

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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

No. 358. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th March 1866.

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vellam, 15th March 1866, No. 55 :—

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings of the 22nd February last, No. 1,289, I have the honor to state, that no rain has fallen during the first fortnight of this month, and that in consequence of the prolonged duration of drought, want of water for men and cattle is much felt.

2. In the south-western parts of the District, where the north-east monsoon has almost entirely failed, the inhabitants have, it is reported in some few instances, left their villages and emigrated northwards with their sheep and cattle, on account of the absolute want of water for drinking and other purposes.

3. Sickness among men and cattle (fever and small pox, more especially among the former) prevails in parts of the District, its violence being proportioned to the greater or lesser severity of the drought.

4. We may expect showers shortly, which will benefit pasturage and garden culture, but the season for agricultural operations at large has closed; any change in the state of the weather cannot therefore, as observed by Mr. Morris in his last report, modify its character hereafter.

5. I have nothing to add to what Mr. Morris has stated with regard to the general condition of the people, and I concur with that gentleman in thinking that no special measure of relief is called for.

Submitted for the information of Government.

No. 359. ORDER THEREON, 22nd March 1866, No. 702.

Land Revenue.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue:
„ the Editor's Table.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Submitting for in-
formation letter from
Collector of Tanjore on
reporting on state of
season.

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