disappeared, but fever of a mild type is prevalent in various parts of the division.

10. The latest prices at Hurpenhulli are—new cholum 13½ seers the Rupee, old cholum 11½ seers; Raggy 16 seers; Gram 6 seers; Rice 6 seers.

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Forwarded for the information of Government.

(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN,
Collector.

No. 71. ORDER THEREON, 6th December 1866, No. 3,302.

Miscellaneous.

The Collector should impress on Mr. Lilly that employment on public works should only be afforded to those who cannot obtain it from private individuals, otherwise the proper price of labor will be unduly enhanced, and agricultural operations impeded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Bellary,
the Board of Revenue.

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To the Secretary to
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Dated 22nd November 1866
By J. D. Sim

Read Assistant Collector's
Letter No. 67 dated
22nd November 1866 with
Collector's first reply

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