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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd March 1866.

No. 356. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th March 1866:—

Read the following Reports on the state of the season from the Collectors of North Arcot and Trichinopoly, dated 1st March 1866, Nos. 47 and 50, and from the Collector of South Arcot, dated 2nd March 1866, No. 44.

From the Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kanganellur, Gudiatum Talook, 1st March 1866, No. 47.

1. I have the honor with reference to the Proceedings of the Board, dated 22nd ultimo, No. 1,289, to report that the present high prices are undoubtedly pressing on all classes with much severity.

2. Considerable uneasiness is exhibiting itself in the Vellore and Tirupatti markets, lest the pressure thus created by deficient harvests and active exports, should lead to grain riots and other disorderly demonstrations.

3. Meanwhile, considerable sums are being expended in imperial and local works, and the forest conservancy rules have been relaxed in favor of the needier classes, and the claims of the agricultural masses are receiving the indulgent consideration of the several Officers now engaged in the annual settlement.

4. I am thus in hopes that we may be able to tide over these difficulties without any special remedial measure being necessary. Cholera, I regret to add, has again broken out with much virulence in the northern parts of the District, and from the fact of its having appeared there, and being principally confined to the villages along the more frequented thoroughfares, I conclude that the causes are to be found in the large concourse of pilgrims who resort to Kalastri and Tirupatti, on the occasion of the Sevaratri festival. I have made arrangements for the punctual dispatch of the fortnightly special reports called for in the Proceedings to which I am now replying.

From the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Trichinopoly, 1st March 1866, No. 50.

1. In reply to the Board's Proceedings, dated 22nd February 1866, No. 1,289, I have the honor to state that, although the season has been far from favorable, the Ryots of this District have not at present made any requests, or representations, for any extraordinary remedial measures. They feel, I doubt not, that their present assessment fixed by Mr. Puckle, has been made light mainly for the purpose of enabling them to tide over bad seasons; and as in former days they were not accustomed to receive extensive remissions, when the assessment was high, they do not expect them now, although I doubt not they will be only too happy to receive as much as is granted them.

2. It appears to me that if withered crops and Nunjah waste are dealt with carefully, and with due scrutiny according to the Board's last orders dated,* all that is required will have been done.

* Standing Circular No. LXXVII, (Board No. 7,009,) dated 1st November 1865.

From the Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 2nd March 1866, No. 44.

1. In reply to the Board's Proceedings of the 22nd February, No. 1,289, I beg to state that although the season in this District throughout has been very unfavorable, and proportionate remissions adequate to the occasion will be called for, still there is nothing so unusual or disastrous in the comparative failure of crops that may not be sufficiently met and relieved by the ordinary remedial measures.

2. The fortnightly report shall be sent as ordered, commencing from the 15th current.

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22nd March 1866.*

Submitted for the information of Government.

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ORDER THEREON, 22nd March 1866, No. 701.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
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