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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th April 1868.*

No. 378. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th April 1868.

Read the following letters :—

From the Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Camp at Gudur, 1st April 1868, No. 963.

1. I have the honor to report on the state of season, &c., in the Collectorate for the week ending 1st March.

2. *Rain.*—None.

3. *State of crops.*—The wet crops have been cut in the greater portion of Kavali talook. In Kandukur, Sannavari is all very nearly reaped, while other kinds of paddy promise well. In Rapur the Jonna crop has been harvested, the garden cultivation, tobacco, &c., is doing well, but the wet crops in the northern villages are withering. In Nellore, Iswarakora or black paddy is a total failure, and the Tahsildar reports that remission to the extent of some 20,000 Rupees will have to be granted on account of "*Sukti*" or withered crop. In Gudur also there is a considerable quantity of the wet crops withering. The dry crops, Jonna, Raggy, &c., is being cut in Atmakur, Udayagiri, Kandukur and Kavali, as also Bengal gram in Ongole. In Kanigiri, Jonna and Sajja are being cultivated in well lands.

4. *Prices.*—The subjoined table shews that prices continue nearly the same as last week, with a slight upward tendency.

Comparative Statement of the average prices of the past and present week.

MADRAS MEASURES PER RUPEE	PADDY.		RICE.		RAGGY.		CHOLUM.		CUMBOO.		ARUGA.		VARIGALE.		HORSE-GRAM.	
	1st Sort.	2nd Sort.	1st Sort.	2nd Sort.	For the week ending 14th March 1868.	Ditto 21st do.	For the week ending 14th March 1868.	Ditto 21st do.	For the week ending 14th March 1868.	Ditto 21st do.	For the week ending 14th March 1868.	Ditto 21st do.	For the week ending 14th March 1868.	Ditto 21st do.	For the week ending 14th March 1868.	Ditto 21st do.
	16½	18½	7½	8½	16½	16½	13	13½	14½	14	22	23	18½	18½	14½	14½

5. *Public Health.*—The prevailing diseases are small-pox, ague, and fever. The first prevails throughout the greater part of the Nellore and Gudur talooks, and is doing mischief. Two additional Vaccinators have lately been sent here; one is placed under the orders of Mr. Fraser, in charge of the Dugarazupatnam canal now in course of progress towards Krishnapatnam, with a special view to the large numbers of coolies collected for labor in that quarter, and the other has been posted to Udayagiri and Kavali. In Udayagiri and parts of Nellore scarcity of water is becoming more and more felt. In the former talook, as reported, measures have been adopted to deepen and repair certain large wells.

6. *Cattle disease.*—Still exists in several parts of the district with fatal results, chiefly in Kandukur and Atmakur talooks, but appears to be abating.

7. Mr. Thacker has just arrived, and I trust that his visit may prove of much benefit, and that, by arriving at a *diagnosis* of the prevailing types of disease, some effectual remedial measures may be suggested.

8. I have within three and a half months personally visited every talook and division in the district. In the coast talooks of Nellore and Gudur there is a considerable extent of wet waste, and there will probably also be a large amount of *shavy* (withered crops). As the few remaining tanks run dry, crops are fast perishing, which have not been already reaped. In the Western talooks of Udayagiri, Atmakur, and Rapur, the dry cultivation generally has, with some exceptions, yielded well; Raggi and Jonna are the staple products of these talooks. There has been no necessity for remissions in dry lands. The wet crops forming but a small part of the produce of these talooks, have to a considerable extent failed when they have been put down at all. The people are all now engaged in harvesting operations, and it is hard to get as many coolies as are wanted for the roads. I have just been at Dugarazupatnam and found about 400 or 500 coolies at work on the extension of the canal to Krishnapatnam. About 900 yards have been excavated. The coolies employed have chiefly come from the Zemindary tract, being Waddas who were formerly employed by the Rajah of Venkatagiri on tanks and channels.

I am just about to commence the settlement of the Gudur talook. The condition of the northern part of the district continues most favorable.

From the Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Camp at Gudur, 4th April 1868, No. 944.

1. I have the honor to submit my usual season report for the week ending 28th ultimo.

2. *Rain.*—None.

3. *State of crops.*—In Gudur and Nellore talooks a considerable extent of the wet crops is withering. In Rapur, Jonna has been all cut, and the garden cultivation is promising. In Atmakur, Udayagiri, and Kandukur talooks, the dry crops of Jonna, Raggy, &c., are being harvested; also Bengal and other grams in Ongole talook. In Kavali the greater portion of the crops, dry and wet, has been reaped; and in Kanigiri the well land cultivation is good.

4. *Prices.*—The accompanying statement shows a slight fall of prices during the week.

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Comparative Statement of the average prices of the principal Grains for the past and present weeks.

No. of Madras Measures per Rupee.	Paddy.				Rice.				Raggy.	Cholum.		Cumboo.		Allu.		Vargalu.		Horse-gram.	
	1st Sort.		2nd Sort.		1st Sort.		2nd Sort.			Week ending 21st March 1868.	Week ending 28th March 1868.	Week ending 21st March 1868.	Week ending 28th March 1868.	Week ending 21st March 1868.	Week ending 28th March 1868.	Week ending 21st March 1868.	Week ending 28th March 1868.	Week ending 21st March 1868.	Week ending 28th March 1868.
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5. *Public Health*.—Small-pox prevails in almost all parts of the country, but particularly in Nellore and Gudur talooks. Fever and ague exist in a few places. Want of water is much felt in Udayagiri and Nellore talooks.

6. *Cattle Disease*.—Chiefly prevail among the cattle of Kandukur and Atmakur. Elsewhere abating.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Relief Committee.
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