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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 3367 Press ~~Mis.~~

218.219

Dated 13 — 12 — ~~19~~ 1866.

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No. 218. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th December 1866.

Read the following letter from the Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Puttupett, in the Talook of Chittoor, 26th November 1866, No. 347:—

1. I have the honor, with reference to paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Board's Proceedings, No. 7,813, dated 29th ultimo, to state, that out of the four talooks noted in the margin, in which distress has been most severe and loss of agricultural stock heaviest, the Tahsildars of the three first, viz., Vellore, Gudiattam, and Palmanair Talooks, report that there is now no necessity to make any advance for replacing cattle necessary for carrying on cultivation, as in consequence of the favorable prospects of the season, the ryots of those talooks have been able to make their own arrangements for current requirements of this nature. The Tahsildar of Polur Talook alone reports that advances must necessarily be made to the ryots of his talook. There are 188 Circar villages in this talook. In eighteen of these only is an advance, amounting in all to Rupees 4,591-8-0, asked for the purchase of farm stock. The particulars are given below. The price of a pair of ploughing cattle is given at sums ranging from 10 to 40 Rupees, with reference to the size of the cattle and local supply. The Tahsildar's proposition appears to have been carefully considered, and as the amount asked for, viz., Rupees 4,591-8-0, is moderate, and the season is already far advanced, I beg the Board will make an early application to Government on the subject:—

Vellore.
Gudiattam.
Palmanair.
Polur.

Talook.	No. of villages of which the Ryots require advance.	No of Ryots requiring advance.	No. of ploughs of these Ryots.	Extent of wet and dry lands in occupation.	Assessment in Rupees.	No. of ploughing cattle to be maintained.	No. of ploughing cattle died during the drought.	No. required to be replaced for those dead.	Amount of advance required.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Polur.	18	215	395	Kanis. 1,378	6,188	792	436	359	4,591½

2. As regards recovering the advance, I beg to propose that it may be realized by three instalments in this, and four instalments in the ensuing Fusly, viz., from March to May 1867, and from November 1867 to February 1868, as by that time the ryots will have realized the produce of their lands, and the call will be made along with, and can be paid in the same proportion as the Kistbundy revenue demand.

3. No bonds need, I think, be taken from the ryots who receive such advances. A simple receipt, in the form of a note of hand on common paper for all sums up to 20 Rupees, and a receipt with a one anna stamp for all sums exceeding Rupees 20, should, it appears to me, be quite sufficient.

4. Adverting to paragraph 3 of the Proceedings under reply, I beg to state that the Divisional Officers have been requested to submit indents for the Cholera medicines required as a stock in hand for their respective divisions. These are now coming in, and will be embodied in a General Indent which will shortly be submitted on the Medical Department.

The advance of Rupees 4,592 as Tuccavi to the ryots of Polur Talook will be recommended for the sanction of Government.

No. 219. ORDER THEREON, 13th December 1866, No. 3,367.

Land Revenue.

1. Sanctioned.

2. The Government would have had greater confidence in sanctioning these advances if the Collector had been able to state that he himself or one of his Covenanted Officers had personally enquired into their necessity.

3. The advances will be made under precautions to ensure their reaching the recipients speedily and in full.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.

Exd. S. I. Augustin.

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