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9th April 1866.*

No. 77. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th March 1866, No. 2,138.

Read the following paper from the Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Parembay, 19th March 1866, No. 57:—

Fortnightly Report on the state of the season from 1st to 15th March 1866.

1. There was no rain during the past fortnight.
2. The price of paddy stands as shewn below:—
First sort, 15 Madras Measures per Rupee.
Second sort, 16½ " "

The price of dry grain of all kinds continues high.

Gingelly and lamp-oil seeds are sold at the rate of 5 and 7 Madras Measures per Rupee, respectively.

3. The supply of paddy and other grains in the local markets is apparently very limited, and though it is reported that grain is only to be had with difficulty, the cause no doubt is, that merchants and others are holding back in view, still further, to increase the prices.

4. Produce of all kinds has been almost completely harvested throughout the District; but the great scarcity of rain during the year has seriously affected the out-turn of every species of grain, and the people have not been able, as usual, to store in any quantity for their own wants.

5. The season altogether has been an exceptional one and attended with its obvious consequences; lands have been left wholly waste, and where cultivated, in some parts a partial, in others a total failure of the crops sown, while in the more favored portions the out-turn has been below the average, and the crops have not reached the proper and usual standard of maturity.

6. The above causes are of course sufficient to account for the prevailing high prices, and an additional cause may be found in the large exports to neighbouring Districts,* from whence carts are sent to purchase up grain of all kinds.

* Madura, Trichinopoly, and Salem.

7. The District is happily very free from cholera or epidemic disease, and there is no prevailing sickness; and only in a few villages in the Cullacoorchy Talook has murrain among the cattle been reported. It is a cause of much thankfulness that the people as well as the cattle are thus so generally healthy. It is however apprehended, and with reason, that in some parts there will be neither water nor pasture adequate for the wants of the people and their cattle, and if the present expectation of rain be not realized, considerable suffering may result. Measures have been taken to watch events, and to meet any unlooked-for or sudden exigency.

8. The settlement of the District is now going on, and remissions on ascertained losses are being freely allowed to the full extent, and this timely and proper relief, so far as can for the present be seen, will sufficiently meet the evil, and enable the Ryots, as a whole, to tide over the passing and immediate pressure; and if rain does soon fall and plentifully as prognosticated, all cause for apprehension.

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may cease in the coming months, but failing rain, it is impossible to say what form the threatening drought may assume. From the information furnished me by the Sub-Collector it would appear that his Talooks of Virdachellum and Chellumbrum fare better than most other parts of the District.

Submitted for the information of Government.

No. 78.

ORDER THEREON, 9th April 1866, No. 812.

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. T. O'Connor.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 26th March 1866.

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No. 2,138.

Submitting Season Report of Collector of
South Arcot for first fortnight of March 1866.

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Exl. T. O'Connor.