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No. 81. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th March 1866, No. 2,154.

Read the following:—

From the Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury, Kistna District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 21st March 1866, No. 91.

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

1. No rain fell in this fortnight.
2. Natcheny, turmeric, chillies, and other garden crops are in a promising state. Chayroot is ready to be dug up. The reaping of the pyra, or later dry crops, has been almost completed.
3. It is reported that the Dalwa paddy raised in the beds of the Collair lake is not in a thriving state, having been affected with grubs.
4. The summer paddy crop is not in a flourishing state from a failure of a proper supply of water in the tanks; and the cotton and indigo are also suffering from dew and want of rain, respectively.
5. Small-pox and fever prevail in some talooks, and cholera in others, with no fatal consequences. In the western or high land Talooks scarcity of water is much felt.
6. Cattle are suffering from murrain and other diseases, owing to a large deficiency of forage and water.
7. Prices of paddy and pulses, such as *chandaloo*, *pasaloo*, &c., are rising considerably, owing to extensive purchases made by merchants for exportation to Northern Ports, where there is a large demand for them.
8. This District is comparatively in a good state on the whole. There is neither a general scarcity of food, nor are there any epidemics in a violent form calculated to affect it. The produce is amply sufficient both for inland consumption and exportation to other Districts.

From the Collector of Kurnool, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd March 1866, No. 52.

1. As directed in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 1,289, of the 22nd February last, I have the honor to report that, except in a portion of the Puttikonda Talook, the season has been favorable.

2. Prices are very high, as shewn in the margin, and there is consequent pressure on the poorer classes, but although the works of the Irrigation Company are being closed, work is at present procurable.

The price of rice, second sort, is 6½ measures per Rupee.
Do. of cholam is 9½ measures per Rupee.

From the Collector of Madras, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Trivallor, 23rd March 1866, No. 74.

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings of the 22nd February last, No. 1,289, I have the honor to report that, though the rains failed so thoroughly

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in this District in the months of September, October, and November, the downpour in December filled a great many tanks to a sufficient extent to allow of the Ryots concluding the cultivation of the fields they had planted with Shumba in August when slight rain fell at the latter end of the south-west monsoon, and getting thereby a half crop of rice in many cases, and a full crop in a few. Tanks fed by the two great irrigation channels of this District, the Kumbakall and Bungarookall, also generally received a full supply of water, and had under them therefore very fair average crops. I do not, therefore, apprehend any famine, or think that any special remissions upon dry crops will be called for, as though they generally suffered throughout the District, the remissions upon the wet crops have been liberal, and losses upon the dry will in a great measure be compensated to the Ryots, who have generally both wet and dry land in their holdings, by the high prices they will obtain for the produce of their wet lands.

2. Such being the case, I beg to submit that the fortnightly report, required by the Board in the above-quoted Circular, might well be omitted for this District. If hereafter any non-unforeseen calamity should be apprehended, a special report shall at once be submitted.

3. It is much to be regretted that more channels, like the two above-mentioned ones, have not been provided, as they might have been, for this District; for the second crop, called Navera, which was extensively put down throughout the District, and would have still more compensated the Ryots for their losses on the dry crops is, I am sorry to say, drying up in many places for want of water, and will only be very good under those tanks that have received their supply from the above said two channels.

From the Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tiruvambadi Talook, 22nd March 1866, No. 99.

1. Adverting to the Board's Proceedings noted, I have the honor to submit my report on the state of the season in this District during the first half of the current month.

2. The harvests of the past season are over. The occasional showers, usually expected in this month for preparing the lands for the next year, have not as yet fallen. Fever has made its appearance in the Wynaad, as usual, and along the ghâts and small-pox and cholera prevail to a small extent in some of the eastern and southern Talooks. Prices of paddy are high, but this does not proceed from unusual scarcity. A somewhat less than an average crop has been reaped in the past season, but grain is flowing into market from the usual places of importation.

3. The circumstances of the past season not having been extraordinarily adverse in this District, I request instructions as to whether the fortnightly special report on the state of the season should continue to be furnished.

1. Submitted for the information of Government.
2. The fortnightly reports from these Districts may be discontinued, as the season is not exceptional in them.

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ORDER THEREON, 9th April 1866, No. 814.

Land Revenue.

1. The reports from these Districts may be discontinued as the Board propose.

2. The report from the Kistna should have been submitted by the Collector or Officer in charge of the District, and not by the Treasury Deputy.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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