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Dated 18-10-1866.

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No. 469. Read the following letter from the Head Assistant Collector of Bellary, to the Collector of Bellary, dated Hospett, 8th October 1866, No. 51 :—

1. Since the date of my last report, the state of the season in this Division has been such as to justify fully the encouraging expectations I then held out.

2. The rain-fall has been abundant during the last week all over the Division. The Ryots tell me that no such rain has fallen for the last six or seven years. Certainly, I have seen nothing like it during the three years I have been in the District.

3. The tanks in this Talook are full, or nearly so, with the exception of that at Narraindeverkerry, the supply channel of which, notwithstanding the urgent representations* I have made from time to time for the last two years, has been allowed to remain unrepaired. From the rest of my Talooks I have not yet received official reports, but as far as I can learn from other sources, they would seem to have been similarly benefited. I shall submit in the course of a week or ten days a detailed Statement, shewing the supply received by all the tanks in the Division.

* *Vide* my letters, No. 20, dated 12th May 1865, and No. 18, dated 8th May 1866.
Note by Collector.—The Superintending Engineer has been addressed on the subject.

4. An improvement, which the cultivators tell me they could not have ventured to expect, has taken place in the cholum crop, and, as far as we can judge from present appearances, we may expect a good harvest of that grain: this is a subject for great congratulation, cholum being, as I need scarcely remark, the staple article of food of the great majority of the inhabitants of this Division.

5. Prices have fallen, but not so much as might have been expected, the reason assigned being the difficulty of bringing grain to the market, owing to the state of the roads consequent on the heavy rain we have had. Last Saturday, at Chitawadigi, cholum was selling at $7\frac{1}{2}$ seers the Rupee; rice at $6\frac{1}{2}$. Gram still continues at $5\frac{1}{2}$ seers the Rupee, but comparatively little of that grain is grown in this part of the District, and I believe the available supply is now very small. The prices at Chitawadigi, as I mentioned in a previous report,† may be taken as a fair average index of the prices all over the Division.

† *Vide* letter No. 37, dated 31st August.

6. Forage is abundant.

7. Public health is very good. As far as I can ascertain cholera has disappeared, and the Division may be now said to be free from epidemic disease.

No. 470. ORDER THEREON, 18th October 1866, No. 2,837.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue and the Relief Committee.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
" " the Relief Committee.
Exd. T. O'Connor.

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To,

The Revenue Secretary
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